



Gathering Song

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Seek ye first
Choir of All Saints'

Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness;
and all these things shall be added unto you.

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

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

Collect of Purity

Celebrant: 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.

Song of Praise

Hymnal 1982 – 533

Lyons

How wondrous and great thy work, God of praise!

Courtney Steinberg, soprano

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 judgments shall spread all abroad,
till earth's every people confess thee their God.

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The 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 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

Officiant and People

- 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 Epistle

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.**

The Gospel

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

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

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.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Jim Bernacki

The Nicene Creed

Officiant and People

**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

From Praying the Scriptures, by Jeremiah D. Williamson

Leader: Put your trust in God always, O people. With humble hearts let us pray to God: “Steadfast love is yours, O Lord; *show us* mercy.”

O God, you have called your Church to be merciful. May your Church be known by the love we show and the grace we speak. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Leader: O God, you love those we call enemy. Transform our hearts that we might not wish for the destruction of any but instead hope for the salvation of all people. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Leader: O God we recognize that we take your creation for granted. Forgive us and teach us to be good stewards. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Leader: O God, we lift to you the hungry and poor of our region. We ask you to be for them a strong rock and refuge. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Leader: O God, in you is our safety and honor. Bless those who are sick and those who are brokenhearted. Give to all the comfort of your peace. Our souls in silence wait for you. *The people are invited to add their petitions and thanksgivings, followed by silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Leader: O God, even while this life is passing away, you are faithful. Receive into your heavenly kingdom the dying and dead. Continue to bless them with your love. Our souls in silence wait for you. *Silence.*

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord;

People: **Show us your mercy.**

Confession of Sin

Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

People: **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.

Absolution

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 Lord's Prayer

Officiant and People

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.**

The Peace

Celebrant: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People: **And also with you.**

The Blessing

Closing Song

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Moscow

Christ for the world, we sing

Jennifer Cook, soprano

1 Christ for the world we sing!

The world to Christ we bring with loving zeal;
the poor, and them that mourn, the faint and overborne,
sin-sick and sorrow-worn, whom Christ doth heal.

2 Christ for the world we sing!

The world to Christ we bring with fervent prayer;
the wayward and the lost, by restless passions tossed,
redeemed at countless cost from dark despair.

3 Christ for the world we sing!

The world to Christ we bring with one accord;
with us the work to share, with us reproach to dare,
with us the cross to bear, for Christ our Lord.

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A Note on Today's Readings

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany – Year B

Welcome to All Saints' Episcopal Church. Today we continue the seasonal theme of Jesus' manifestation ("epiphany") as the Son of God. John the Baptist's arrest ended his ministry and now Jesus returns to Galilee and begins his public ministry with the call to repent and the calling of his first disciples. Thus, he announced that in him God's Kingdom has been initiated.

The Old Testament reading is Jonah's proclamation of judgment on the city of Nineveh. The city repents and God's punishment is averted.

We continue to read a portion of 1 Corinthians as we do each Epiphany season. The Church is to live at all times as though the end is near, which Paul believed it was. The Kingdom of God is near and we should conform our lives to the urgency of the moment. Many Christians may feel that these words should not be treated as an absolute rule in light of the fact that the end did not come immediately, as Paul had first thought it would. Nevertheless, his underlying principle does apply: live always in preparation for the end.

We celebrate in the community of faith as those living in the in-between times. We are at once the disciples of the Lord and his Body in the world and yet sinners who are called to repent. We remember his death and proclaim his resurrection, while also looking for his coming again.

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