



# *A Liturgy of the Word Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

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## *Processional Hymn*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,  
forgive our foolish ways;  
re clothe us in our rightful mind,  
in purer lives thy service find,  
in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard  
beside the Syrian sea  
the gracious calling of the Lord,  
let us, like them, without a word  
rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee,  
O calm of hills above,  
where Jesus knelt to share with thee  
the silence of eternity,  
interpreted by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness,  
till all our strivings cease;  
take from our souls the strain and stress,  
and let our ordered lives confess  
the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire  
thy coolness and thy balm;  
let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;  
speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,  
O still, small voice of calm!

(John Greenleaf Whittier)

## *Opening Prayer*

O come, let us worship the Lord who is faithful in all his ways.  
**Let us come into the presence of the Lord with grateful hearts.**



Come let us give praise and Honour to the God who saves us.

**Let us come into God's presence with songs of praise.**

Let us praise the name of our God.

**For God is worthy of our every praise!**

### *Introductory Rite*

The Lord be with you

**And also with you**

Praise the Lord:

**Praise God, you servants of the Lord.**

Blessed be God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit:

**Blessed be God's Name, now and forever.**

### *The Gloria*

**Glory to God in the highest  
and peace to God's 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 for Purity*

**Almighty God,  
to whom all hearts are open,  
all desires known,  
and from whom no secrets are hid:  
cleans 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.**



## *The Kyrie*

Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
Morena, re utlwele bohloko

Kriste o re utlwele bohloko  
Kriste o re utlwele bohloko

Morena, re utlwele bohloko  
Morena, re utlwele bohloko

## *The Penitence*

*Beloved, we hear the Lord calling us to repent and believe in the Gospel. Let us therefore confess our sins and pray together for forgiveness and reconciliation.  
Let us confess together.*

**Almighty God, our heavenly Father  
in penitence we confess that we have sinned against you  
through our own fault  
in thought, word, and deed,  
and in what we have left undone.**

**For the sake of your Son, Christ our Lord  
forgive us all that is past  
and grant that we may serve you in newness of life  
to the glory of your Name.**



## *The Absolution*

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,  
have mercy on you:  
pardon your sins and set you free from them;  
confirm and strengthen you in all goodness  
and keep you in eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## *The Collect*

**O God of new beginnings:  
give us courage to turn and joyfully follow you  
into new adventures of faithful service;  
through Jesus Christ our light and our salvation,  
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,  
one God, for ever and ever.  
Amen**



## *The Word of God*

Jonah 3: 1-5,10

Psalm 62:5-12

1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

## *The Gospel Acclamation*

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

Lord your words are spirit and life, alleluia.

You have the words of lasting life, alleluia.

Alleluia, alleluia

Alleluia, alleluia

## *The Gospel Reading*

Mark 1:14-20

## *The Sermon*

Rev. Matthew Wright



## *Affirmation of Faith*

*Let us declare our faith in God.*

**I believe in God, the Father almighty  
creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.**

**He was conceived by the Holy Spirit**

**And born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate  
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**He descended to the dead.**

**On the third day he rose again.**

**He ascended into heaven**

**and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit**

**the Holy Catholic Church**

**the Communion of Saints**

**the forgiveness of sins**

**the resurrection of the body**

**and the life everlasting. Amen**



## *Prayers of Intercession*

Gracious Father, you were merciful to the people of Nineveh, a people who heeded your call and sought to change their ways. Give us the grace and trepidation, in the face of the pandemic, to amend our lives and ways as humanity in accordance with your will. Grant us the interior disposition and the resolve to make space for your voice in our hearts.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Lord, from the Psalmist we hear of your faithfulness and your power. You are indeed our rock and our fortress. Help us then, Lord, to always seek refuge in you in this time of crisis. For, in doing so, we may be assured of your love and your care. May your hand of protection be upon us and upon those we love.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Although we are reminded, Lord, of the fleetingness of this world, and everything within it, your Word tells us still that you created and redeemed it in love. Help us then, heavenly Father, to work toward its healing and restoration, so that our children's children may experience this Eden we call earth.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, you taught us to pray for the coming of your kingdom on earth. You have also told us, Lord, that where peace and love are, you too are there, and that your kingdom consists in justice and peace. Strengthen and encourage all who work for healing, justice and peace, especially, at this time, your servants and angels, those medical care workers and doctors, the world over working to free us from this pandemic. May they know your comfort and compassion Father.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Finally, Lord, we commit into your hands the souls of all those have passed on over the last year, and those tragically, which might still be lost to us in the coming months. Even in the afterlife, gracious Lord, may they know the tender mercy of your infinite love and care.

Lord, in your mercy

**Hear our prayer**

Heavenly Father, we make these prayers in the name of your Son, our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. **Amen**

## *Blessing of Offering*

Gracious Father, as we bring our offerings to you,  
we give back to you from the abundant blessings you have given us.  
May our gifts be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord our God. Blessing and glory, wisdom and thanksgiving,  
honour, and power and strength, be unto you our God forever and ever.  
Through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

**Amen.**



## *The Lord's Prayer*

**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 them that trespass against us.  
And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.  
For thine is the kingdom, the power, and the glory,  
For ever and ever. Amen.**

## *Prayer of Thanksgiving*

O God,  
We gather, separated by life-saving social distancing, but united more than ever in spirit.  
We know the challenges are enormous, but we thank you for this opportunity to express our gratitude.  
Thank you that even though our churches are closed we remain united through our fraternal love and care.  
Thank you that even though we see the pandemic reaching family and friends we remain committed to hope and a positive spirit.  
Thank you that despite the uncertainties that surround us we can hold each other up in prayer and intercession.  
We Give you thanks heavenly father that throughout all that we are facing you remain constant in your love and care.  
In our gratitude we praise and honour you for choosing us to be your emissaries of light and love in the world  
With grateful hearts, we thank you Lord. **Amen**

## *The Final Blessing*

The Lord be with you  
**And also with you**  
Loving God, we thank you for hearing our prayers,  
feeding us with your word,  
and encouraging us in our common concerns.  
Take us and use us  
to love and serve you, and all people,  
And may the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit,  
be with you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

## *The Dismissal*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.  
**In the name of Christ. Amen.**



*Recessional Hymn*

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven;  
to his feet your tribute bring.  
Ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven,  
evermore his praises sing.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise the everlasting King!

Praise him for his grace and favour  
to his people in distress.

Praise him, still the same as ever,  
slow to chide, and swift to bless.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Glorious in his faithfulness!

Fatherlike he tends and spares us;  
well our feeble frame he knows.

In his hand he gently bears us,  
rescues us from all our foes.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Widely yet his mercy flows!

Angels help us to adore him;  
you behold him face to face.

Sun and moon, bow down before him,  
dwellers all in time and space.

Alleluia, alleluia!  
Praise with us the God of grace!



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