



# ThirdS Sunday after Epiphany

JANUARY 21, 2024

WELCOME TO ZION

**PRELUDE** — *All Things Bright & Beautiful* ~ Joyful Ringers

**WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

*The sign of the cross ☩ may be made in remembrance of Baptism.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God, creator of darkness and light,  
word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

God, our rock and refuge,

**we pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.**

The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken: The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ☩ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **Amen.**

**HYMN #675** — *O Christ, Our Light, O Radiance True* [vs. 1, 4, 5]

**GREETING**

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**And, also with you.**

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

## W O R D

### FIRST READING — *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.

### SECOND READING — *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

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.

This is the word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God!**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

## **GOSPEL** — *Mark 1:14-20*

Now 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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

**MUSIC** — *As the Deer* ~ Joyful Ringers

## **CHILDRENS' MESSAGE**

**THE SERMON** — *Pastor Scott Ludford*

**HYMN #696** — *Jesus Calls Us; O'er the Tumult* [vs. 1, 4, 5]

## **APOSTLES' CREED**

We have been made God's people through our Baptism into Christ.

Living together in trust and hope, let us confess our faith.

**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 power of the Holy Spirit and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. 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** ... God of grace, **receive our prayer.**

*The petitions conclude...* through Jesus Christ, our Savior. / **Amen.**

**THE PEACE** *Share God's peace. We'll forgo hand shaking due to cold/flu season.*

**THE OFFERING**

## COMMUNION

**THE WORDS OF INSTITUTION**

**MUSIC** — *Canon in D* ~ Joyful Ringers

**LORD'S PRAYER** (*Traditional*)

**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.**

**BLESSING**

**POST COMMUNION PRAYER**

Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever. **Amen.**

## SENDING

**BENEDICTION**

**HYMN #661** — *I Love to Tell the Story*

**DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. You are God's beloved. **Thanks be to God!**



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