

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

JANUARY 24, 2021

The HYMNS are from the Lutheran Service Book (Maroon Book), unless indicated otherwise. Please stand at the appropriate times.

THE ORGAN PRELUDE

THE WELCOME

THE OPENING HYMN NO. 839 - "O Christ, Our True and Only Light"
(Please stand to sing stanza 5)

THE INVOCATION AND CONFESSION

P: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C: Amen.

P: If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us.

C: **But if we confess our sins, God, who is faithful and just, will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.**
(Silence for reflection on God's Word and for self-examination.)

P: Let us then confess our sins to God our Father.

C: **Most merciful God, we confess that we are by nature sinful and unclean. 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 justly deserve Your present and eternal punishment. For the sake of Your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in Your will and walk in Your ways to the glory of Your holy name. Amen.**

P: Almighty God in His mercy has given His only Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of the Word I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

THE INTROIT (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,*
the name of the LORD is / to be praised!

C: **Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants / of the LORD,*
Praise the name / of the LORD!**

P: Blessed be the name / of the LORD*
from this time forth and for- / evermore!

C: **The LORD is high above all / nations,*
and His glory above the / heavens!**

P: He raises the poor / from the dust* and lifts the needy from the / ash heap,

C: **to make them sit with / princes,* with the princes of His / people.**

P: Glory be to the Father and / to the Son* and to the Holy / Spirit;
as it was in the be- / ginning,* is now, and will be forever. / Amen.

C: **From the rising of the sun to its / setting,*
the name of the LORD is / to be praised!**

THE KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.

C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,
and for the unity of all let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise
let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

THE HYMN OF PRAISE - "To God Be the Glory" (See page 3)

To God Be the Glory

Fanny J. Crosby, 1820-1915

William H. Doane, 1832-1915

The musical score is written on a single staff with a treble clef and a key signature of one sharp (F#). It consists of three systems of music. The first system contains three verses of lyrics. The second system contains the lyrics for the first two verses. The third system contains the lyrics for the first two verses. The lyrics are: 1. To God be the glory, great things he hath done; 2. O perfect re-demption, the purchase of blood, 3. Great things he hath taught us, great things he hath done. So loved he the world that he gave us his Son, To ev-ry be-liev-er the promise of God; And great our re-joic-ing through Je-sus the Son, Who yield-ed his life an a-tone-ment for sin The vil-est of -fend-er who trn-ly be-lieves, But pur-er and high-er and great-er will be And o-pened the Life-gate that all may go in. That mo-ment from Je-sus a par-don re-ceive. Our Refrain won-der, our trans-port, when Je-sus we see. Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the earth hear his voice! Praise the Lord, praise the Lord, Let the peo-ple re-joice! Oh, come to the Fa-ther through Je-sus the Son, And give him the glo-ry, great things he hath done.

THE SALUTATION AND COLLECT

P: The Lord be with you.
C: And also with you.

P: Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
C: Amen. (Be seated)

THE OLD TESTAMENT READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

THE GRADUAL (Pastor and Congregation chant alternately)

P: Praise the LORD, all / nations! *
Extol Him, all / peoples!

C: For great is His steadfast / love toward us, *
and the faithfulness of the LORD endures for- / ever.

P: Ascribe to the LORD the glory / due His name; *
bring an offering, and come in- / to His courts!

THE EPISTLE LESSON: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

P: This is the Word of the Lord.
C: Thanks be to God.

(Stand)

THE ALLELUIA VERSE

Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

THE GOSPEL ACCOUNT: Mark 1:14-20

C: Glory to You, O Lord.
P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
C: Praise to You, O Christ.

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord; Who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, Born of the Virgin Mary; Suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died and was buried; He descended into hell; The third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven And sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; From thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; The resurrection of the body; And the life everlasting. Amen.

(Please be seated after making confession of our faith)

THE SERMON HYMN NO. 750 - "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"
(Stanzas 1-4, standing to sing stanza 4)

THE SERMON - "What Can We Learn From Jonah?"
Text: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

POST-SERMON HYMN NO. 750 - "If Thou But Trust in God to Guide Thee"
(Stanzas 5-7, standing to sing stanza 7)

THE OFFERTORY

Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from Thy presence;
and take not Thy Holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
and uphold me with Thy free spirit.

THE PRAYERS

After each petition the pastor will say "Lord, in Your mercy."
Congregation to respond with "Hear our prayer."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

THE BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.
C: Amen. (Please be seated)

THE CLOSING HYMN NO. 856 - "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"

**HOLY COMMUNION WILL BE CELEBRATED
FOLLOWING THE CLOSE OF THE WORSHIP SERVICE.**

**THOSE WHO WISH TO RECEIVE COMMUNION WILL BE
ASKED TO COME FORWARD AFTER PASTOR DISMISSES
THE REST OF THE CONGREGATION. IF YOU ARE LEAVING,
PLEASE DO SO AS QUIETLY AS POSSIBLE.**

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- The Presiding Minister - Rev. James A. Haugen, Jr.
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