

## Sunday, January 24<sup>th</sup>, the Third Sunday of Epiphany

Opening Song "Great are you Lord"

### The Acclamation

*The People standing, the Celebrant says this or a seasonal greeting.*

I will make you as a light for the nations,  
*People*           **That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

### The Collect for Purity

*The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)*

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

### The Summary of the Law

*Then follows the Summary of the Law, or The Decalogue.*

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the first and great commandment. And the second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets. *Matthew 22:37-40*

### The Gloria in Excelsis

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### The Collect of the Day

*The Celebrant says to the People*

The Lord be with you.  
*People*           And with your spirit.  
*Celebrant*       Let us pray.

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.**

### Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 3:19—4:4

<sup>19</sup> "I myself said,

"How gladly would I treat you like my children  
and give you a pleasant land,  
the most beautiful inheritance of any nation.'

I thought you would call me 'Father'  
and not turn away from following me.

<sup>20</sup> But like a woman unfaithful to her husband,  
so you, Israel, have been unfaithful to me,"  
declares the Lord.

<sup>21</sup> A cry is heard on the barren heights,  
the weeping and pleading of the people of Israel,  
because they have perverted their ways  
and have forgotten the Lord their God.

<sup>22</sup> “Return, faithless people;  
I will cure you of backsliding.”

“Yes, we will come to you,  
for you are the Lord our God.

<sup>23</sup> Surely the idolatrous commotion on the hills  
and mountains is a deception;  
surely in the Lord our God  
is the salvation of Israel.

<sup>24</sup> From our youth shameful gods have consumed  
the fruits of our ancestors’ labor—  
their flocks and herds,  
their sons and daughters.

<sup>25</sup> Let us lie down in our shame,  
and let our disgrace cover us.  
We have sinned against the Lord our God,  
both we and our ancestors;  
from our youth till this day  
we have not obeyed the Lord our God.”

**4** “If you, Israel, will return,  
then return to me,”  
declares the Lord.

“If you put your detestable idols out of my sight  
and no longer go astray,

<sup>2</sup> and if in a truthful, just and righteous way  
you swear, ‘As surely as the Lord lives,’  
then the nations will invoke blessings by him  
and in him they will boast.”

<sup>3</sup> This is what the Lord says to the people of Judah and to Jerusalem:

“Break up your unplowed ground  
and do not sow among thorns.

<sup>4</sup> Circumcise yourselves to the Lord,  
circumcise your hearts,  
you people of Judah and inhabitants of Jerusalem,  
or my wrath will flare up and burn like fire  
because of the evil you have done—  
burn with no one to quench it.

### **Psalm: Psalm 130**

<sup>1</sup> Out of the depths I cry to you, Lord;

<sup>2</sup> Lord, hear my voice.

Let your ears be attentive  
to my cry for mercy.

<sup>3</sup> If you, Lord, kept a record of sins,  
Lord, who could stand?

<sup>4</sup> But with you there is forgiveness,  
so that we can, with reverence, serve you.

<sup>5</sup> I wait for the Lord, my whole being waits,  
and in his word I put my hope.

<sup>6</sup> I wait for the Lord

more than watchmen wait for the morning,  
more than watchmen wait for the morning.  
<sup>7</sup> Israel, put your hope in the Lord,  
for with the Lord is unfailing love  
and with him is full redemption.  
<sup>8</sup> He himself will redeem Israel  
from all their sins.

### **New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:17-24**

<sup>17</sup> Nevertheless, each person should live as a believer in whatever situation the Lord has assigned to them, just as God has called them. This is the rule I lay down in all the churches. <sup>18</sup> Was a man already circumcised when he was called? He should not become uncircumcised. Was a man uncircumcised when he was called? He should not be circumcised. <sup>19</sup> Circumcision is nothing and uncircumcision is nothing. Keeping God's commands is what counts. <sup>20</sup> Each person should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

<sup>21</sup> Were you a slave when you were called? Don't let it trouble you—although if you can gain your freedom, do so. <sup>22</sup> For the one who was a slave when called to faith in the Lord is the Lord's freed person; similarly, the one who was free when called is Christ's slave. <sup>23</sup> You were bought at a price; do not become slaves of human beings. <sup>24</sup> Brothers and sisters, each person, as responsible to God, should remain in the situation they were in when God called them.

*Sequence Music "Jesus Lover of my Soul"*

### **Gospel: Mark 1:14-20**

<sup>14</sup> After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. <sup>15</sup> "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!"

<sup>16</sup> As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. <sup>17</sup> "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will send you out to fish for people." <sup>18</sup> At once they left their nets and followed him.

<sup>19</sup> When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. <sup>20</sup> Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

### **Sermon**

#### **Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, visible and invisible.  
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only-begotten 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 from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
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 [and the Son],  
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 of the People**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says these prayers, or the Prayers of the People in the Anglican Standard Text. The reader pauses after each bidding, and the people may add petitions, either silently or aloud.*

Let us pray for the Church and for the world, saying, “hear our prayer.”  
For the peace of the whole world, and for the well-being and unity of the people of God.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For *Foley*, our Archbishop, and *Ken*, our Bishop, and for all the clergy and people of our diocese, especially for Fr. Shane and his wife Kris, and the leaders of St. George’s Anglican Church in Phoenix, Arizona.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who proclaim the Gospel at home and abroad; and for all who teach and disciple others, especially Krista Alywin and her work in Laos.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For our brothers and sisters in Christ who are persecuted for their faith.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For our nation, for those in authority and for all in public service.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who are in trouble, sorrow, need, sickness, or any other adversity.

*Reader* Lord, in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

For all those who have departed this life in the certain hope of the resurrection, in thanksgiving let us pray.

*Reader* Lord in your mercy:

*People* Hear our prayer.

*The Celebrant concludes with the following prayer*

Heavenly Father, grant these our prayers for Jesus Christ’s sake, our only Mediator and Advocate, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. *Amen.*

## **The Confession and Absolution of Sin**

*The Deacon or other person appointed says the following*

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

*The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray*

Most merciful God,

we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

*The Priest stands and says*

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

*Amen.*

## **The Peace**

*Celebrant* The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

## **Announcements and Blessing Prayers**

### **Doxology**

### **The Sursum Corda**

The Lord be with you.

*People* And with your spirit.

*Celebrant* Lift up your hearts.

*People* We lift them up to the Lord.

*Celebrant* Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People* It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who forever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

## **The Sanctus- Be Unto Your Name**

### **The Prayer of Consecration**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation.

By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might

be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,\* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise, after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for this is my Blood of the New Covenant, which is shed for you, and for many, for the forgiveness of sins: Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

*Celebrant and People*

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving, and we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. And bring us with all your saints into the fullness of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. *Amen.*

### **The Lord's Prayer**

And now as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

*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.*

*Celebrant* Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

*People* Therefore let us keep the feast. *Alleluia.*

### **Prayer for Spiritual Communion**

*Dear Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Holy Sacrament. I love you above all things, and I desire to possess you within my soul. And since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, I beseech you to come spiritually into my heart. I unite myself to you, together with all your faithful people [gathered around every altar of your Church], and I embrace you with all the affections of my soul. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.*

### **The Ministration of Communion**

The gifts of God for the people of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

### **The Post Communion Prayer**

*After Communion, the Celebrant says*

Let us pray.

*Celebrant and People together say the following*

Heavenly Father,

we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food  
of the most precious body and blood  
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ;  
and for assuring us in these holy mysteries  
that we are living members of the body of your Son,  
and heirs of your eternal Kingdom.

And now Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do,  
to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord.

To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit,

be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

### **The Blessing**

*The Priest, gives this blessing*

The peace of God which passes all understanding keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. *Amen.*

*Closing Music "Blessed be your Name"*

### **The Dismissal**

*The Deacon, or the Priest, may dismiss the people with these words*

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

*People*

**Thanks be to God.**