



# The Liturgy of the Word

The 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021 • 10:00 a.m.

The Episcopal Diocese of Fort Worth

*The people's responses are in bold.*

## The Entrance Rite

*The people stand as able.*

PROCESSIONAL HYMN • 653

*Dear Lord and Father of mankind*



1 Dear Lord and Fa - ther of man - kind, for -  
2 In sim - ple trust like theirs who heard, be -  
3 O Sab - bath rest by Gal - i - lee! O  
4 Drop thy still dews of qui - et - ness, till  
5 Breathe through the heats of our de - sire thy



1 give our fool - ish ways! Re - clothe us in our  
2 side the Syr - ian sea, the gra - cious call - ing  
3 calm of hills a - bove, where Je - sus knelt to  
4 all our striv - ings cease; take from our souls the  
5 cool - ness and thy balm; let sense be dumb, let



1 right - ful mind, in pur - er lives thy ser - vice find, in  
2 of the Lord, let us, like them, with - out a word, rise  
3 share with thee the si - lence of e - ter - ni - ty in -  
4 strain and stress, and let our or - dered lives con - fess the  
5 flesh re - tire; speak through the earth - quake, wind, and fire, O



1 deep - er rev - erence, praise, in deep - er rev - erence, praise.  
2 up and fol - low thee, rise up and fol - low thee.  
3 ter - pret - ed by love! in - ter - pret - ed by love!  
4 beau - ty of thy peace, the beau - ty of thy peace.  
5 still, small voice of calm, O still, small voice of calm.

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## THE OPENING ACCLAMATION

Blessed be the One Holy and Living God  
**Glory to God forever and ever.**

## THE COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.**

## HYMN OF PRAISE • S-280

**Glory to God in the highest,  
and peace to his people on earth.  
Lord God, heavenly King,  
almighty God and Father,  
we worship you, we give you thanks,  
we praise you for your glory.  
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,  
Lord God, Lamb of God,  
you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us;  
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:  
receive our prayer.  
For you alone are the Holy One,  
you alone are the Lord,  
you alone are the Most High,  
Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit,  
in the glory of God the Father, Amen.**

## The Word of God

### THE COLLECT FOR THE DAY

God be with you.  
**And also with you.**  
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.**

*The people are seated.*

### 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.

The Word of God for the people of God.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Psalm 62:6-14** (*Read in unison*)

**6 For 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.**

**8 In 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 READING

## 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

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, 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, 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.

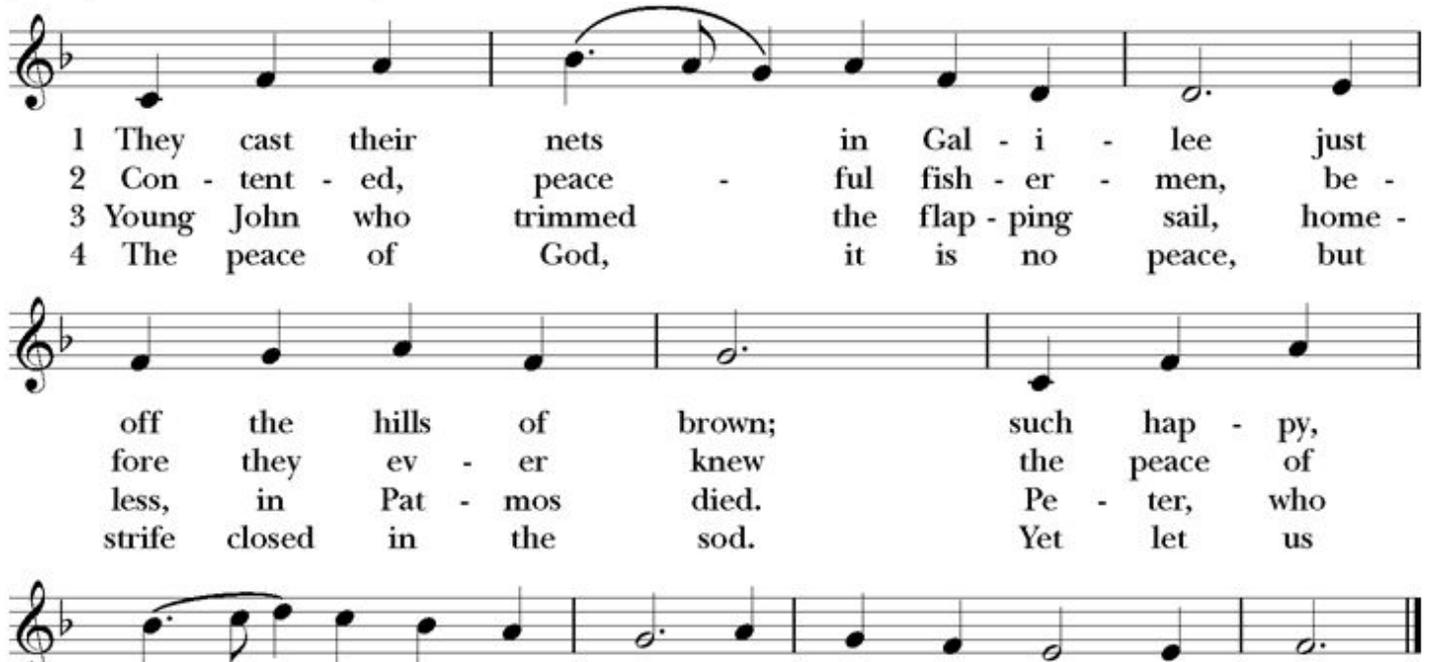
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**Thanks be to God.**

The people stand as able at the introduction of the hymn.

HYMN AT THE SEQUENCE • 661

*They cast their nets*



1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just  
2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -  
3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -  
4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but

off the hills of brown; such hap - py,  
fore they ev - er knew the peace of  
less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who  
strife closed in the sod. Yet let us

sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down.  
God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too.  
hailed the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied.  
pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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THE HOLY GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:14-20).

**Glory to you, O Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.  
**Praise to you, O Christ.**

THE HOMILY

The Rev. Allison Sandlin Liles

## THE NICENE CREED

**We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only 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:**

**by the power of the Holy Spirit**

**he became incarnate from 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

*Presider* Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Almighty God, grant that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth, live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the world. We pray for Justin, the Archbishop of Canterbury; Michael, the Presiding Bishop of the Episcopal Church; Scott, our bishop; and for all bishops, ministers and lay leaders. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations, in the ways of justice and peace, especially Joe, our president; Kamala, our Vice President; Greg, our governor; and Betsy, our mayor; that we may honor one another and serve the common good. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Give us all a reverence for the earth as your own creation, that we may use its resources rightly in the service of others and to your honor and glory. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours, and grant that we may serve Christ in them, and love one another as Christ loves us. We pray for 4Saints Episcopal Food Pantry, Eastside Ministries, and other non-profit organizations caring for your beloved. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Joy of human hearts, heal our communities, especially those where your word is not heard, or where neglect, violence, greed, and warfare increase the suffering and need of people and other creatures. Protect and guide those who serve in the military, and those who are first responders. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

Comforter of all the earth, bless those worshiping with us today and any looking for a place to belong; sustain the people who need your presence and help especially those we now name \_\_\_\_\_.  
Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

We commend to your mercy all who have died, that your will for them may be fulfilled; and we pray that we may share with all your saints in your eternal kingdom. Christ, in your mercy,

**Hear our prayer.**

*Presider* Almighty and eternal God, ruler of all things in heaven and earth: Mercifully accept the prayers of your people, and strengthen us to do your will; through Jesus Christ our Savior.  
**Amen.**

## THE CONFESSION & ABSOLUTION

Let us pray also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful God;  
in your compassion forgive us our sins,  
known and unknown,  
things done and left undone;  
and so uphold us by your Spirit  
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,  
to the honor and glory of your Name;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

## THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be always with you.

**And also with you.**

## THE OFFERTORY

Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself for us, an offering and sacrifice to God. *Ephesians 5:2*

## THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Eucharistic Prayer B

The Lord be with you.

**And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

**We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Almighty God, Creator of heaven and earth. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. 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:

## SANCTUS

**Holy, Holy, Holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

**Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.**

**Hosanna in the highest.**

*The People stand or kneel as able*

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O God,

**We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory.**

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant.

**All: Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with the blessed Luke, and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.**

By Christ, and with Christ, and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit  
all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and forever. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, together we pray,

*All* **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.**

## THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us,  
**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

## THE INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

The gifts of God for the people of God.

*If you have a consecrated host at home, please join us in sharing communion at this time.*

*If you do not have a consecrated host at home, join us by sharing spiritual communion with the following prayer:*

In union, O God, with the faithful of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We present to you our souls and bodies with the earnest wish that we may always be united to you. And since we cannot now receive you sacramentally, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts. We unite ourselves with you and embrace you with all the love of our souls. Let nothing ever separate you from us. May we live in you, and may you live in us, both in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

## THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER *The people stand as able.*

**Almighty and everliving God, 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, O God, 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

And the blessing of God Almighty, Creator, Redeemer, and Sanctifier, be upon you and remain with you forever. **Amen.**

## THE DISMISSAL

Go forth in peace to love and serve God and one another.  
**Thanks be to God.**

# POSTLUDE

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