

January 24, 2021

*The Third Sunday after
the Epiphany*



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SERVICE of WORSHIP

Setting 1 from Lutheran Book of Worship

THE PRELUDE: *Breathe*

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BRIEF ORDER FOR CONFESSION and FORGIVENESS

In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. But if we confess our sins, God who is faithful and just will forgive our sins and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

(silence for reflection and self examination)

Most merciful God,

We confess that we are in bondage to sin and cannot free ourselves. 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. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen

Almighty God, in his mercy, has given his Son to die for us and, for his sake, forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of the Church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen

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I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

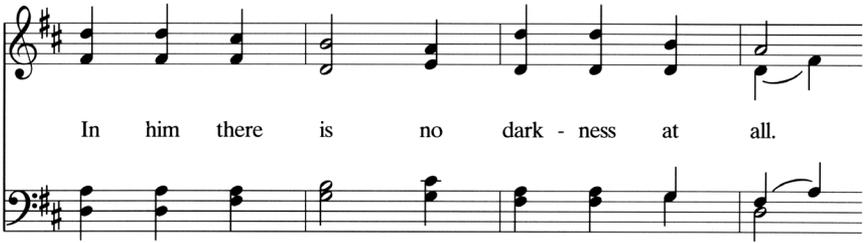
1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God.
 3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ.

I want to fol - low Je - sus.
 I want to look at Je - sus.
 I want to be with Je - sus.

God set the stars to give light to the world.
 Clear Sun of Righ - teous - ness, shine on my path,
 When we have run . . . with pa - tience the race,

The star of my life . . . is Je - sus.
 and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
 we shall know the joy . . . of Je - sus.

Refrain



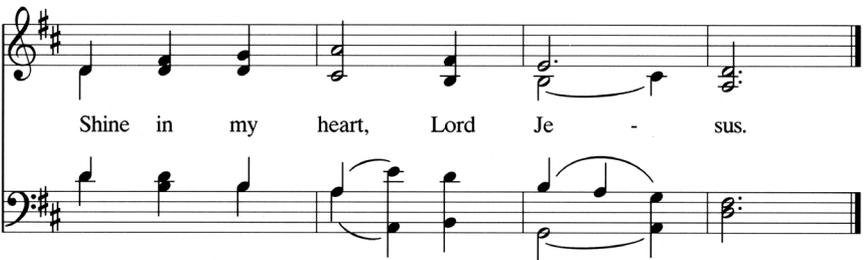
In him there is no dark - ness at all.



The night and the day are both a - like.



The Lamb is the light of the cit - y of God.

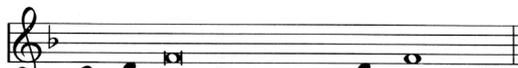


Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

THE GREETING & KYRIE

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

And also with you.



A In peace, let us pray to the Lord.



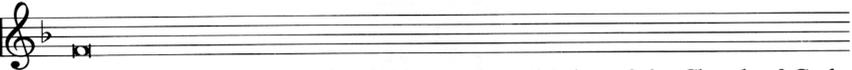
C Lord, have mer - cy.



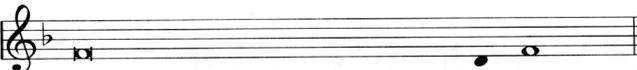
A For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God,



and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.



A For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,



let us pray to the Lord.



C Lord, have mer - cy.

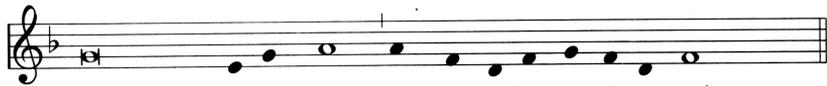


A Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra-cious Lord.



C A - men

THE HYMN OF PRAISE



THE SALUTATION



☐ The Lord be with you.



☑ And al - so with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray...

Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

TEMPLE TALK: *Thrivent Choice*

Deb Neely

VOCAL SOLO: *As the Deer*

Randall Fields

THE FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

3 The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ 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.

THE PSALM

Psalm 62:6-14

⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, my hope is in him.

⁷**He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.**

⁸In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁹**Put your trust in him always, O people,
pour out your hearts before him,
for God is our refuge.**

¹⁰ Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

¹¹ **On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.**

¹² Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹³ **God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.**

¹⁴ Steadfast love is yours, O Lord,
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

THE SECOND LESSON

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

²⁹ I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be 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 possessions, 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.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: "Alleluia, Lord to Whom Shall We Go"



THE GOSPEL ANNOUNCEMENT

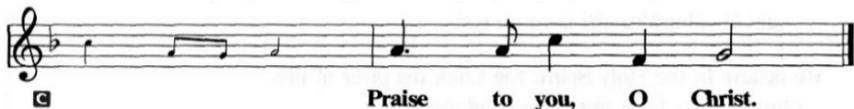
The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the 1st chapter.



¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.



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Be Thou My Vision

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
 2 Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:
 I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord.
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought . . . by day and by night,
 Thou my soul's shel - ter, thou my high tower,
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.
 raise thou me heav'n - ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.

THE SERMON

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord,
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit,
and born of the virgin Mary,

He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day he rose again.

He ascended into heaven,

and is seated at the right hand of the Father,

He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen

THE OFFERTORY: "Create in Me"

Cre - ate in me a clean heart, O God, and re - new a
right spir - it with - in me. Cast me not a - way from your
pres - ence, and take not your Ho - ly Spir - it from
me. Re - store to me the joy of your sal - va - tion,
and up - hold me with your free Spir - it.

The musical score is written on five staves in a single system. It begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a 7/8 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics printed below the notes. The piece concludes with a double bar line.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

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

Amen

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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 forever. Amen**

THE BENEDICTION

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Rise, Shine, You People!

1 Rise, shine, you peo - ple! Christ the Lord has en - tered Our
 2 See how he sends the pow'rs of e - vil reel - ing; He
 3 Come, cel - e-brate; your ban - ners high un - furl - ing, Your
 4 Tell how the Fa - ther sent his Son to save us. Tell

hu - man sto - ry; God in him is cen - tered. He comes to
 brings us free - dom, light and life and heal - ing. All men and
 songs and prayers a - gainst the dark - ness hurl - ing. To all the
 of the Son, who life and free - dom gave us. Tell how the

us, by death and sin sur-round - ed, With grace un - bound - ed.
 wom-en, who by guilt are driv - en, Now are for - giv - en.
 world go out and tell the sto - ry Of Je - sus' glo - ry.
 Spir - it calls from ev - 'ry na - tion His new cre - a - tion.

THE DISMISSAL

THE POSTLUDE: *Christ for the World We Sing!*