

The Third Sunday After the Epiphany  
January 24, 2021

The Opening Voluntary

*Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness*

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Introit:

*Follow Me*

Matthew 4, Psalm 119

Processional Hymn

*"Ton-y-Botel"*

Hymn 381

1 Thy strong word did cleave the  
darkness;  
at thy speaking it was done;  
for created light we thank thee,  
while thine ordered seasons run:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, without end!

2 Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness,  
dark as night and deep as dreath,  
broke the light of thy salvation,  
breathed thine own life giving breath:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, without end!

3 Thy strong word bespeaks us righteous;  
bright with thine own holiness,  
glorious now, we press toward glory,  
and our lives our hopes confess:  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise to thee who light dost send!  
Alleluia, alleluia!  
Alleluia, without end!

4 God the Father, Light Creator,  
to thee laud and honor be;  
to thee, Light of Light begotten,  
praise be sung eternally;  
Holy Spirit, Light revealer,  
glory, glory be to thee;  
mortals, angels, now and ever  
praise the Holy Trinity.

Officiant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Jesus said, "The first commandment is this: Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God is the only Lord. Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul, with all your mind, and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself. There is no other commandment greater than these." *Mark 12:29-31*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*People together:*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,  
have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

## Glory to God

*"Gloria in excelsis"*

Hymnal S 280

Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world:

have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the  
Father:

receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ,  
with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father. **Amen.**

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

**People** *And also with you.*

Celebrant Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

**People:** *Thanks be to God*

## Psalm 62:6-14 *Nonne Deo?*

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

### 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Celebrant: The Word of the Lord

*People: Thanks be to God*

#### Sequence Hymn

*"Lyons"*

Hymn 533

1 How wondrous and great thy works,  
God of praise!  
How just, King of saints,  
and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee,  
and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy,  
thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth  
thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows  
shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgements  
shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people  
confess thee their God.

### Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant: The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ According to Mark.

*People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.*

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant: The Gospel of the Lord

*People: Praise to you, Lord Christ*

## The Nicene Creed

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin  
Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under  
Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of  
the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the  
living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord,  
the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the  
Son.

With the Father and the Son he is  
worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and  
apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the  
forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the  
dead,  
and the life of the world to come.

**Amen.**

## The Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
***That we all may be one.***

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
***That your Name may be glorified by all people.***

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
***That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.***

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
***That there may be justice and peace on the earth.***

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
***That our works may find favor in your sight.***

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
***That they may be delivered from their distress.***

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
***Let light perpetual shine upon them.***

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
***May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.***

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others especially Lou, Julia, Scott, Marie, Pam, John, Hilda, Mike, Sarah, Jane, Larry, David, Pete, Rusty, Sharon, Kathy, Ron, Kathy, Kerielea, Katherine, Linda, Crystal, Mallory, James, Rocky, Katherine, Mary Ruth, Melissa, Colette, Linda, Jimmie, Lewis, Linda Bender, Derrick and his family, Phillip, Helen, Carol, Barbara, Sherry, Greg Johnson, Gene, Darryl, Debbie, Belle, Pam, Rebecca and the family of Ulla who passed away.

### *Silence*

Heavenly Father, you have promised to hear what we ask in the Name of your Son: Accept and fulfill our petitions, we pray, not as we ask in our ignorance, nor as we deserve in our sinfulness, but as you know and love us in your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### Offertory Anthem

*Soul, Adorn Thyself With Gladness*

Johann Cruger, setting: Carl Schalk

### The Lord's Prayer (People and Celebrant)

Our Father who art in heaven,  
hallowed be thy Name,  
thy kingdom come,  
thy will be done,  
on earth as it is in heaven.  
Give us this day our daily bread.  
And forgive us our trespasses

as we forgive those  
who trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation  
but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, and the  
power, and the glory  
for ever and ever. Amen.

### Recessional Hymn

*"Georgetown"*

Hymn 661

1 They cast their nets in Galilee  
just off the hills of brown;  
such happy, simple fisher-folk,  
before the Lord came down.  
2 Contented, peaceful fishermen,  
before they ever knew  
the peace of God that filled their hearts  
brimful, and broke them too.

3 Young John who trimmed the flapping  
sail,  
homeless, in Patmos died.  
Peter, who hauled the teeming net,  
head down was crucified.  
4 The peace of God, it is no peace,  
but strife closed in the sod.  
Yet, let us pray for but one thing--  
the marvelous peace of God.

### Dismissal

Celebrant: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

People: Thanks be to God.

*Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.*

The Closing Voluntary *"Deck Thyself, My Soul, With Gladness"* Johann Gottfried Walther

Please note that we are changing the Loaves & Fishes meals to the first and third Wednesdays of each month from 5:00pm to 5:45pm.

We remember in our prayers our companion church of All Saints Keighley and its Priest, Jonathan Pritchard and our Bishop, The Rt. Reverend Mark Bourlakas.

**Grace Network - Our Grace Network Assignments for January - March 2021: Corn Bread Mix (i.e.: Jiffy) For the month of January: Toilet Paper, Feminine Products and Deodorant. They are also in need of grocery bags for their food pantry. Use the Food Lion card for your shopping or give the card to Sue Rosser to shop for Grace Network. "Grace is counting on us to help keep their food pantry balanced. Thank you for supporting this outreach ministry."**

Hi, Friends,

It's hard to believe, but we have actually made it to the new year. This year has been very challenging on many levels and we have struggled with finding the best ways to connect to our clients that have food needs. However, we have done an amazing job of providing this service and a big thank you to you, as you continue to support our pantry and to our volunteers that have continued to be that beacon of hope for those that are hungry. **Our food pantry will become more important than ever as we move forward and your participation is most needed.**

Blessings, Tracy

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### ***Words to ponder...***

*"The steps of a man are established by the Lord, and He delights in his way. When he falls, he will not be hurled headlong, Because the Lord is the One who holds his hand." - Psalm 37:23-24*

*"If My people who are called by My name will humble themselves, and pray and seek My face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and heal their land." 2 Chronicles 7:14*

Remember that people in our community need help all year long. Any donation that you make to the Rector's Discretionary Fund will go towards assisting these individuals. Deborah and Natalie use this fund to help people with bills and other things that most other organizations simply cannot help with. Our policy is that we help in a really big way, but only once. This ministry is also under the umbrella of our pastoral ministry, which means that it is strictly confidential. We are nearly out of money in this fund, and there has been a lot of demand. *Thank you for all of your support of this and all of our ministries.*