

# WINTER WORSHIP

SUNDAY 24 JANUARY 2021

## THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY



### **Gathering Music** *(Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

Love before us, love behind us, love under our feet.  
Love within us, love over us, let all around us be love.

Light before us, light behind us, light under our feet.  
Light within us, light over us, let all around us be light.

Christ before us, Christ behind us, Christ under our feet.  
Christ within us, Christ over us, let all around us be Christ.

Alleluia...

Peace before us, peace behind us, peace under our feet.  
Peace within us, peace over us, let all around us be peace.

### **Opening Sentences**

In the beginning, when it was dark, God said, "Let there be light."  
And there was light.

*(The sign of light - a lighted candle - is placed on a central table.)*

In the beginning, when it was quiet, The Word was with God.  
And the Word was God.

*(The sign of the Word - an open Bible - is placed on the table.)*

When the time was right, God sent His Son.  
He came among us and was one of us.

*(The Sign of the Son - a cross - is placed on the table.)*

### **Song of Prayer:** *(Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen)*

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.  
Come, bow before him now, with reverence and fear.  
In him no sin is found, we stand on holy ground.  
Be still, for the presence of the Lord, the Holy One is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around;  
he burns with holy fire, with splendor he is crowned.  
How awesome is the sight, our radiant King of Light!  
Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place;  
he comes to cleanse and heal, to minister his grace.  
No work too hard for him, in faith receive from him.  
Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

*Leader* The God of Love is with us.  
*People* **The Spirit of love is in us.**  
*Leader* Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.  
*People* **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen**  
*Leader* Let us pray.

Almighty and eternal God, to you our hearts are open and our inmost desires are known. We cannot hide our most intimate secrets from you. We ask you to be present at all times in our thoughts and our hearts, and to purify them, so that we may love you with the love of the Holy Spirit and praise your name with humility and joy; Through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **The 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.**

**Hymn of Praise:** (*Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen*)

Joyful, joyful, we adore thee, God of glory, Lord of love;  
hearts unfold like flowers before thee, praising thee, their sun above.  
Melt the clouds of sins and sadness, drive the dark of doubt away;  
giver of immortal gladness, fill us with the light of day.

All thy works with joy surround thee, earth and heaven reflect thy rays,  
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.  
Field and forest, vale and mountain, blooming meadow, flashing sea,  
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Thou art giving and forgiving, ever blessing, ever blest,  
well spring of the joy of living, ocean-depth of happy rest!  
Thou our Father, Christ our Brother: all who live in love are thine;  
teach us how to love each other, lift us to the joy divine.

### **The Word of God**

#### **Jonah 3:1–5**

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.) Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

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

*People* **Thanks be to God.**

#### **Psalm 62:6–12**

Only God is my rock and my salvation—  
my stronghold!—I will not be shaken.  
My deliverance and glory depend on God.  
God is my strong rock.  
My refuge is in God.

All you people: Trust in him at all times!  
Pour out your hearts before him!  
God is our refuge! Selah  
Human beings are nothing but a breath.  
Human beings are nothing but lies.  
They don't even register on a scale;  
taken all together they are lighter than a breath!  
Don't trust in violence;  
don't set false hopes in robbery.  
When wealth bears fruit,  
don't set your heart on it.

God has spoken one thing—  
make it two things—  
that I myself have heard:  
that strength belongs to God,  
and faithful love comes from you, my Lord—  
and that you will repay  
everyone according to their deeds.

**Sequence Hymn:** (*Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen*)

*American folk song*

I'm just a poor wayfaring stranger,  
I'm traveling through this world below;  
There is no sickness, toil, nor danger,  
In that bright world to which I go.  
I'm going there to see my father,  
I'm going there no more to roam;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

I know dark clouds will gather o'er me,  
I know my pathway's rough and steep;  
But golden fields lie out before me,  
Where weary eyes no more shall weep.  
I'm going there to see my mother,  
She said she'd meet me when I come;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

I want to sing salvations story,  
In concert with the blood-washed band;  
I want to wear a crown of glory,  
When I get home to that good land.  
I'm going there to see my brothers,  
They passed before me one by one;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

I'll soon be free from every trial,  
This form will rest beneath the sod;  
I'll drop the cross of self-denial,  
And enter in my home with God.  
I'm going there to see my Savior,  
Who shed for me His precious blood;  
I'm just a going over Jordan,  
I'm just a going over home.

## The Holy Gospel:

*Priest* The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark. (1:14-20)  
*People* **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!" As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

*Priest* The Gospel of the Lord.  
*People* **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

## Message

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## Affirmation of Faith

**You, O God, are supreme and holy.  
You create our world and give us life.  
Your purpose overarches everything we do.  
You have always been with us.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are infinitely generous,  
good beyond all measure.  
You came to us before we came to you.**

**You have revealed and proved  
your love for us in Jesus Christ,  
who lived and died and rose again.  
You are with us now.  
You are God.**

**You, O God, are Holy Spirit.  
You empower us to be your gospel in the world.  
You reconcile and heal; you overcome death.  
You are our God. We worship you.**

## Prayers of the People

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ,  
*People* **Be with us, within us, behind us and before us.**

*Leader* We bind ourselves, O God, today, to the strong name of the Trinity,  
*People* **And we name you: Three in One, One in Three; and claim our place in your community of love.**

*Leader* We are embraced, loving God, in the community that is the heart not just of our church, but also in the community that is the very heart of who you are,  
*People* **Three in One; Father, Son and Holy Spirit.**

*Leader* Within that great love, we are held and treasured. Lord, hear our prayers this evening;  
*People* **We pray for our hurting world.**

*Leader* That war-makers will find peace. That the hungry will find food. That refugees will find shelter. That injustice will be answered with all that is right and good.  
*People* **We pray for all who suffer.**

*Leader* For those we love dearly. For those we barely know. For those whose suffering, we have ignored. Be present in the healing touch of all hands that help the sick and suffering. And send your Spirit to comfort and protect all who need you.  
*People* **We pray for all who struggle.**

*Leader* For those who cannot see a way through broken relationships, difficult financial realities, emotional darkness, and deep, deep loneliness. May we find you even in the most helpless places. And may we, your people, be present also in those places, bringing Good News and hope to all who are longing for the true life that only you can provide.

*People* **We pray for all who are joyful.**

*Leader* We rejoice at the promise of new life, and the goodness of each new day. We celebrate the movement through milestones: births, graduations, new jobs, new relationships; and the hopes that they bring. We remember those moments of blessing in our own lives and we thank you for the opportunity to use our lives to your glory, to live lives that are full and worthy of your calling.

We lift up to you, Lord, the prayers that you've placed on our hearts in our own words at this time...

*We will intentionally PAUSE for the community present to share their requests, thanksgivings, desires, hopes & joys either out loud or silently.*

We bind ourselves, O God, today, to the strong name of the Trinity.

*People* **And we name you: Three in One, One in Three: and claim our place in your community of love.**

*Leader* Lord Jesus Christ

*People* **Be with us, within us, behind us, before us. Amen.**

### Confession of Sin

Happy are those whose sins are forgiven, whose wrongs are pardoned.  
I will confess my sins to the Lord, I will not conceal my wrongdoings.

*Silence*

God forgives and heals us.

**We need your healing, merciful God:**

**give us true repentance.**

**Some sins are plain to us;**

**some escape us,**

**some we cannot face.**

**Forgive us;**

**set us free to hear your word to us;**

**set us free to serve you.**

*The Celebrant continues*

God forgives you.

Forgive others;

forgive yourself.

*Silence*

Through Christ, God has put away your sin:  
approach your God in peace.

**The Peace**                      The peace of the Lord be always with you.  
**And also with you.**

## THE HOLY EUCHARIST

Music at the Offertory:                      (*Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen*)

All who hunger gather gladly; holy manna is our bread.  
Come from wilderness and wandering. Here in truth we will be fed.  
You that yearn for days of fullness, all around us is our food.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, never strangers, seeker, be a welcome guest.  
Come from restlessness and roaming. Here, in joy we keep the feast.  
We that once were lost and scattered in communion's love have stood.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

All who hunger, sing together, Jesus Christ is living bread.  
Come from loneliness and longing. Here, in peace, we have been fed.  
Blest are those who from this table live their days in gratitude.  
Taste and see the grace eternal. Taste and see that God is good.

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All thanks and praise  
are yours at all times and in all places,  
our true and loving God;  
through Jesus Christ, your eternal Word,  
the Wisdom from on high by whom you  
created all things.  
You laid the foundations of the world  
and enclosed the sea when it burst out from the womb;  
You brought forth all creatures of the earth  
and gave breath to humankind.  
Wondrous are you, Holy One of Blessing,  
all you create is a sign of hope for our journey;  
And so as the morning stars sing your praises  
we join the heavenly beings and all creation  
as we shout with joy:

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

Glory and honor are yours, Creator of all,  
your Word has never been silent;  
you called a people to yourself,  
as a light to the nations,  
you delivered them from bondage  
and led them to a land of promise.  
Of your grace, you gave Jesus  
to be human, to share our life,  
to proclaim the coming of your holy reign  
and give himself for us, a fragrant offering.  
Through Jesus Christ our Redeemer,  
you have freed us from sin,  
brought us into your life,  
reconciled us to you,  
and restored us to the glory you intend for us.

We thank you that on the night before he  
died for us Jesus took bread,  
and when he had given thanks to you,  
he broke it, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Take, eat, this is my Body, broken for you.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
After supper Jesus took the cup of wine,  
said the blessing, gave it to his friends and said:  
“Drink this, all of you:  
this cup is the new Covenant in my Blood,  
poured out for you and for all  
for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.”  
And so, remembering all that was done for us:  
the cross, the tomb, the resurrection and ascension,  
longing for Christ’s coming in glory,  
and presenting to you these gifts  
your earth has formed and human  
hands have made,  
we acclaim you, O Christ:

**Dying, you destroyed our death.  
Rising, you restored our life.  
Christ Jesus, come in glory!**

Send your Holy Spirit upon us  
and upon these gifts of bread and wine  
that they may be to us  
the Body and Blood of your Christ.  
Grant that we, burning with your Spirit’s power,  
may be a people of hope, justice and love.

Giver of Life, draw us together in the Body of Christ,  
and in the fullness of time gather us  
with all your people  
into the joy of our true eternal home.

Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ,  
by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit,  
we worship you our God and Creator  
in voices of unending praise.

Blessed are you now and for ever. **AMEN.**

**Lord's Prayer** (*Celebrant and People*)

**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.**

**Save us from the time of trial,  
and deliver us from evil.  
For the kingdom, the power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and for ever. Amen.**

*The Celebrant continues*

We break this bread  
to share in the Body of Christ.  
**We who are many are one body,  
for we all share in the one bread.**

**Music during Eucharist:** (*Sung by the music team; the congregation is invited to listen*)

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown?  
Will you let my Name be known?  
Will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you let the blinded see if I but call your name?  
Will you set the prisoner free and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen?  
And admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer prayer in you and you in me?

Will you love the "You" you hide if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Christ, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show,  
thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

**Post-Communion Prayer** (*Celebrant and People*)

**Loving God,  
we give you thanks  
for restoring us in your image  
and nourishing us with spiritual food  
in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood.  
Now send us forth  
a people, forgiven, healed, renewed;  
that we may proclaim your love to the world  
and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

## Night Prayer

Lord,  
It is night.

The night is for stillness.  
Let us be still in the presence of God.

It is night after a long day.  
What has been done has been done;  
What has not been done has not been done;  
Let it be.

The night is dark.  
Let our fears of the darkness of the world  
And in our lives rest in you.

The night is quiet.  
Let the quietness of your peace enfold us,  
All dear to us,  
And all who have no peace.

The night heralds the dawn.  
Let us look expectantly to a new day,  
New joys,  
New possibilities.

In your name we pray. **AMEN**

## Blessing

Life is short, and we do not have too much time to gladden the hearts of those who travel with us. So be swift to love. Make haste to be kind, and the blessing of God be with you always. **AMEN.**

## Closing Song

Let there be peace on earth and let it begin with me.  
Let there be peace on earth, the peace that was meant to be.  
With God as our father, brothers all are we.  
Let me walk with my brother in perfect harmony.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.  
With every step I take let this be my solemn vow,  
to take each moment and live each moment with peace eternally.  
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

## Dismissal



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