

The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Morning Worship for January 24, 2021

Welcome

Gathering Music

Opening Sentence of Scripture

One God has made us one in Christ.
God has set God's seal upon us and, as a pledge of what is to come,
has given the Spirit to dwell in our hearts.

(2 Corinthians 1:22)

Confession and Absolution of Sin

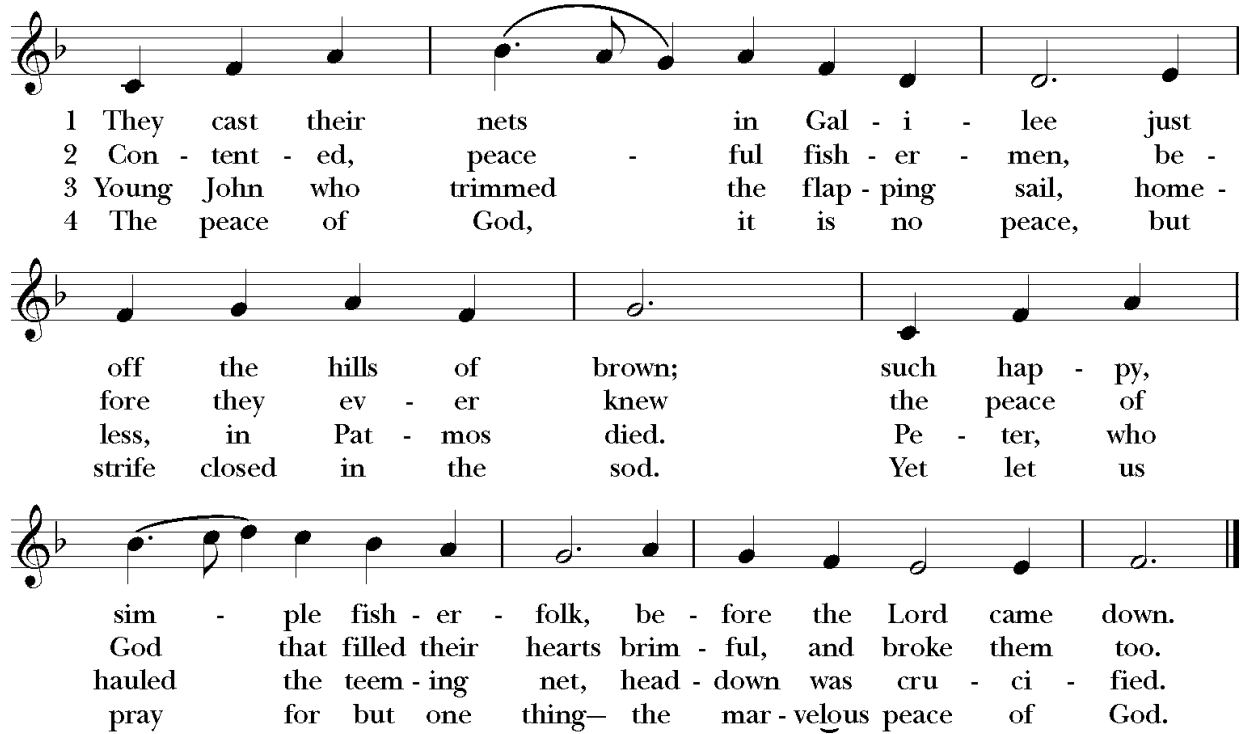
One So that we might better love as God loves us,
Let us confess the sin that seeks to separate us from God and one another.

A period of silence is kept.

Many **God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. *Amen.***

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

Hymn – They cast their nets in Galilee (*Georgetown*) – *The Hymnal 1982* #661



1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,
fore they ev - er knew the peace of
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.
hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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One Holy One, open our lips.
Many **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

One Give us the joy of your saving help.
Many **And sustain us with your life-giving Spirit.**

One Let us pray the following portion of Psalm 62 together, responsively, by whole verse.

Psalm 62

- ⁶ For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, there is my hope.
- ⁷ **God 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 God always, O people, ***
pour out your hearts before the One who 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 God, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

At the end of the Psalm is said

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.

The Lessons

A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the 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.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle: A Song of our Adoption (Ephesians 1:3-10)

Blessed are you, the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, *
for you have blessed us in Christ
with every spiritual blessing in the heavenly places.
Before the world was made, you chose us to be yours in Christ, *
that we should be holy and blameless before you.
You destined us for adoption as your children through Jesus Christ,*
according to the good pleasure of your will,
To the praise of your glorious grace, *
that you have freely given us in the Beloved.
In you, we have redemption through the blood of Christ,*
the forgiveness of our sins,
According to the riches of your grace *
which you have lavished upon us.
You have made known to us, in all wisdom and insight, *
the mystery of your will,
According to your good pleasure which you set forth in Christ, *
as a plan for the fullness of time,
To gather together all things in Christ, *
things in heaven and things on earth.

At the end of the Canticle is said

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 Gospel of 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.

One Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

Many **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon by Carmie McDonald, *Seminarian*

The Nicene Creed

All together

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 of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.

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,
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who 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.*

The Prayers

One Let us now pray in the words our Savior Jesus Christ has taught us.

Many **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.*

One Let us pray for the church, that it may stand fast in the one faith to which it has been called.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

One Let us pray for the world, that our conflicts may cease, and that peace may reign in this new year.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

One Let us pray for all Christians who have been baptized into the one family of faith,
that our lives reflect the forgiveness and love which was first shown to us.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

One Let us pray for all who are blind to the injustices of our world,
that their eyes may be opened and that they may work for an end to oppression and injustice.
Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

One Let us pray for the sick, that their sickness may be turned to health
and that their lives may be full and whole.

Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

One Let us pray for the faithful who have gone before us,
that we may follow the example of their lives
and be reunited with them in the joy of everlasting life.

Lord, in your mercy,

Many **Hear our prayer.**

The Collect of the Day

Lord Jesus Christ, with those you called by the lakeside, may we follow you, proclaiming the reign of God, and sharing your mission to bring good news to all; for you live and reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

A Prayer for our Country

Almighty God, you have given us this good land as our heritage. May we prove ourselves a people mindful of your generosity and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honest industry, truthful education, and an honorable way of life. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance; and from every evil course of action. Make us, who came from many nations with many different languages, a united people. Defend our liberties and give those whom we have entrusted with the authority of government the spirit of wisdom, that there may be justice and peace in our land. When times are prosperous, let our hearts be thankful; and, in troubled times, do not let our trust in you fail. We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Intercessions and thanksgivings now follow either silently or aloud.

A General Thanksgiving

All together

**Accept, O Lord, our thanks and praise
for all that you have done for us.
We thank you for the splendor of the whole creation,
for the beauty of this world, for the wonder of life,
and for the mystery of love.**

**We thank you for the blessing of family and friends,
and for the loving care which surrounds us on every side.**

**We thank you for setting us at tasks
which demand our best efforts,
and for leading us to accomplishments
which satisfy and delight us.**

**We thank you also for those disappointments and failures
that lead us to acknowledge our dependence on you alone.**

**Above all, we thank you for your Son Jesus Christ;
for the truth of his Word and the example of his life;
for his steadfast obedience, by which he overcame temptation;
for his dying, through which he overcame death;
and for his rising to life again,
in which we are raised to the life of your kingdom.**

**Grant us the gift of your Spirit,
that we may know Christ and make Christ known;
and through Christ, at all times and in all places,
may give thanks to you in all things. *Amen.***

Hymn – Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult (*Restoration*) *Hymnal 1982* #550

Unison or harmony

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
 2 as, of old, Saint An - drew heard it
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 2 by the Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and
 3 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
 4 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 2 toil and kin - dred, leav - ing all for his dear sake.
 3 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 4 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

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A Closing Prayer

Holy One, you have called us in the Body of your Son Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation and reveal you to the world. Forgive us the sins which tear us apart; give us the courage to overcome our fears and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

Deacon Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
 Many **Thanks be to God.**