

ST. MICHAEL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH - 21 JANUARY 2024 - THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

READINGS: JONAH 3:1-5, 10; PSALM 62:6-14; 1 CORINTHIANS 7:29-31; MARK 1:14-20

WE ARE DELIGHTED THAT YOU ARE WITH US THIS MORNING! THIS BULLETIN WILL GUIDE YOU THROUGH OUR WORSHIP. YOU CAN FIND THE NUMBERED HYMNS IN THE BLUE HYMNAL. AT COMMUNION TIME ALL ARE INVITED TO COME FORWARD AND SHARE IN THE EUCHARIST. THE BREAD IS TAKEN IN THE PALM OF THE RIGHT HAND; IF RECEIVING THE WINE, EITHER DIP (INTINCT) THE BREAD OR SIP FROM THE CUP. YOUR FOLDED HANDS WILL SIGNAL THE PRIEST THAT YOU WOULD PREFER A BLESSING.

Hymn 537, Christ For The World We Sing!

THE WORD OF GOD

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit. And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

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.

1. Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and
peace to his peo - ple on earth. 2. Lord God, heaven - ly
King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we wor - ship you, we
give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry. 3. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God, 4. you
take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy
on us; 5. you are seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re -
ceive our prayer. 6. For you a - lone are the Ho - ly One,
you a - lone are the Lord, 7. you a - lone are the Most
High, Je - sus, Christ, with the Ho - ly Spi - rit, in the
glo - ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

The Lord be with you. And also with you. 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 people are seated.*

A Reading from the Book of Jonah

In our Hebrew scripture lesson, the prophet Jonah, following his ordeal in the belly of a great fish, receives a second summons to the city of Ninevah. In response to Ninevah's turn of heart, God determines not to destroy the city.

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. Thanks be to God.

In Psalm 62, God is a rock and shelter. The people are to trust in God.



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. **R.** 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. **R.** 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. **R.** 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. **R.**

A Reading from Paul's First Letter to the Corinthians

In our epistle lesson, Paul encourages the Corinthians to manage their temporal affairs in light of eternal realities. It was thought by Paul and the early Christian communities that the time of the Lord's return was near.

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. Thanks be to God.

Respond, ye souls in endless rest, ye patriarchs and prophets blest, Alleluia, alleluia!
Ye holy twelve, ye martyrs strong, all saints triumphant, raise the song: Alleluia! (5x)

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ, according to Mark. **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.

The Gospel of the Lord. Praise to you, Lord Christ.

Sermon -- The Rev. Michael L. Bradley, rector

What Do We Believe?

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.

Sisters and brothers, let us lift our hearts in faith to the one who hears all prayers and holds close all those in need.

By the good news of our salvation brought to Mary by the angel, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the mystery of the Word made flesh, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the birth in time of the timeless Son of God, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the manifestation of the King of glory to the shepherds and magi, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

By the baptism of the Son of God in the river Jordan, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

By Jesus' call to follow him in faith, hear us: **Lord, grant us peace.**

May the kingdoms of this world may become the kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, hear us:
Lord, grant us peace.

In our diocesan cycle of prayer, we remember the clergy and people of St. Luke's, Allen Park; and St. Stephen's, Wyandotte. We remember all the faithful departed, and especially Leonard Williams, whose memorial service was yesterday.

Prayers are offered for those on the parish prayer list: Karen Schulze, Georgiana Solomon, Richard Simonds, Donald Burton, Lynn Kerber, Ed Haug, Jim Veit, Nina, Cheri. For the continuing recovery of Jada Rhein and Lori Pranior.

We pray also for the forgiveness of our sins. Silence is kept, then all pray together:

Have mercy upon us; **Most merciful God, in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown things done and left undone, and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Holy God, you gather the whole universe into your radiant presence and continually reveal your Son as our Savior. Hear our prayers and forgive our sins. Bring healing to all wounds, make whole all that is broken, speak truth to all illusion, and shed light in every darkness, that all creation will see your glory and know your Christ. All this we pray.

Amen.

Holy Communion

Hymn 550, Jesus Calls Us, O'er The Tumult, Of Our Life's Wild, Restless Sea

The Lord be with you. And also with you. Lift up your hearts. We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

It is with joy that we give you thanks and praise, summoning Lord, . . . and all the company of heaven, singing the hymn of your unending praise:

1 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and might,
2 Bless - ed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
Ho - san - na in the high - est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

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The celebrant continues with the Prayer of Consecration, Memorial Acclamation, and Great Amen.

Cantor *All*
Al - le - lu - ia. Christ our Pass - o - ver is sac - ri - ficed for us;

Cantor *All*
There - fore let us keep the feast. Al - le - lu - ia.

After all have received, please stand and pray together:

Gracious God; Our hands have taken holy things and our lives have been nourished by the body of your Son. May we who have eaten at this holy table be strengthened for service in your world. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.

The blessing of God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be upon you and remain with you always. Amen.

Let us go forth to love and serve the Lord. Thanks be to God.

Hymn 539, O Zion Haste, Thy Mission High Fulfilling

Our Mission: We share the light of Christ by loving and serving our neighbors in the world.

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