

## Morning Prayer, Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, 2021, Epiphany III

### The Gathering of the Community

Leader The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel. Mark 1.15

### Hymn

Leader Let us remember before God our selfish ways, the things we have done wrong, the sorrows we have caused, the love we have not shown.

*Silence for reflection is kept.*

**All Most merciful Father, forgive us our sins against you and against each other. Strengthen us to overcome our weaknesses, that we may live in love as you would have us live, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Saviour. Amen.**

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

**People Amen.**

Celebrant Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;

**People Show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

Celebrant Will you not give us life again,

**People That your people may rejoice in you?**

Celebrant Show us your mercy, O Lord,

**People And grant us your salvation.**

Celebrant Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord!

**People Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.**

**The Souls of the Righteous** Wisdom 3.1–8

**All The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God; no torment shall ever touch them. In the eyes of the unwise they seemed to be dead, their departure was taken for defeat, their going from us to be disaster; but they are in peace. Though they appeared to be punished their hope is rich in immortality. Small their affliction, great their blessing; God proved and found them worthy of himself. Like gold in a furnace he tried them, and accepted**

**them as an oblation. In the moment of God's coming they shall kindle into flame and run like sparks through the stubble. They shall govern nations and peoples, and the Lord shall be their ruler forever. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

### **A reading from the book of Jonah**

Reader: 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. *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

**People: Thanks be to God**

### **A reading from Psalm 62: 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 honour; 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.

**Lord God, in a threatening world we look to you as our rock of hope. Hear us as we pour out our hearts to you, and give us our grace and protection, through your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.**

**A Song from Ezekiel** *Ezekiel 36.24–28*

**All:** I will take you from the nations, and gather you from every country, and bring you home to your own land. I will pour clean water upon you, purify you from all defilement, and cleanse you from all your idols. A new heart I will give you, and put a new spirit within you; I will take from your body the heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh. I will put my spirit within you, make you walk in my ways and observe my decrees. You shall dwell in the land I gave to your forebears; you shall be my people and I will be your God. **Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

**A reading from the first letter to the Corinthians**

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. *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

**Reader:** Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church

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

**Hymn**

**A reading from the Gospel of Mark**

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. *Mark 1:14-20*

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## Homily

### The Apostles' Creed

Celebrant Let us confess our faith, using the words of the Apostles' Creed

All **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 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 again 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

*Intercessor* Let us pray.

As God is moved by the sincerity of our repentance, so too God is pleased by the faithfulness of our prayers. Let us offer our prayers to God, saying: In your mercy, hear us, Lord.

You have called us, O God, to follow you. Give us the grace to listen to your call, to lay aside the things of this world, and to follow you. In your mercy,

**People hear us, Lord**

*Intercessor* You have sent us, O God, into the world to tell the story of your love and faithfulness. Give us a holy zeal for the proclamation of the gospel in this place and in all the world. In your mercy,

**People hear us, Lord**

*Intercessor* You have called, O God, persons of varieties of gifts to serve your church. Bless, we pray, the ministries of musicians and artists, scholars and writers, pastors and teachers, that their work enrich our common life and offer us a glimpse of the life to come. In your mercy,

**People** hear us, Lord

*Intercessor* You gave life, O God, for us and for all people. We remember before you those who are sick especially for **[Names in Parish]**, those who mourn, and those who rejoice. As you have reached out to us in love, so inspire us to be present to those we have named before you. In your mercy,

**People** hear us, Lord

*Intercessor* Today in our Anglican Cycle of prayer we pray for Pray for FaithWorks and the ministry partners it supports throughout the Diocese; for the Parish of Fenelon Falls, its community gardens, community kitchen, cooking classes, and support of the Good Food Box; and for the Parish of Georgina, its Summer Outreach Chaplaincy to Sibbald Point Provincial Park, its practical support of River Glen nursing home staff, the Georgina Food Pantry, Sandgate Shelter for Women, refugee sponsorship, food voucher distribution, and prayer shawl ministry. In your mercy,

**People** hear us, Lord

*Intercessor* In our own Deanery of Peterborough we offer our prayers for, St. Luke's, Peterborough, The Rev. Glenn Empey, and Pastoral Associate The Rev. Doug Woods. In your mercy,

**People** hear us, Lord

**As we are faithful in prayer, O God, so make us faithful in following you, that loving and serving you all the days of our lives, we may know the joy of the resurrection and may look with longing for your coming in power; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

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### **The Collect**

Reader 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 Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

### **The Lord's Prayer**

Celebrant And now, as our Saviour Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray,

**All 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, the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

### **Dismissal**

Celebrant Let us bless the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

### **Closing Music Benediction Prayer**

**All: The Lord bless you and keep you;  
The Lord make His face to shine upon you  
To shine upon you and be gracious  
And be gracious unto you  
The Lord bless you and keep you  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you  
The Lord lift up the light of His countenance upon you  
And give you peace, and give you peace;  
And give you peace, and give you peace.**