

The First Lesson

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 Psalm

62:6-14

Nonne Deo?

- 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.

Said together:

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.

Second Lesson

I Corinthians 6:12-20

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.

Hymn

O Master, let me walk with thee

H 660



Gospel Lesson

Mark 1:14-20

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 Sermon

The Nicene Creed

BCP 358

Written about 325 AD, this is the ancient statement of our faith

Prayers of the People IV

BCP 388

We pray together as the people of God

Confession & Absolution

BCP 360

We confess our sins and are reassured of our pardon

The Peace

We share the joy of the Good News!



The Liturgy of the Eucharist, sometimes called *the Mass*

Offertory

God my King

Heaton

Presentation of Gifts and Tithes

*To God the Father, heavenly Light,
To Christ, revealed in earthly night,
To God the Holy Ghost we raise
Our equal and unceasing praise.*

From Hymn 124 vs. 5

Eucharistic Prayer "A"

BCP 361

- Sanctus* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S129
- Memorial Acclamation* Words in BCP, Musical Setting H-S132
- The Lord's Prayer* Traditional version, found on BCP 364
- Fraction Anthem* H-S 152

The Distribution of the Holy Sacrament

All baptized Christians, of any tradition, are welcome to receive the sacrament. Everyone, regardless of faith, is welcome to receive a blessing—simply cross your arms in front of you as the priest comes by. It is the tradition of this parish that 12 to 14 people at a time receive Communion at the altar rail, at which point all are dismissed together to return to their seats, and another group may move forward to the rail. Gluten free wafers are available to those who request them.

Communion Hymns

- O saving Victim* H 311
- My God, thy table now is spread* H 321
- Dear Lord and Father of mankind* H 652

Our Prayer after Communion

BCP 365

The Blessing

The Priest blesses the people.

Hymn

O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling

H 539

The Dismissal

We are dismissed from this gathering to go into the world to spread the Good News and the love of Christ! We respond to this instruction with: *Thanks be to God!*

Participants in Today's Liturgy

<u>Acolyte</u>	John Allen	Rob Merritt
<u>Chalicer</u>	Rob Merritt	Jay Kephart
<u>Lector</u>	Jay Kephart	Linda Ammar
<u>Altar Guild</u>	Elizabeth Sudduth	Kay Sudduth
	Betty Nash	

Following our service will be Coffee Hour, hosted today by Kathy Burge and Michelle Parks. This is a time for us to have fellowship, share our joys and sorrows, and get to know one another. It is very much an extension of the communal feast we share in the Holy Eucharist. Please join us!

The Altar Flowers are given today by Mr. Tom Coughlan in memory of his loved ones.

Attendance Last Sunday 45

Birthdays This Week: Catherine Beemer, Howard Troutner, Frank Wilkinson.



Prayer Requests

Please Keep the Following in Your Prayers

Dorene Dimes—Wanda Myers—Bonnie Taylor—Joe Sanders--Marlene—Lee Puckett, Sr.—Phyllis & Nelson Walker—Linda—Valerie Mahood—Edi—Sierra—Alex B.—Toni R.—Linda Sydeski—Dawson Family—Joan—Ragen—Nancy—Marion Lowe—Jared Cregger—Peyton Cline and family

Calendar of Events

Wednesday - January 24	Dinner at Union Mission
Sunday – January 28	Parish Life Meeting after Coffee Hour
Friday – February 2	Candlemas Service 6:30pm
Tuesday – February	Vestry 7:00pm
Tuesday – February 13	ECM Shrove Tuesday Pancake Supper 5:30 -7:00 pm
Wednesday – February 14	Ash Wednesday TBD
Thursday – February 15	Food Pantry
Wednesday – February 21	Lenten Dinner 6:00pm Carry in



Announcements:

Parish Life Meeting: Will meet January 28th after Coffee Hour. There is a signup sheet in the Narthex for anyone that's interested in being a member of Parish Life.

Chili Cook-Off for the Union Mission: We will be supplying chili for the evening meeting at the Union Mission on Wednesday, January 24. See Linda Ammar if you are able to contribute a crockpot full of your favorite recipe! Workers at the Union Mission will vote for their favorite. The winner will receive a special prize and bragging rights for the next year!

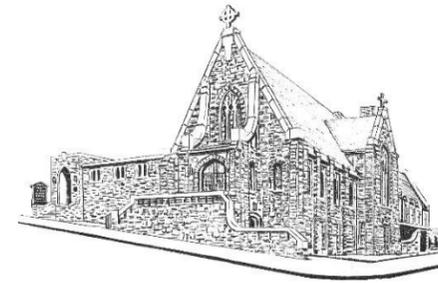
Lenten Dinner: This year's theme will be on Christian spirituality and mindfulness, led by Dr. Assaad Mounzer. Dinner will be carry in or catered as announced. Everyone is invited and encouraged to bring a friend!

ECM Pancake Supper: If you haven't already gotten your tickets please see one of the ECM members. The Pancake Supper is Tuesday, February 13th 5:30 to 7:00pm.

Envelopes: If you requested giving envelopes this year, they're located on the ushers' table.

Clergy, Staff, and Wardens of this Parish

The Rev. Chad Slater	Rector
Ms. Emma Bennett	Parish Administrator
Mr. Terry E. Whittington, Jr.	Organist & Choirmaster
Mrs. Vanessa Hall	Sexton
Dr. Rob Merritt	Senior Warden
Mrs. Dee Puckett	Junior Warden



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Third Sunday after the Epiphany

Welcome to this Place of Prayer

If you are new or visiting this congregation for the first time we invite you to fill out a Visitor's Card (found on the rack in front of you) and place it in the collect plate as it is passed. We are honored you have chosen to worship with us today and hope that you will continue your faith journey here.

This bulletin will help guide you through today's service. The abbreviation "H" stands for "Hymnal." This is the larger red book located on the shelf in front of you. That music noted as "H-S" followed by a number is service music, and is found in the very first pages of the Hymnal. "BCP" is our abbreviation for "Book of Common Prayer," which is the smaller red book.

The Liturgy of the Word

<u>Hymn</u>	<i>Christ for the world we sing</i>	H 537
<u>The Service Begins</u>		BCP 355
<u>Gloria in Excelsis</u>		H-S 280
	<i>The text to this ancient hymn of praise is found in the BCP</i>	

The Collect *Our collective prayer for the day.*
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.*