



# St. Jude's Episcopal Church

*Seeking and Worshipping God, Reaching out to Others*

January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany  
8:00 am Morning Prayer

## Opening Hymn *Jesus calls us; o'er the tumult* (v. 1, 5)

*Unison or harmony*

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult  
5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

1 of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his  
5 Sa - vior, make us hear thy call, give our hearts to

1 clear voice sound - eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"  
5 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Words: Cecil Frances Alexander (1818-1895), alt.

Music: *Restoration*, melody from *The Southern Harmony*, 1835; harm. *Hymnal 1982*, after *The Southern Harmony*, 1835

## Opening Sentence

Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable in your sight,  
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer. *Psalms 19:14*

## Confession of Sin

*The Officiant says to the people,*  
Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence may be kept.*

*Officiant and People together,*  
**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*        Lord, open our lips  
*People*            **And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.**

*Officiant and People,*  
**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 mercy of the Lord is everlasting: 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!

### **The Psalm** *Psalm 62:6-14*

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.

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.

### **The Lessons**

**The First Reading.** *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

A Reading from the Book of Jonah.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.

*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**Canticle 14** *A Song of Penitence* *Kyrie Pantokrator*

*Prayer of Manasseh 1-2, 4, 6-7, 11-15*

O Lord and Ruler of the hosts of heaven, \*  
God of Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob,  
and of all their righteous offspring:  
You made the heavens and the earth, \*  
with all their vast array.

All things quake with fear at your presence; \*  
they tremble because of your power.  
But your merciful promise is beyond all measure; \*  
it surpasses all that our minds can fathom.  
O Lord, you are full of compassion, \*  
long-suffering, and abounding in mercy.  
You hold back your hand; \*  
you do not punish as we deserve.  
In your great goodness, Lord,  
you have promised forgiveness to sinners, \*  
that they may repent of their sin and be saved.  
And now, O Lord, I bend the knee of my heart, \*  
and make my appeal, sure of your gracious goodness.  
I have sinned, O Lord, I have sinned, \*  
and I know my wickedness only too well.  
Therefore I make this prayer to you: \*  
Forgive me, Lord, forgive me.  
Do not let me perish in my sin, \*

nor condemn me to the depths of the earth.  
For you, O Lord, are the God of those who repent, \*  
and in me you will show forth your goodness.  
Unworthy as I am, you will save me,  
in accordance with your great mercy, \*  
and I will praise you without ceasing all the days of my life.  
For all the powers of heaven sing your praises, \*  
and yours is the glory to ages of ages. Amen.

### **The Second Reading** *1 Corinthians 7:29-31*

A Reading from the First Letter to the Corinthians.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

### **Canticle 20** **Glory to God** *Gloria in excelsis*

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 Third Reading** *Mark 1:14-20*

A Reading from the Gospel of Mark.

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.

*Reader*            The Word of the Lord.  
*People*            **Thanks be to God.**

**The Sermon**            The Rev. Tracie Little

### **The Apostles' Creed**

*Officiant and People say together,*  
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.

**Song of Reflection** *I Love to Tell the Story*, Kohlman

**The Prayers**

*Officiant*      The Lord be with you.  
*People*          **And also with you.**  
*Officiant*      Let us pray.

*Officiant and People,*

**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.**

V. Show us your mercy, O Lord;  
R. And grant us your salvation.  
V. Clothe your ministers with righteousness;  
R. Let your people sing with joy.  
V. Give peace, O Lord, in all the world;  
R. For only in you can we live in safety.

V. Lord, keep this nation under your care;  
R. And guide us in the way of justice and truth.  
V. Let your way be known upon earth;  
R. Your saving health among all nations.  
V. Let not the needy, O Lord, be forgotten;  
R. Nor the hope of the poor be taken away.  
V. Create in us clean hearts, O God;  
R. And sustain us with your Holy Spirit.

## **The Collect of 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.**

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

## **The Prayers of the People**

Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep, away from lives with no direction. Be present with us as we navigate the waters of faithfulness. Turn us in the direction of your voice and purpose. The response to each petition is “And the people say, “Amen.””

Give us the courage to respond to your call and go where you lead us.

We lift up our prayers,

**And the people say, “Amen.”**

We are abundantly blessed and praise you for your goodness and care of us.

For what are you grateful today?

*The people may give their praises, silently or aloud.*

We lift up our prayers,

**And the people say, “Amen.”**

Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for wisdom and stamina for our bishops priests, and deacons. Guide them as they guide your people.

We lift up our prayers,

**And the people say, “Amen.”**

Strengthen our nation’s relationships across boundaries and language. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors.

We lift up our prayers,

**And the people say, “Amen.”**

We lift those who are hurting into your healing presence: for those facing the struggles of illness, uncertainty, broken relationships, and world weariness; for those who are dying, grant them a holy death.

For whom do you pray today?

*The people may pray for intercessions, silently or aloud.*

We lift up our prayers,

**And the people say, "Amen."**

## **The General Thanksgiving**

**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.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son, that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

God, the brightness of the universe, bless us. Jesus, the light of the world, disturb us. Holy Spirit, energy of the cosmos, strengthen us. Bless us with the power to speak and live the gospel all our days. **Amen.**

## **Announcements**

## Sending Out

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