



**ST. DAVID'S ON-THE-HILL  
EPISCOPAL CHURCH  
The Liturgy of the Word  
The Third Sunday after Epiphany  
Sunday, January 24, 2021**

**Prelude “Morning Reverie”**

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Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.  
**Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Collect for Purity**

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

**Gloria in Excelsis**

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.**

## **The Collect of the Day**

Officiant God be with you.

**People And also with you.**

Officiant 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, forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

### **The First Reading**

**Jonah 3: 1-5, 10**

#### **A Reading from the Prophet Jonah**

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.

Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 62: 6-14**

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.

### **The Second Reading**

**1 Corinthians 7: 29-31**

#### **A Reading from the Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians**

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.

### **Thanks be to God**

#### **Hymn: "Will you come and follow me"**

1 Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown? Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

2 Will you leave your self behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

3 Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ner free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

4 Will you love the “You” you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you’ve found to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

5 Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I’ll go where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I’ll move and live and grow in you and you in me?

**The Gospel**

**Mark 1: 14-20**

**The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark.**

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Rev. Jennifer Kezirian West

May Almighty God, the Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, who has given us a new birth by water and the Holy Spirit, and bestowed upon us the forgiveness of sins, keep us in eternal life by his grace, in Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

## **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**

Form II

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishops the  
Archbishop of Canterbury Justin Welby, the Presiding Bishop Michael Curry  
and our Bishop Nicholas Knisley; for this virtual gathering; and for all ministers  
and people. In the Diocesan Cycle of Prayers we pray for St. Paul's, North  
Kingstown; St. Paul's Pawtucket; and St. Paul's Portsmouth.

**Pray for the Church.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations and especially for the  
well-being of all people.

**Pray for justice and peace.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison.

**Pray for those in any need or trouble.**

*Silence*

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him.

**Pray that they may find and be found by him.**

*Silence*

I ask your thanksgiving for the looming availability of the COVID vaccine and for those on the front lines especially Lynne Schoer, Cheryl Boscia, Lyndsey Bain, Amy Sundstrom and Alan Cotnoir.

*Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day.

*Silence*

**Celebrant:** Pray for our Country Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech thee that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way. Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to who in your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness, and in the day of trouble, suffer not our trust in you to fail; all which we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Prayer for the President of the United States and all in Civil Authority  
O Lord, our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant to the President of the United States, the Governor of this State, and to all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your fear; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

## **Confession of Sin**

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy,  
we confess that we have sinned against you,  
opposing your will in our lives.  
We have denied your goodness in each other,  
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.  
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,  
the evil we have done,  
and the evil done on our behalf.  
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us  
through our Savior Jesus Christ,  
that we may abide in your love  
and serve only your will. **Amen.**

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

## **The Lords Prayer**

Let us say the Lord's Prayer together:

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,  
forever and ever. **Amen.**

## **An Epiphany Blessing**

### **The Peace**

The peace of Christ be always with you.  
**And also with you.**