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Online Morning Prayer  
The Third Sunday of the Epiphany

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Opening Sentence

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together (microphones muted):*

**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 says*

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

**The Invitatory and Psalter**

*Officiant*  
*t* Lord, open our lips.

*People* **And our mouth shall proclaim your  
praise.**

*Officiant and People (microphones muted)*

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**Come let us adore him.**

**Venite** *Psalm 95:1-7*

Come, let us sing to the Lord; \*

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving \*

and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.

For the Lord is a great God, \*

and a great King above all gods.

In his hand are the caverns of the earth, \*

and the heights of the hills are his also.

The sea is his, for he made it, \*

and his hands have molded the dry land.

Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, \*

and kneel before the Lord our Maker.

For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. \*

Oh, that today you would hearken to his voice!

Worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness:

**Come let us adore him.**

**Psalm 63** *Deus, Deus meus (taking turns reading by whole verse)*

<sup>1</sup>O God, you are my God; eagerly I seek you; my soul thirsts for you, my  
flesh faints for you, as in a barren and dry land where there is no water.

<sup>2</sup>Therefore I have gazed upon you in your holy place, that I might behold  
your power and your glory.

<sup>3</sup>For your loving-kindness is better than life itself; my lips shall give you  
praise.

<sup>4</sup>So will I bless you as long as I live and lift up my hands in your Name.

<sup>5</sup>My soul is content, as with marrow and fatness, and my mouth praises you with joyful lips,

<sup>6</sup>When I remember you upon my bed, and meditate on you in the night watches.

<sup>7</sup>For you have been my helper, and under the shadow of your wings I will rejoice.

<sup>8</sup>My soul clings to you; your right hand holds me fast.

<sup>9</sup>May those who seek my life to destroy it go down into the depths of the earth;

<sup>10</sup>Let them fall upon the edge of the sword, and let them be food for jackals.

<sup>11</sup>But the king will rejoice in God; all those who swear by him will be glad; for the mouth of those who speak lies shall be stopped.

### **Psalm 98** *Cantate Domino*

<sup>1</sup>Sing to the LORD a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

<sup>2</sup>With his right hand and his holy arm has he won for himself the victory.

<sup>3</sup>The LORD has made known his victory; his righteousness has he openly shown in the sight of the nations.

<sup>4</sup>He remembers his mercy and faithfulness to the house of Israel, and all the ends of the earth have seen the victory of our God.

<sup>5</sup>Shout with joy to the LORD, all you lands; lift up your voice, rejoice, and sing.

<sup>6</sup>Sing to the LORD with the harp, with the harp and the voice of song.

<sup>7</sup>With trumpets and the sound of the horn shout with joy before the King,  
the LORD.

<sup>8</sup>Let the sea make a noise and all that is in it, the lands and those who  
dwell therein.

<sup>9</sup>Let the rivers clap their hands, and let the hills ring out with joy before  
the LORD, when he comes to judge the earth.

<sup>10</sup>In righteousness shall he judge the world and the peoples with equity.

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as  
it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.**

### **The Old Testament Reading**

Genesis 13:2-18

Now Abram was very rich in livestock, in silver, and in gold. He journeyed on by stages from the Negeb as far as Bethel, to the place where his tent had been at the beginning, between Bethel and Ai, to the place where he had made an altar at the first; and there Abram called on the name of the Lord. Now Lot, who went with Abram, also had flocks and herds and tents, so that the land could not support both of them living together; for their possessions were so great that they could not live together, and there was strife between the herders of Abram's livestock and the herders of Lot's livestock. At that time the Canaanites and the Perizzites lived in the land.

Then Abram said to Lot, 'Let there be no strife between you and me, and between your herders and my herders; for we are kindred. Is not the whole land before you? Separate yourself from me. If you take the left hand, then I will go to the right; or if you take the right hand, then I will go to the left.' Lot looked about him, and saw that the plain of the Jordan was well watered everywhere like the garden of the Lord, like the land of Egypt, in the direction of Zoar; this was before the Lord had destroyed Sodom and Gomorrah. So Lot chose for himself all the plain of the Jordan, and Lot journeyed eastwards; thus they separated from each other. Abram settled in the land of Canaan, while Lot settled among the cities of the Plain and moved his tent as far as Sodom. Now the people of Sodom were wicked, great sinners against the Lord.

The Lord said to Abram, after Lot had separated from him, 'Raise your eyes now, and look from the place where you are, northwards and southwards and eastwards and westwards; for all the land that you see I will give to you and to your offspring for ever. I will make your offspring like the dust of the earth; so that if one can count the dust of the earth, your offspring also can be counted. Rise up, walk through the length and the breadth of the land, for I will give it to you.' So Abram moved his tent, and came and settled by the oaks of Mamre, which are at Hebron; and there he built an altar to the Lord.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 16 The Song of Zechariah** *(together, microphones muted)*

Blessed be the Lord, the God of Israel,\*  
he has come to his people and set them free.  
He has raised up for us a mighty savior,\*  
born of the house of his servant David.  
Through his holy prophets he promised of old,  
that he would save us from our enemies,\*  
from the hands of all who hate us.  
he promised to show mercy to our fathers\*  
and to remember his holy covenant.  
This was the oath he swore to our father Abraham,\*  
to set us free from the hands of our enemies,  
Free to worship him without fear,\*  
holy and righteous in his sight  
all the days of our life.  
You, my child, shall be called the prophet of the Most High,\*  
for you will go before the Lord to prepare his way,  
To give his people knowledge of salvation\*  
by the forgiveness of their sins.  
In the tender compassion of our God\*  
the dawn from on high shall break upon us,  
To shine on those who dwell in darkness and the shadow of death,\*  
and to guide our feet into the way of peace.  
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

## **New Testament Reading**

Galatians 2:1-10

Then after fourteen years I went up again to Jerusalem with Barnabas, taking Titus along with me. I went up in response to a revelation. Then I laid before them (though only in a private meeting with the acknowledged leaders) the gospel that I proclaim among the Gentiles, in order to make sure that I was not running, or had not run, in vain. But even Titus, who was with me, was not compelled to be circumcised, though he was a Greek. But because of false believers secretly brought in, who slipped in to spy on the freedom we have in Christ Jesus, so that they might enslave us— we did not submit to them even for a moment, so that the truth of the gospel might always remain with you. And from those who were supposed to be acknowledged leaders (what they actually were makes no difference to me; God shows no partiality)— those leaders contributed nothing to me. On the contrary, when they saw that I had been entrusted with the gospel for the uncircumcised, just as Peter had been entrusted with the gospel for the circumcised (for he who worked through Peter making him an apostle to the circumcised also worked through me in sending me to the Gentiles), and when James and Cephas and John, who were acknowledged pillars, recognized the grace that had been given to me, they gave to Barnabas and me the right hand of fellowship, agreeing that we should go to the Gentiles and they to the circumcised. They asked only one thing, that we remember the poor, which was actually what I was eager to do.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 21 You are God** (*together, microphones muted*)

You are God: we praise you;

You are the Lord; we acclaim you;

You are the eternal Father:

All creation worships you.

To you all angels, all the powers of heaven,

Cherubim and Seraphim, sing in endless praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

The glorious company of apostles praise you.  
The noble fellowship of prophets praise you.  
The white-robed army of martyrs praise you.  
Throughout the world the holy Church acclaims you;  
Father, of majesty unbounded,  
your true and only Son, worthy of all worship,  
and the Holy Spirit, advocate and guide.  
You, Christ, are the king of glory,  
the eternal Son of the Father.  
When you became man to set us free  
you did not shun the Virgin's womb.  
You overcame the sting of death  
and opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.  
You are seated at God's right hand in glory.  
We believe that you will come and be our judge.  
Come then, Lord, and help your people,  
bought with the price of your own blood,  
and bring us with your saints  
to glory everlasting.

### **Gospel**

Mark 7:31-37

Then he returned from the region of Tyre, and went by way of Sidon towards the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. They brought to him a deaf man who had an impediment in his speech; and they begged him to lay his hand on him. He took him aside in private, away from the crowd, and put his fingers into his ears, and he spat and touched his tongue. Then looking up to heaven, he sighed and said to him, 'Ephphatha', that is, 'Be opened.' And immediately his ears were opened, his tongue was released, and he spoke plainly. Then Jesus ordered them to tell no one; but the more he ordered them, the more zealously they proclaimed it. They were astounded beyond measure, saying, 'He has done everything well; he even makes the deaf to hear and the mute to speak.'

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

### **The Apostle's 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 to the dead.  
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 Lord's Prayer** (*together, microphones muted*)

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 for ever. Amen.

**Suffrages**

Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
**And grant us your salvation.**  
Clothe your ministers with righteousness;



Let your people sing with joy.  
Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
For only in you can we live in safety.  
Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
Let your way be known upon earth;  
Your saving health among all nations.  
Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

### Collect of the Day: The Third Sunday after The Epiphany

#### A Collect for Sundays

Let us pray now for our own needs and those of others. (*You are invited to speak prayer concerns or to offer them in the chat box.*)

#### General Thanksgiving (*together, microphones muted*)

Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all whom you have made. We bless you for our creation, preservation, and all the blessings of this life; but above all for your immeasurable love in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ; for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory. And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies, that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise, not only with our lips, but in our lives, by giving up our selves to your service, and by walking before you in holiness and righteousness all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

#### Benediction

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church,

and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. Amen.