

The Holy Eucharist

The Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 24, 2021

The Liturgy of the Word

All Creatures of Our God and King

1. All creatures of our God and King. Lift up your voice and with us sing, Alleluia! Alleluia! Thou burning sun with golden beam, thou silver moon with softer gleam! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
2. Let all things their Creator bless, and worship Him in humbleness. O praise Him! Alleluia! Praise, praise the Father, praise the Son, and praise the Spirit, Three in One! O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
3. All the Redeemed washed by His blood come and rejoice in His great love. O praise Him! Alleluia! Christ has defeated every sin. Cast all your burdens now on Him. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!
4. He shall return in pow'r to reign. Heaven and earth will join to say. O praise Him! Alleluia! Then who shall fall on bended knee? All creatures of our God and King. O praise Him! O praise Him! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Blessed be God: the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

Celebrant Let us pray

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.

Jesus is Better

1. There is no other so sure and steady, my hope is held in your hand. When castles crumble and breath is fleeting, upon this rock I will stand; Upon this rock I will stand.

C. Glory, glory, we have no other king, but Jesus Lord of all. Raise the anthem, our loudest praises ring. We crown Him Lord of all.

2. Your kindly rule has shattered and broken the curse of sin's tyranny. My life is hidden 'neath Heaven's shadow, Your crimson flood covers me; Your crimson flood covers me

B. In all my sorrows, Jesus is better—make my heart believe. In all my victories, Jesus is better—make my heart believe. Than any comfort, Jesus is better—make my heart believe. More than all riches, Jesus is better—make my heart believe. Our souls declaring, Jesus is better—make my heart believe. Our song eternal, Jesus is better—make my heart believe.

Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you

People And also with you

Celebrant 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.

All Amen.

The Lessons

Jeremiah 3:19-4:4

¹⁹ "I said, How I would set you among my sons, and give you a pleasant land, a heritage most beautiful of all nations. And I thought you would call me, My Father, and would not turn from following me. ²⁰ Surely, as a treacherous wife leaves her husband, so have you been treacherous to me, O house of Israel, declares the LORD."

²¹ A voice on the bare heights is heard, the weeping and pleading of Israel's sons because they have perverted their way; they have forgotten the LORD their God. ²² "Return, O faithless sons; I will heal your faithlessness." "Behold, we come to you, for you are the LORD our God. ²³ Truly the hills are a delusion, the orgies on the mountains. Truly in the LORD our God is the salvation of Israel.

²⁴ "But from our youth the shameful thing has devoured all for which our fathers labored, their flocks and their herds, their sons and their daughters. ²⁵ Let us lie down in our shame, and let our dishonor cover us. For we have sinned against the LORD our God, we and our fathers, from our youth even to this day, and we have not obeyed the voice of the LORD our God."

4 "If you return, O Israel, declares the LORD, to me you should return. If you remove your detestable things from my presence, and do not waver, ² and if you swear, 'As the LORD lives,' in truth, in justice, and in righteousness, then nations shall bless themselves in him, and in him shall they glory."

³ For thus says the LORD to the men of Judah and Jerusalem: "Break up your fallow ground, and sow not among thorns. ⁴ Circumcise yourselves to the LORD; remove the foreskin of your hearts, O men of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem; lest my wrath go forth like fire, and burn with none to quench it, because of the evil of your deeds."

Reader The Word of the Lord
People Thanks be to God

Psalm 130

¹ Out of the deep have I called unto you, O Lord; Lord, hear my voice.

² O let your ears consider well the voice of my supplications.

³ If you, Lord, were to mark what is done amiss, O Lord, who could abide it?

⁴ For there is mercy with you; therefore you shall be feared.

⁵ I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him; in his word is my trust.

⁶ My soul waits for the Lord, more than watchmen for the morning, more than watchmen for the morning.

⁷ O Israel, trust in the Lord, for with the Lord there is mercy, and with him is plenteous redemption;

⁸ And he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; *

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

1 Corinthians 7:17-24

¹⁷ Only let each person lead the life that the Lord has assigned to him, and to which God has called him. This is my rule in all the churches. ¹⁸ Was anyone at the time of his call already circumcised? Let him not seek to remove the marks of circumcision. Was anyone at the time of his call uncircumcised? Let him not seek circumcision. ¹⁹ For neither circumcision counts for anything nor uncircumcision, but keeping the commandments of God. ²⁰ Each one should remain in the condition in which he was called. ²¹ Were you a bondservant when called? Do not be concerned about it. (But if you can gain your freedom, avail yourself of the opportunity.) ²² For he who was called in the Lord as a bondservant is a freedman of the Lord. Likewise he

who was free when called is a bondservant of Christ. ²³You were bought with a price; do not become bondservants of men. ²⁴So, brothers, in whatever condition each was called, there let him remain with God.

Reader The Word of the Lord

People Thanks be to God

The Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Priest The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People Glory to you Lord Christ

¹⁴ Now 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.

Priest The Gospel of the Lord

People Praise to you Lord Christ

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

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: was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and 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.

Prayers of the People

Leader Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People That we all may be one.

Leader Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Leader We pray for all ministers in your Church;

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

Leader We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

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

People That our works may find favor in your sight.

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

People That they may be delivered from their distress.

Leader For those who fall sick with the coronavirus,

People Restore them to health and wholeness.

Leader Among the doctors, nurses, hospital personnel, nursing home staff and others who are on the front lines of this pandemic,
People Provide their needs, shield them from infection, and lift their weariness.
 Leader For those who have lost their jobs and income,
People Meet their needs and replenish all they have lost.
 Leader On all who are stressed, anxious and fearful,
People Pour out a healing and calming balm.
 Leader We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;
People May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.
 Leader Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.
(As we pause in silence all are invited to offer silent petitions and intercessions or pray out loud with those gathered together.)
 Leader Father, grant these prayers for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and Advocate.
All Amen.

Confession of Sin

Leader I invite you to sit or kneel as we confess our sins against God and our neighbors.
All 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.

Declaration of Forgiveness

Celebrant Almighty God have mercy on you; forgive you all 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.

The Peace

Celebrant May the peace of Christ be always with you.
People And also with you.

The Liturgy of Holy Communion

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.
People And also with you.
 Celebrant Lift up your hearts.
People We lift them to the Lord.
 Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People It is right to give him thanks and praise.
 Celebrant It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory, that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever say/sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

All Holy, Holy, Holy, Lord God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The Prayer of Consecration

Celebrant Lord God our Father: When we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you sent your only Son into the world for our salvation; by the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. On the cross he offered himself once for all as our Redeemer, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. After he ascended to your right hand in glory, you sent your Holy Spirit, that we might become your holy people.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

After supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Now sanctify these gifts that they may become for us the Body and Blood of your Son, Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may be filled with your Holy Spirit and manifest your presence and power in the world.

Therefore, heavenly Father, as we joyfully proclaim our Lord's life, death, and resurrection, we offer ourselves, our souls and bodies, as a living sacrifice. Grant that we who partake of this Holy Communion may receive the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ, and be made one body with him, that he may dwell in us, and we in him. At the last day bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever.

All AMEN

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

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

Fraction

Celebrant Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us!

People Therefore let us keep the feast! Alleluia!

The Prayer of Humble Access

We do not presume to come to this your table, O merciful Lord, trusting in our own righteousness, but in your abundant and great mercies. We are not worthy so much as to gather up the crumbs under your table; but you are the same Lord whose character is always to have mercy. Grant us, therefore, gracious Lord, so to eat the flesh of your dear Son Jesus Christ, and to drink his blood, that our sinful bodies may be made clean by his body, and our souls washed through his most precious blood, and that we may evermore dwell in him, and he in us. Amen.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Ministration of Communion

Holy, Holy, Holy

1. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee. Holy, holy, holy, merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!
2. Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee; casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea. Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee, who was, and is, and evermore shall be.
3. Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee, though the eye of sinful man Thy glory may not see. Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee, perfect in power, in love, and purity.
4. Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty! All Thy works shall praise Thy Name, in earth, and sky, and sea. Holy, holy, holy; merciful and mighty! God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

The Prayer for Spiritual Communion

Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Prayer of Christian Discipleship

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal Kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

The Blessing

This is Amazing Grace

1. Who breaks the power of sin and darkness? Whose love is mighty and so much stronger? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who shakes the whole earth with holy thunder? Who leaves us breathless in awe and wonder? The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

C. This is amazing grace. This is unfailing love: that You would take my place; that You would bear my cross. You would lay down your life, that I might be set free. Jesus, I sing for all that You've done for me.

2. Who brings our chaos back into order? Who makes the orphan a son or daughter? The King of Glory; the King above all kings. Who rules the nations with truth and justice? Shines like the sun in all of its brilliance. The King of Glory; the King above all kings.

B. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave. Worthy is the Lamb who was slain; worthy is the King who conquered the grave.

The Dismissal

Priest Let us go forth in the Name of Christ.

People Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia.