

**An Order for
The Third Sunday of Epiphany
January 17, 2021**

The Gathering

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit
be with you all:
and also with you.

We are the body of Christ.

In the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body.

Let us then pursue all that makes for peace
and builds up our common life.

Hymn: I Come With Joy, A Child Of God

1 I come with joy, a child of God,
forgiven, loved and free,
the life of Jesus to recall,
in love laid down for me.

2 I come with Christians far and near
to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love
in Christ's communion bread.

3 As Christ breaks bread, and bids us
share,
each proud division ends.
The love that made us, makes us one,
and strangers now are friends.

4 The Spirit of the risen Christ,
unseen, but ever near,
is in such friendship better known,
alive among us here.

5 Together met, together bound
by all that God has done,
we'll go with joy, to give the world
the love that makes us one.

Invitation to Confession

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship. *Romans 12.1*

There is a moment of silence in which we recollect all the thing we have done which we ought not to have done, and left undone those things which we ought to have done.

All Most merciful God, Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
we confess that we have sinned in thought, word and deed.
We have not loved you with our whole heart.
We have not loved our neighbours as ourselves.
In your mercy forgive what we have been,
help us to amend what we are, and direct what we shall be;
that we may do justly, love mercy, and walk humbly with you, our God. Amen.

May God who loved the world so much
that he sent his Son to be our Saviour
forgive you your sins
and make you holy to serve him in the world,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Collect

God of all mercy,
your Son proclaimed good news to the poor,
release to the captives,
and freedom to the oppressed:
anoint us with your Holy Spirit
and set all your people free
to praise you in Christ our Lord.
Amen.

The Liturgy of the Word

The First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,
“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.”
So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh,
according to the word of the Lord.
Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across.
Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk.
And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!”
And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast,
and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.
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.

This is the word of the Lord.

All Thanks be to God.

The Psalm: Psalm 128

1 Blessed are all those who fear the Lord, ♦
and walk in his ways.

2 You shall eat the fruit of the toil of your hands; ♦
it shall go well with you, and happy shall you be.

3 Your wife within your house shall be like a fruitful vine; ♦
your children round your table,
like fresh olive branches.

4 Thus shall the one be blest ♦
who fears the Lord.

5 The Lord from out of Zion bless you, ♦
that you may see Jerusalem in prosperity
all the days of your life.

6 May you see your children's children, ♦
and may there be peace upon Israel.

**Glory to God, Source of all being,
Eternal Word and Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning is now
and shall be for ever. Amen.**

Hymn: To Those Who Knotted Nets Of Twine

1 To those who knotted nets of twine
to comb a fish-filled sea,
Christ called aloud, "Put down that line
and come and follow me."

2 Accustomed to the tug of rope
ensnared in rocks and weeds,
they felt from Christ a pull of hope,
amidst their tangled needs.

3 They left their boats, their sails and oars,
but even more than these,
they left the lake's encircling shores,
and its familiar breeze.

4 O Christ, who called beside the sea,
still call to us today,
Like those who fished in Galilee,
we'll risk your storm-swept way."

The Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20

Alleluia, alleluia.

Christ was revealed in flesh, proclaimed among the nations
and believed in throughout the world.

cf 1 Timothy 3.16

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.

This is the word of the Lord.
All Thanks be to God.

Reflection

Hymn: Precious Lord, Take My Hand

<p>1 Precious Lord, take my hand Lead me on, let me stand. I am tired, I am weak, I'm alone. Through the storm, through the night, Lead me on to the light. Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.</p>	<p>2 When my way grows drear, Precious Lord, lead me near, When my life is almost gone. Hear my cry, hear my call. Hold my hand, lest I fall. Take my hand, precious Lord, Lead me home.</p>
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3 When the darkness appears
And the night draws near,
And the day is past and gone,
At the river I stand.
Guide my feet, hold my hand,
Take my hand, precious Lord,
Lead me home.

An Affirmation of Faith: *Shema Yisrael* שמע ישראל

Let us recall the teaching of Jesus as we say:

**Hear, O Israel, the Lord our God, the Lord is one.
Love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your soul,
with all your mind, and with all your strength.
This is the first and the great commandment.
The second is like it: Love your neighbour as yourself.
There is no commandment greater than these.**

An Intercession.

The Lord's Prayer (Traditional Language)

Let us pray with confidence as our Saviour has taught us

**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,
the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Announcements

The Blessing

Christ the Son of God perfect in you the image of his glory
and gladden your hearts with the good news of his kingdom
and the blessing of God almighty,
the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit,
be among you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Hymn: Send Me, Lord (Thuma Mina)

1 Thuma mina.
Thuma mina,
thuma mina,
Somandla.

2 *Send me, Lord.*
Send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus,
send me, Jesus,
send me, Lord.

3 *Lead me, Lord.*
Lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Jesus,

lead me, Jesus,
lead me, Lord.

4 *Fill me, Lord.*
Fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Jesus,
fill me, Lord.

5 *Thuma mina.*
Thuma mina.
Thuma mina,
thuma mina,
Somandla.

The Dismissal

The Lord says, 'Go into all the world
and make disciples of all the nations.'
Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ. Amen.