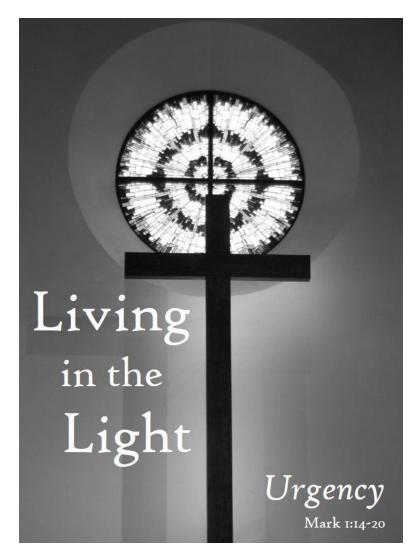
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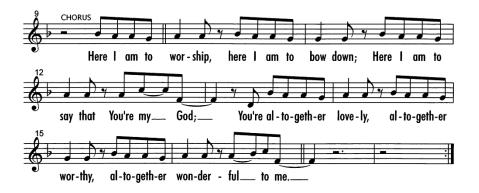
Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Divine Service

Invocation for the Epiphany Season This is the day the Lord has made; P Let us rejoice and be glad in it! С Psalm 118:24 Arise! Shine! For your light has come. P Isaiah 60:1 C We have seen His star and have come Matthew 2:2 to worship Him! P Arise! Shine! For your light has come. And the glory of the Lord has risen upon us! С Isaiah 60:1 In the name of the Father and of the + Son P Matthew 28:19 and of the Holy Spirit. С Amen.



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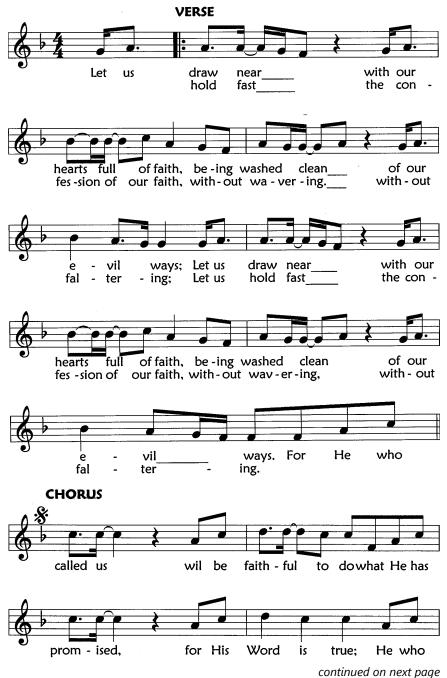
Prayer of Confession

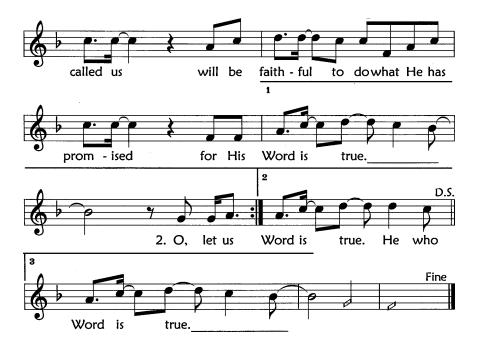
- Heavenly Father, as we come in the name of Jesus, confident that with you there is forgiveness, we ask you to hear the confession of our sins.
- Often we do not follow the guiding light of your Word, but turn to the artificial lights of sin which Satan has placed on our path.
- Many times our thoughts and words, our intentions and our actions have been sinful.
- We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbor as ourselves. In our sin, we have fallen short of the glory of God, and have no power to free ourselves from our sinful condition.

We pause for silent confession and reflection

- For all our sins those known to us and others, and those known only to you,
- We ask you Almighty God, have mercy upon us, forgive us our sins, and lead us to everlasting life. Amen.

Verse 1, Chorus, Verse 2, Chorus, Chorus





Absolution

P Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for you and for His sake forgives you all your sins. As a called and ordained servant of Christ, and by His authority, I therefore forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen!

Psalm

Psalm 62:1–8

Spoken responsively, whole verse by whole verse

¹For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.

²He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.

³How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?

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⁴They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood.

They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.

⁵For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.

⁶He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

⁷On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.

⁸Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Prayer

Old Testament Reading

¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

- A This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

Jonah 3:1–5, 10

1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and 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 goods, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

A This is the Word of the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Holy Gospel

■ The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- P This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- **G** Praise to You, O Christ.

Apostles' Creed

- I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.
 - And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary,

Epistle

Mark 1:14-20

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day He rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From thence He will come to judge the living and the dead.

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

Sermon

Living in the Light

Week 1 of 3

"Urgency" Mark 1:14–20



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Prayers of the Church Family and the Lord's Prayer

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

Response after each petition

- P 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, who has taught us to pray together:
- 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 forever and ever. Amen.

Benediction

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

C Amen.







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Resources for Meditation this Week

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings

Jonah 3:1–5, 10 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (32-35) Mark 1:14-20

The Lord Calls Us to Himself by the Preaching of Repentance in His Name

When "the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD" (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that he had said he would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).



FOURTH SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Readings

Deuteronomy 18:15–20 1 Corinthians 8:1–13 Mark 1:21–28

Our Lord Jesus Christ, True God in the Flesh, Cleanses Our Consciences from Sin

As He promised, the Lord our God has raised up "a prophet" like Moses, namely Jesus, our brother in the flesh. "To him you shall listen," because the Word of the Lord is "in his mouth" (Deut. 18:15-18). Indeed, He is more than a prophet and more than a scribe of the Scriptures; He is the incarnate Word, and He speaks "a new teaching with authority" (Mark 1:22, 27). He enters "the synagogue" of His Church and provides true Sabbath rest, using His authority to silence and cast out "even the unclean spirits" (Mark 1:21-27). By His Word of the cross, He removes the accusations of the Law and of the devil, and He cleanses our consciences before God the Father, "from whom are all things and for whom we exist." Hence, we are now set free from bondage and commended to God by the one Lord, Jesus Christ, "through whom are all things and through whom we exist" (1 Cor. 8:6). Therefore, use your freedom to care for your brothers and sisters, neither causing them to stumble nor wounding their consciences (1 Cor. 8:9-12), but cleansing and strengthening them with the Gospel.

