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**Third Sunday After The Epiphany, January 21, 2024**

**The Holy Eucharist, Rite II**

**The Rev. Dr. Richard Effinger**

**Prelude** *We Give Thee but Thine Own* arr. Robert W. Thygerson

**Hymn 381 Thy strong word did cleave the darkness**

***The 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!***

***Lo, on those who dwelt in darkness, dark as night and deep as death,***

***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!***

***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!***

***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.***

**The Word of God**

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

*People:* **And blessed be God’s kingdom, now and forever. Amen*.***

*Celebrant and 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.**

***Gloria S280***

**The Collect**

*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.

*The Word of the Lord*

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

**The Psalm** Psalm62:6-14

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

He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

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.

*The Word of the Lord*

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

**Hymn 550 (vs. 1-3) *Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult***

***Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult of our life's wild, restless sea,  
day by day his clear voice soundeth, saying, "Christian, follow me;"***

***As, of old, Saint Andrew heard it by the Galilean lake,  
turned from home and toil and kindred, leaving all for his dear sake.***

***Jesus calls us from the worship of the vain world's golden store;  
from each idol that would keep us, saying, "Christian, love me more."***

**The Gospel** 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**

**Hymn 550 (vs. 4-5) *Jesus calls us; o’er the tumult***

***In our joys and in our sorrows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
still he calls, in cares and pleasures, "Christian, love me more than these."***

***Jesus calls us! By thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience, serve and love thee best of all.***

**The Sermon** The Rev. Dr. Richard Effinger

**The Nicene Creed** BCP p. 358

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 worshipped 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 III)** BCP p. 387

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.***

Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

*Celebrant:* Collect

**Confession of Sin** BCP p. 360

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

***Celebrant and 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.**

**The Peace** BCP p. 360

*Celebrant:* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

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

*(Share a greeting, a wave, a nod with your fellow parishioners.)*

**Announcements and Birthday and Anniversary Blessings**

**Offertory Anthem** *This Little Light of Mine* arr. George Mabry

**Doxology**

***Praise God from whom all blessings flow,***

***Praise him all creatures here below.***

***Praise him above, ye heavenly host,***

***Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.***

**THE HOLY COMMUNION**

The Great Thanksgiving Eucharistic Prayer B BCP p. 367

*Celebrant:* The Lord be with you.

***People:* And also 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.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name.

***Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven***

***and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.***

***Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.***

*(Please stand or kneel as you are able)*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days, you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, “Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.”

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, “Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me.”

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

***We remember his death,***

***We proclaim his resurrection,***

***We await his coming in glory.***

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the first born of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

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

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

***Celebrant 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, forever and ever. Amen.**

**The Breaking of the Bread**

*Celebrant:* Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

***People:* Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

**Hymn 321 *My God, thy table now is spread***

***My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow;  
be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.***

***O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests:  
and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.***

***Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless numbers let them come  
and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.***

***Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run,  
till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.***

**Post Communion Prayer** BCP p. 366

*Celebrant:* Let us pray.

***Celebrant and People:* Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.**

**The Blessing**

**Hymn 660 *O Master, let me walk with thee***

***O Master, let me walk with thee in lowly paths of service free;  
tell me thy secret; help me bear the strain of toil, the fret of care.***

***Help me the slow of heart to move by some clear, winning word of love;  
teach me the wayward feet to stay, and guide them in the homeward way.***

***Teach me thy patience; still with thee in closer, dearer company,  
in work that keeps faith sweet and strong, in trust that triumphs over wrong,***

***In hope that sends a shining ray far down the future's broadening way,  
in peace that only thou canst give, with thee, O Master, let me live.***

**The Dismissal**

*Celebrant:*  Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

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

**Postlude** *Go Forth for God* arr. Robert J. Powell

***Thank you for worshiping with us today.***

**ANNOUNCEMENTS (Read more in the eNews)**

**Fellowship!**

Please join us for fellowship after the service. It’s a wonderful time to enjoy each other's company and have something light to eat.

**Bishop’s Committee**

January 23rd, 4:30 p.m. in the Memorial Room. All are welcome to attend.

**Healing Eucharist**

Wednesday Healing Eucharist - 12:05 pm in the Chapel.

**Thrift Shop**

Saturdays from 9:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Please consider volunteering for a 3-hour morning or afternoon shift once a month. Contact Jeannine Hampton, [jmhampton@snet.net](mailto:jmhampton@snet.net) to become involved.

**2024 Tithe**

If you haven’t had a chance to submit your 2024 contribution, please prayerfully consider what you can give. For your convenience, the forms are located in the Narthex.