

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany
January 21, 2024

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Hymns are found in the blue *Hymnal 1982* in your pew.
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The service begins in quiet and prayer.

Prelude: *Arietta* Thomas H. Kerr (1915-1988)
Mi Zhou, Organ

THE WORD OF GOD

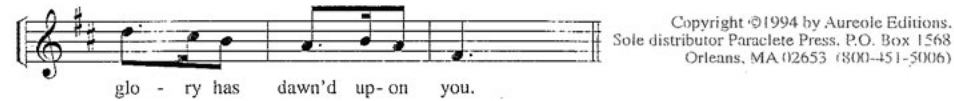
Processional Hymn 537: *Christ for the World We Sing!*

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

People **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

People **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.**

Canticle of Praise: *Arise, Shine* Donald Pearson



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All Sing Refrain

Arise, shine, for your light has come and the glory of the Lord has dawn'd upon you.

For behold, the darkness covers the land; deep gloom enshrouds the peoples. **All Sing Refrain**

For over you the Lord will rise and his glory will appear upon you.

Nations will stream to your light and kings to the brightness of your dawning. **All Sing Refrain**

Your gates will always be open by day or night they will never be shut.

They will call you the city of the Lord the Zion of the Holy One of Israel. **All Sing Refrain**

Violence will no more be heard in your land, ruin or destruction within your borders.

You will call your walls Salvation and all your portals Praise. **All Sing Refrain**

The sun will no more be your light by day, by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.

The Lord will be your everlasting light and your God will be your glory. **All Sing Refrain**

Collect of the Day

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.**

The First Lesson: *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:6-14



Choir For God alone my soul in 'silence 'waits; *
— 'truly, my 'hope is in 'him.

ALL He alone is my rock and 'my sal'vation, *
my stronghold, 'so that I 'shall not be 'shaken.

Choir In God is my 'safety and my 'honor; *
God is my strong 'röck 'and my 'refuge.

ALL Put your trust in him 'always, O 'people, *
pour out your hearts be'fore him, for 'God is our 'refuge.

Choir Those of high degree are but a 'fleeting 'breath, *
even those of low es'tate can 'not be 'trusted.

ALL On the scales they are 'lighter than a 'breath, *
— 'all of 'them to'gether.

Choir Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no 'empty 'pride; *
though wealth increase, 'set not your 'heart up'on it.

ALL God has spoken once, 'twice have I 'heard it, *
that 'power be'longs to 'God.

Steadfast love is 'yours, O 'Lord, *
for you repay everyone ac'cording 'to his 'deeds.

The Second Lesson: *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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Sequence Hymn 549: *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult*

Reader The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

The Gospel: *Mark 1:14-20*

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.

Reader The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

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

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need. *A brief silence.* Gracious God, your son Jesus called Simon, Andrew, James, and John to share in his ministry to your people. We pray that you will help us hear and accept your call, and that you will show us how we can faithfully follow you in all aspects of our lives.

People **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the mission of the church. Inspire our witness to Jesus Christ that all may know the power of his forgiveness and the hope of his resurrection. Guide this congregation of St. Andrew's as we seek to nurture the spiritual growth of our members and serve those in need in our community and beyond. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

Gracious God, you have bound us together in a common life. Help us, in the midst of our struggles for justice and truth, to confront one another without hatred or bitterness, and to work together with mutual forbearance and respect. Grant that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

We pray for the nations of the world, including those torn apart by violence, war, and natural disasters, that those who now walk in deep darkness would see your light and be sustained by your loving care. Empower the leaders and people of this and every nation to strive for freedom, peace, and the well-being of all people.

God of love, hear our prayer.

Some of us are stuck, O Lord, in destructive patterns, in unhealthy places, in the darkness of depression. Look with compassion upon all who are possessed by something they cannot control, all who have lost their health and freedom. Help us to recognize and accept the healing you offer. Restore to us the assurance of your love and a hope for the future. We pray that you will make us healthy and whole.

God of love, hear our prayer.

We pray for all who are in need, including those on our prayer list, all whose struggles are known to you alone, and those we name in our hearts. *Silence* Make us mindful of the needs of those who are homebound. Bless them with your presence and help us attend to their needs. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

In a moment of silence, let us pray for those who are dear to us. *Silence* Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours; grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as he loves us. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

O God, our help in ages past and our hope for years to come: we remember with thanksgiving those who have loved and served you on this earth, and who now rest from their labors, remembering especially remembering especially Paskalia Amachilang, mother of Magdalyné Oguti Akiding, and all those dear to each of us. *Silence* Keep us in union with all your saints, and bring us with them to the joyous feast of heaven. **God of love, hear our prayer.**

O God, in whom we live and move and have our being, we humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our daily life we may never forget you, but remember that we are ever walking in your sight, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor. *Silence*
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.

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

The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

Offertory Anthem: *I Believe This is Jesus* Undine Smith Moore (1904-1989) The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

I believe this is Jesus; come and see, oh, come and see. The Light of God shines in his face, he offers all his pard'ning grace; come and see. Yes, Lord, yes, come and see, oh my Lord. Oh, I believe this is Jesus; come and see, come and see.

Children's Entrance Hymn 661: *They Cast Their Nests in Galilee*

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING Eucharistic Prayer A

Celebrant The Lord be with you. *People* And al - so with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts. *People* We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

The Celebrant offers our thanks to God for the grace and mercy made available to us in Christ.

Sanctus: *Freedom Mass*

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of
 pow'r and might, heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry.

Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
 comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

The people stand or kneel as the Celebrant gives thanks for the reconciling work of Christ through his passion and resurrection and prays over the bread and wine.

Celebrant Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith.

People **Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.**

The Celebrant continues with the Eucharistic prayer.

Celebrant By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit of all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

Celebrant As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,
Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Fraction Anthem: *Those Who Eat My Flesh*

Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia. Those who
 eat my flesh and drink my blood a - bide in me and
 I in them. Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le - lu - ia.

Please come forward and stand or kneel at the rail. The priest will place the bread in your outstretched palm (Consecrated rice wafers are available for those with wheat allergies - simply ask the priest). You may dip (intinct) the wafer in the wine in the small cup held by the Eucharistic minister. Alternatively, you may indicate your desire to drink from the common chalice by consuming the bread and remaining at the rail after the Eucharistic minister passes; another Eucharistic minister will bring the large chalice over for you to drink from directly. Please know that Christ is fully present in both the bread and the wine - there is no requirement to receive both. If you do not wish to receive communion, you may come forward, cross your hands over your chest, and receive a blessing.

Communion Anthem: *We Shall Walk Through the Valley* Undine Smith Moore The St. Andrew's Adult Choir

Lord, we shall walk in peace. We shall walk through the valley in peace. If Jesus, himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no trials there. If Jesus, himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Communion Hymn 321: *My God, Thy Table Now is Spread*

When Lay Eucharistic Visitors are taking Holy Communion to those unable to be with us in person, we say the following

Celebrant In the name of this congregation, I send you forth bearing these holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the communion of Christ's body and blood.

People **We who are many are one body, because we all share one bread, one cup.**

Post-Communion Thanksgiving

Celebrant Let us pray.

People **Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn 408: *Sing Praise to God who Reigns Above*

The young people are invited to come forward during the hymn to participate in the dismissal.

Young people Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude: *Fanfare on Mit Freuden Zart* Brenda Portman (b. 1980) Mi Zhou, Organ