

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

DIVINE SERVICE, IV

JANUARY 21, 2024

PRELUDE

PRAYER ON ENTERING CHURCH:

P “LORD, I Love the Habitation of Your House and the Place where Your Glory Dwells. In the multitude of Your Tender Mercies prepare my heart that I may enter Your House to worship and confess Your Holy Name; through Jesus Christ, my God and LORD.” (145)

BEFORE WORSHIP:

C “O LORD, our Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter, as we come together to worship You in Spirit and in Truth, we humbly pray that You would open our hearts to the preaching of Your Word so that we may repent of our sins, believe in Jesus Christ as our only Savior, and grow in Grace and Holiness. Hear us for His sake, Amen.” (146)

✠ SERVICE OF CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION ✠

INVOCATION..... [LSB: pg. 203]

P In the Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

Matthew 28:19b [18-20]

CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION [LSB: pg. 203]

P Our help is in the Name of the LORD,
C Who Made Heaven and earth.

Psalms 124:8

P If You, O LORD, kept a record of sins, O LORD, who could stand?
C But with You there is Forgiveness; therefore You are feared.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Since we are gathered to hear God’s Word, call upon Him in prayer and praise, and receive the Body and Blood of our LORD Jesus Christ in the fellowship of this Altar, let us first consider our unworthiness and Confess before God and one another that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, and that we cannot free ourselves from our sinful condition. Together as His People let us take Refuge in the Infinite Mercy of God, our Heavenly Father, seeking His Grace for the sake of Christ, and saying: God, be Merciful to me, a sinner.

[Luke 18:13]

C Almighty God, have Mercy upon us, Forgive us our sins, and lead us to Everlasting Life. Amen.

Psalms 130:3-4

P Almighty God in His Mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His Sake Forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His Authority, I therefore Forgive you all your sins in the

Name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.
C Amen.

John 20:19-23

✠ SERVICE OF THE WORD ✠

P From the rising of the sun to its | setting,*
the Name of the LORD is | to be praised!
Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,*
praise the Name | of the LORD!

C Blessed be the Name | of the LORD*
from this time forth and For- | evermore!
The LORD is high above all | nations,*
and His Glory above the | Heavens!

P He Raises the poor | from the dust*
and Lifts the needy from the | ash heap,
to make them sit with | princes,*
with the princes of His | People.

C Glory be to the Father and | to the Son*
and to the Holy | Spirit;
as it was in the be- | ginning,*
is now, and will be Forever. | Amen.

KYRIE ≈ LORD, Have Mercy ≈ *[Mark 10:47]* [LSB: pg. 204]

C LORD, have Mercy; Christ, have Mercy; LORD, have Mercy.

1.
To God on High be Glory And Peace to
all the earth; Goodwill from God in
Heaven Proclaimed at Jesus' Birth! We
praise and bless You, Father; Your
Holy Name, we sing— Our thanks for
Your Great Glory, LORD God, our
Heav'nly King.

2.
To You, O Sole-Begotten, The Father's
Son, we pray; O Lamb of God, our
Savior, You take our sins away. Have
Mercy on us, Jesus; Receive our
heartfelt cry, Where You in Pow'r are
seated At God's right hand on High.

3.
For You Alone are Holy; You Only are the LORD. Forever and Forever, Be
worshiped and adored; You with the Holy Spirit Alone are LORD Most High,
In God the Father's Glory. "Amen!" our glad reply.

SALUTATION AND COLLECT OF THE DAY [LSB: 205]

P The LORD be with you.
C And also with you.

P Let us pray . . . Almighty and Everlasting God, Mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand
of Your Majesty to Heal and Defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our LORD, ☩ Who Lives and Reigns
with You and the Holy Spirit, One God, now and Forever.
C Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT: *Job 3:1-5, 10* [LSB: 205]

"Then the Word of the LORD came to Jonah the
second time, saying, ² 'Arise, go to Nineveh, that
great city, and call out against it the message that I
tell you.' ³ So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh,
according to the Word of the LORD. Now Nineveh
was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in
breadth. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a
day's journey. And he called out, 'Yet forty days,

and Nineveh shall be overthrown!' ⁵ And the people
of Nineveh Believed God. They called for a fast and
put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the
least of them. ¹⁰ When God saw what they did, how
they turned from their evil way, God relented of the
disaster that He had said He would do to them, and
He did not do it."

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE READING: *1 Corinthians 7:29–35* [LSB: 205]

"This is what I mean, brothers: the Appointed Time
has grown very short. From now on, let those who
have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰ 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 goods, ³¹
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. ³² I want you to be free from
anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the

things of the LORD, how to please the LORD. ³³ But
the married man is anxious about worldly things,
how to please his wife, ³⁴ and his interests are
divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is
anxious about the things of the LORD, how to be
Holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is
anxious about worldly things, how to please her
husband. ³⁵ I say this for your own benefit, not to lay
any restraint upon you, but to promote good order
and to secure your undivided devotion to the LORD."

A This is the Word of the LORD.

C Thanks be to God.

HYMN: "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve" [LSB: 856]

1.
O Christ, Who Called the Twelve
To rise and follow You,
Forsaking old, familiar ways
For ventures bold and new:
Grant us to hear Your call
To risk security
And, bound in heart and will to You,
Find Perfect Liberty.

2.
O Christ, Who taught the Twelve
The Truth for ages sealed,
Whose Words and Works awakened
Faith, The Ways of God Revealed:
Instruct us now, we pray,
By Your Empow'ring Word.
True teacher, be for all who seek
Their Light, their Life, their LORD.

3.
O Christ, Who led the Twelve
Among the desolate
And broke as Bread of Life for all
Your Love Compassionate:
Lead us along the ways
Where hope has nearly died
And help us climb the lonely hills
Where Love is Crucified.

4.
O Christ, Who sent the Twelve
On roads they'd never trod
To serve, to suffer, teach, proclaim
The nearer Reign of God:
Send us on ways where Faith
Transcends timidity,
Where Love informs and Hope sustains
Both Life and Ministry.

5.
**O Christ, the Apostles' LORD, The Martyrs' Strength and song,
 The Crucified and Risen King To Whom the saints belong:
 Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring,
 Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.**

HOLY GOSPEL: *Mark 1:14–20 (Please stand)* [LSB: 206]

P The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
C **Glory to You, O LORD.**

“After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the Gospel of God,¹⁵ and saying, ‘The Time is Fulfilled, and the Kingdom of God is at hand; Repent and Believe in the Gospel.’¹⁶ Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen.¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, ‘Follow Me, and I will make you become

fishers of men.’¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed Him.¹⁹ And going on a little farther, He saw James the son of Zebedee and John His brother, who were in their boat mending the nets.²⁰ And immediately He called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed Him.”

P This is the Gospel of the LORD.

C **Praise to You, O Christ.**

CREEDAL STATEMENT: APOSTLE'S CREED *(Please Continue Standing)*.

[LSB: pg. 207]

C **I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our LORD,
 Who was Conceived by the Holy Spirit,
 Born of the virgin Mary,
 Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 Was Crucified,
 Died,
 And was Buried.
 He Descended into hell.
 The third day He Rose again from the dead.
 He Ascended into Heaven
 and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.
 From thence He will come to Judge the living and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Holy Christian Church, the Communion of saints, the Forgiveness of sins, the Resurrection of the body, and the Life ☩ Everlasting. Amen.
Christian: the ancient text reads “catholic,” meaning the whole Church as it confesses the wholeness of Christian Doctrine

HYMN OF THE DAY: *“O Christ, Our True and Only Light”* [LSB: 839]

1.
**O Christ, our True and only Light,
 Enlighten those who sit in night;
 Let those afar now hear Your voice
 And in Your Fold with us rejoice.**

2.
**Fill with the Radiance of Your Grace
 The souls now lost in error's maze;
 Enlighten those whose inmost minds
 Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.**

3.
**O gently Call those gone astray
 That they may find the Saving Way!
 Let ev'ry conscience sore oppressed
 In You find Peace and Heav'nly Rest.**

4.
**Shine on the darkened and the cold;
 Recall the wand'ers to Your Fold.
 Unite all those who walk apart;
 Confirm the weak and doubting heart,**

5.
**That they with us may evermore Such Grace with wond'ring thanks adore
 And endless praise to You be giv'n By all Your Church in earth and Heav'n.**

SERMON

OFFERING & MUSICAL OFFERING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH *(Please Stand)*

P Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs,...

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LORD'S PRAYER [LSB: 209]

- [P]** LORD, remember us in Your Kingdom and teach us to pray ...
[C] **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.**
- [P]** Heavenly Father, God of all Grace, Govern our hearts that we may never forget Your Blessings but steadfastly thank and praise You for all Your goodness in this life until, with all the Saints, we praise You Eternally in Your Heavenly Kingdom; through Jesus Christ, our LORD,
[C] **Amen.**

BENEDICTION [LSB: 228]

- [P]** The Grace of our LORD, ✠ Jesus Christ, and the Love of God and the Communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
[C] **Amen.**