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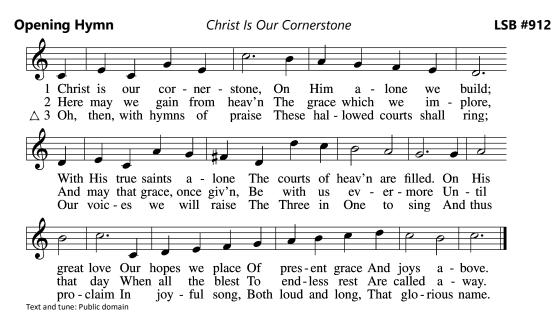


THIRD SATURDAY AND SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY Saturday January 23, 2021 6:00 p.m. and Sunday January 24, 2021 8:30 a.m.

As We Gather

When someone calls you on your phone, do you always answer? In our present day with caller identification, many are apt to let the call go to voicemail to wait and see what the message is and who it's from and at times wait to respond depending on the level of importance. How about when God calls? Especially, if that call is one to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

PREPARATION



Invocation

- In the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- C Amen.

Opening Sentences

- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- **G** praise the name of the LORD!

Psalm 113:1-3

- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- **C** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Confession and Absolution

Mark 1:15; Psalm 113:1–3

- Gracious Lord, by Your name You have called us Your own, and we are to pray, praise, and give thanks to You.
- **C** Yet we often do not live as You have called us to live as Your own. We do not always honor Your name nor Your calling with our praise.
- P We confess our sins to God in repentance, turning from those things that lead us away, turning back to You as we follow in faith.

Silence for reflection

- P Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,
- we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.
- P The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the
 → Son and of the Holy Spirit.
- **G** Amen. Thanks be to God!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,
- **G** praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!
- **G** From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

WORD

Introit

Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3

- P From the rising of the sun to its setting,
- **G** the name of the LORD is to be praised!
- Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

- **G** praise the name of the LORD!
- P Blessed be the name of the LORD
- **G** from this time forth and forevermore!
- P The LORD is high above all nations,
- **G** and his glory above the heavens!
- $\ensuremath{\mathbb{P}}$ He raises the poor from the dust
- **G** and lifts the needy from the ash heap,

P to make them sit with princes,

G with the princes of his people.

Glory be 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.

P From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C the name of the LORD is to be praised!

Prayer of the Day

- 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 Reading

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 (ESV)

The Lord causes repentance of the Ninevites through Jonah's preaching ¹ 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.

- **L** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Epistle

1 Corinthians 7:29–35 (ESV)

As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time

²⁹ 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 please he 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.

L This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

Mark 1:14–20 (ESV)

Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him

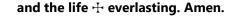
- **P** The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.
- Glory to You, O Lord.

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.

- **P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

 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,





Sermon

It's Not Too Late

Sanctity of Life Video

Offering (Offering and attendance cards can be placed in basket at the back.)

Prayer of the Church

Lord, as You have called us as Your own, gathered us together, and enlightened us by Your Spirit through Your Word, we bring to You our prayer and praise. Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Brief silence

(Each petition will close with; Lord in Your mercy... and the congregation replies: Hear our prayer. Prayer requests are listed in the *Tidings*)

Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C Amen.

Lord's Prayer

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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.

Psalm 113:2–3

Benediction

P Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

G From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!

- As the Lord sent His life-renewing Word through Jonah and the prophets, be assured of His forgiveness and love. As the Lord called and sent His apostles to be fishers of men, hear His voice and follow Him. As we have received God's grace this day for the sake of Christ our Lord, heed His call to repentance, rejoice in His forgiving grace, and give Him thanks and praise.
- C Amen.
- The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.
 The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.
 Amen.
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