

A SERVICE OF

MORNING PRAYER

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*The Third Sunday after the Epiphany*

*January 24, 2021*

*Please join in on italicized responses.*

## MORNING PRAYER

**Hymn: Hymnal #671**

**“Amazing Grace”**

Amazing grace! how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!  
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.

‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved;  
how precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

The Lord has promised good to me, his word my hope secures;  
he will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come;  
‘tis grace that brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,  
we’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.

### **Opening Sentence:**

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.

- *Isaiah 49:6b*

### **Confession of Sin**

*The Officiant says to the people*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Officiant and People together*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that 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 are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

*Officiant*

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all of your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

### **Versicle and Response**

Lord, open our lips.

*And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.*

Glory be 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*

The Lord has shown forth his glory::

*Come let us adore him.*

### **Invitatory Psalm**

*Venite*

Come, let us sing to the Lord, \*  
let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.  
Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving,\*  
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God; \*  
and a great King above all gods.  
In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*  
and the heights of the hills are his also.  
The sea is his for he made it, \*  
and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*  
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.  
For he is our God,  
and we are the people of his pasture and sheep of his hand. \*  
Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

### **Antiphon**

The Lord has shown forth his glory::

*Come let us adore him.*

6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.

7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.

12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

**The First Lesson: 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.

The Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

### **Canticle 11: The Third Song of Isaiah**

Arise, shine, for your light has come, \*  
and the glory of the Lord has dawned upon you.  
For behold, darkness covers the land; \*  
deep gloom enshrouds the peoples.  
But over you the Lord will rise, \*  
and his glory will appear upon you.  
Nations will stream to your light, \*  
and kings to the brightness of your dawning.  
Your gates will always be open; \*  
by day or night they will never be shut.  
They will call you, The City of the Lord, \*  
The Zion of the Holy One of Israel.  
Violence will no more be heard in your land, \*  
ruin or destruction within your borders.  
You will call your walls, Salvation \*  
and all your portals, Praise.  
The sun will no more be your light by day; \*  
by night you will not need the brightness of the moon.  
The Lord will be your everlasting light, \*  
and your God will be your glory.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
*as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

### **The Second Lesson: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

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.*

### **Hymn: Hymnal #555**

### **“Lead on, O King eternal”**

Lead on, O King eternal, the day of march has come;  
henceforth in fields of conquest thy tents shall be our home:

through days of preparation thy grace has made us strong,  
and now, O King eternal, we lift our battle song.

Lead on, O King eternal, till sin's fierce war shall cease,  
and holiness shall whisper the sweet amen of peace;  
for not with swords loud clashing, nor roll of stirring drums,  
but deeds of love and mercy, the heavenly kingdom comes.

Lead on, O King eternal; we follow not with fears;  
for gladness breaks like morning where'er thy face appears.  
Thy cross is lifted o'er us; we journey in its light:  
the crown awaits the conquest; lead on, O God of might!

### **The Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

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 Word of the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

**The Sermon:**

**The Rev. Ann F. Scannell**

### **Apostles' Creed**

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.**

## **THE PEACE**

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

The Lord be with you.  
*And also with you.*  
Let us pray.

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.**

### **Suffrages B**

Save your people, Lord, and bless your inheritance;  
*Govern and uphold them, now and always.*  
Day by day we bless you;  
*We praise your name for ever.*  
Lord, keep us from all sin today;  
*Have mercy on us, Lord, have mercy.*  
Lord, show us your love and mercy;  
*For we put our trust in you.*  
In you, Lord, is our hope;  
*And we shall never hope in vain.*

### **Collect of the Day**

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.***

### **For Trinity Parish**

Most Glorious God, you have graciously blessed our parish with an abundance of your love. You have graced us with a community of faith; people who love You and each other. We pray to you now on behalf of our parish, that you will strengthen us in our ministries, increase our faith, grow us in numbers, and bless us with the people and resources we need to continue to be your witnesses in our town and in the world. This we pray in the Name of Jesus Christ our Lord. ***Amen***

### **Prayers and Intercessions**

Father we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
*That we all may be one.*

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
*That your name may be glorified by all people.*

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

Remembering: Michael, our Presiding Bishop, Doug, our Bishop, Rev. Ann our Priest in Charge.

*That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.*

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
*That there may be justice and peace on the earth.*

Remembering our President Joe, our Governor Charlie, our Lieutenant governor Karyn, and our Town manager Kevin.

We pray for Peace and Social Justice among all people.

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

Give us a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to our honor and glory.

*That our work may find favor in your sight.*

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;



We pray for those who are ill and for those seeking God's healing grace: Patricia Martin, Sarah, Amelia, Kelly D., Margaret, Linda, Tony, Charlotte, Debbie, Tim, John, Patty, Tanya, Nancy Kelly, Joanne Cox, Bev, Beth, Scott, Eric, Craig McDonough, Randy Swallow, Anthony, Ken, Linda Allen, Becky, Judy, Amy, Becca, Josh, Charlie

We pray for all those ill with the corona virus and for those who seek to heal and those who work to provide essential services during this difficult time.

Pray for Fr. Freeman and for Debbie.

*That they may be delivered from their distress.*

We pray in thanksgiving for those observing birthdays or wedding anniversaries this week: Bob Nichols, Steve and Liliana Peterson

And for those in our parish cycle of prayer this week  
For the Medlinskas, Metcalf, and Miller families, and for the members of our Vestry.

For St. John's Athol, for the Church Without Walls, Springfield; for spouses of deceased clergy; for the House of Deputies and for Jubilee Ministries.

Give to the departed eternal rest;  
*Let light perpetual shine upon them.*

We praise you for your Saints who have entered into joy;  
Pray for Tom Norris  
*May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.*

### **The Celebrant adds:**

O lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, now and forever.  
***Amen***

### **General Thanksgiving**

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up ourselves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. ***Amen.***

## **A Prayer of St. Chrysostom**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **Benediction**

Let us bless the Lord.  
*Thanks be to God.*

## **Final Blessing**

### **Hymn: LEVAS #218**

### **“Jesus Loves Me, This I Know”**

Jesus loves me! this I know, For the bible tells me so;  
Little ones to Him belong; They are weak but He is strong.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

Jesus loves me! He who died, Heaven’s gate to open wide;  
He will wash away my sin, Let His little child come in.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

Jesus take this heart of mine, Make it pure and wholly thine;  
On the cross you died for me, I will try to live for thee.  
Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! Yes, Jesus loves me! The bible tells me so.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus forever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20,21*

**Announcements**

**Virtual Coffee Hour**

**Officiant: The Rev. Ann Scannell**

**Organist: Christopher Lundell**

**Thank you to all who participated in today's worship.**

**The altar flowers are given this morning by Allyn and Linda Taylor  
in memory of her father, Tom Norris.**

**Prayers of the People - Form 3 from the Book of Common Prayer**