

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany

## January 23, 2023

Words of Welcome

Gathering Hymn: God, who stretched the spangled heavens **Hymnal #580**

**God, who stretched the spangled heavens,  
infinite in time and place,  
flung the suns in burning radiance  
through the silent fields of space,  
we, your children, in your likeness,  
share inventive powers with you.  
Great Creator, still creating,  
show us what we yet may do.**

**Proudly rise our modern cities,  
stately buildings row on row;  
yet their windows, blank, unfeeling,  
stare on canyoned streets below,  
where the lonely drift unnoticed  
in the city's ebb and flow,  
lost to purpose and to meaning,  
scarcely caring where they go.**

**We have conquered worlds undreamed of  
since the childhood of our race;  
known the ecstasy of winging  
through uncharted realms of space;  
probed the secrets of the atom,  
yielding unimagined power,  
facing us with life's destruction  
or our most triumphant hour.**

**As each far horizon beckons,  
may it challenge us anew,  
children of creative purpose,  
serving others, honoring you.  
May our dreams prove rich with promise,  
each endeavor well begun.  
Great Creator, give us guidance  
till our goals and yours are one.**

## The Confession & Absolution

### *Officiant*

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God our heavenly Father, to set forth God's praise, to hear the holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind for worship, let us with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins against God and our neighbors.

*A substantial silence for reflection is kept.*

*Officiant* You raise the dead to life in the Spirit:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You bring pardon and peace to the broken in heart:  
Christ, have mercy.

*People* **Christ, have mercy.**

*Officiant* You make one by your Spirit the torn and divided:  
Lord, have mercy.

*People* **Lord, have mercy.**

*Celebrant* The almighty and merciful God grant us pardon and remission of all our sins, renewal of life, and the grace and comfort of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

## The Invitatory and Psalter

*Officiant* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;  
As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

*Officiant* Rise, O shine, for your light has come! For, look, darkness covers the earth, and gloom enshrouds the peoples; but the glory of the LORD has dawned upon us.

## Song of Faith: Psalm 27:1, 5-13

God is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear? \*

**God is the strength of my life; of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of you, O God; one thing I seek: \*

**that I may dwell in your house all the days of my life,**

To behold your fair beauty, O God, \*

**and to seek you in your temple.**

For in the day of trouble you shall keep me safe in your shelter; \*

**you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling  
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now you lift up my head \*

**above my enemies round about me.**

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with sounds of great gladness; \*

**I will sing and make music to you.**

Hearken to my voice, O Most High, when I call; \*

**have mercy on me and answer me.**

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face." \*

**Your face, O God, will I seek.**

Hide not your face from me, \*

**nor turn away your servant in displeasure.**

You have been my helper; cast me not away; \*

**do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.**

Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

First Reading: Isaiah 9:1-4

*Reader* A reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness, on them light has shined. You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

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

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

Canticle N: A Song of God's Love (1 John 4:7-12)

**Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God.**

**Everyone who loves is born of God and knows God.**

**Whoever does not love does not know God, for God is love.**

**God's love was revealed among us in this way:**

**God sent God's only Son into the world**

**so that we might live through Jesus Christ.**

**Beloved, since God loved us so much,**

**we also ought to love one another.**

**For if we love one another, God abides in us,**

**And God's love will be perfected in us.**

**Glory to the holy and undivided Trinity, one God;**

**As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:10-18

*Reader* A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth.

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there are quarrels among you,

my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power. For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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

The Gospel Reading: Matthew 4:12-23

*Reader* A reading from the Gospel of Matthew.

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: “Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.”

From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Change your hearts, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

*Reader* Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

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

Sermon

The Rev. Dr. Miranda Hassett

The Prayers

*Officiant* We now enter a time of prayer. You may wish to bow your head, open your hands, or prepare your body for prayer in some other way.

*Officiant* The Lord be with you.

*People* **And also with you.**

*Officiant* Now, let us pray as God’s beloved children, using the prayer Jesus taught us.

**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 Prayers of the People

Send prayer requests to [prayers@stdunstans.com](mailto:prayers@stdunstans.com).

- Officiant* Let us continue in prayer. We will hold up our needs and blessings to God. You can speak your prayers out loud, type them into the Chat area, or hold them in your heart. As you are able, please hold others' prayer requests before God in your heart as well.
- Officiant* Let us pray for all churches and their leaders, and for all God's people everywhere.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all those in authority.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all nations and peoples.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for the earth and the whole created order.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our local communities.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for those in any need or trouble, especially those on our parish prayer list: .... You are invited to name others in need of prayer, and to hold up your own struggles to the light of God's love.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for all who have died, and for those who mourn.  
*The people may offer additional names.*
- Officiant* Let us pray for our common life and work as God's people.  
*The people may offer their prayers aloud.*

## The Collect of the Day

*Officiant*

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.**

*The Officiant may read one of the following Collects as well:*

*A Collect for Peace*

O God, the author of peace and lover of concord, to know you is eternal life and to serve you is perfect freedom: Defend us, your humble servants, in all assaults of our enemies; that we, surely trusting in

your defense, may not fear the power of any adversaries; through the might of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Grace*

Lord God, almighty and everlasting One, you have brought us in safety to this new day: Preserve us with your mighty power, that we may not fall into sin, nor be overcome by adversity; and in all we do, direct us to the fulfilling of your purpose; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

*A Collect for Guidance*

Heavenly Father, in you we live and move and have our being: We humbly pray you so to guide and govern us by your Holy Spirit, that in all the cares and occupations of our life we may not forget you, but may remember that we are ever walking in your sight; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Sharing of Blessings

*Officiant* Does anyone have any blessings or celebrations to share with the assembly today?

The Peace

*Celebrant* The peace of the Lord be always with you!

*All* **And also with you!**

*Celebrant* Let us speak Christ's peace to one another. ...

Announcements

The Blessing

*Celebrant* May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts and fill our lives with joy and peace; and the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen!**

Dismissal

*Officiant* Let us bless the Lord.

*People* **Thanks be to God!**

Musical Offering: "You have come down to the lakeshore"

*Prepared by the Rev. Tom McAlpine*