EPIPHANY 3

24 January 2021

Opening prayers

Blessed are you, Lord our God, King of the universe. From the rising of the sun to its setting your name is proclaimed in all the world.

Prayers of penitence

'A new commandment I give you, that you love one another as I have loved you.'

Let us confess to almighty God our failure to accept his love and to share it with others.

Silence is kept

We have not held out the word of life in a dark and twisted world:
Lord, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.

We have failed to share our bread with the hungry: Christ, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.

We have closed our hearts to the love of God: Lord, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Almighty God, who forgives all who truly repent,

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

Amen.

Collect

Lord Jesus Christ,
who said to your apostles,
'Peace I leave with you, my peace I give to you':
look not on our sins but on the faith of your Church
and grant it the peace and unity of your kingdom;
where you are alive and reign with the Father
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

Readings

Jonah 3.5-10

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

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.

Psalm 62.5-

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken. On God rests my deliverance and my honour; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

Hymn

Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me. Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me. Spirit of the living God, Fall afresh on me.

Watch an a cappella version by Voices of Praise https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jrwRS1h-rmY&feature=emb_logo The Gospel

Mark 1.14-20

Now 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 lake—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.

Sermon see Message from Jay Wilkes, Lay Vice

Prayers for the church and the world

The response to each petition

Lord, in the silence **Hear our prayer**

Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Lead us not into temptation
but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours
now and for ever.
Amen.

Instrumental J. S. Bach *Sarabande and Courante from Suite no. 1 in G major* played by Sarah McMahon, cello

Thanksgiving

Let us give thanks and praise for all God's gifts

Silence is kept

For birth and life and strength of body, for safety and shelter and food, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For sight and hearing and the beauty of nature, for words and music and the power of thought, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For work and leisure and the joy of achieving, for conscience and will and depth of feeling, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

For grace and truth in Jesus Christ, for the gifts of the Spirit and the hope of heaven, we give you thanks:

we praise your holy name.

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

The Peace

Christ is our peace.

If anyone is in Christ, there is a new creation.

The old has passed away: behold, everything has become new.

The peace of the Lord be always with us and also with you.

Closing Prayers

Eternal God and Father,
whose Son at supper prayed that his disciples might be one,
as he is one with you:
draw us closer to him,
that in common love and obedience to you
we may be united to one another
in the fellowship of the one Spirit,
that the world may believe that he is Lord, to your eternal glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen.

Christ the Son of God perfect in us the image of his glory and gladden our hearts with the good news of his kingdom; and the blessing of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you, this day and always.

Amen.

Let us go in peace to love an serve the Lord We go in peace Amen

Instrumental Sarah McMahon (arr.) *Amazing Grace* played by Sarah McMahon, cello