



Epiphany 3

St. Augustine's Church
January 24, 2021

- 1 Amazing grace! how sweet the sound,
 that saved a wretch like me!
 I once was lost but now am found,
 was blind but now I see.
- 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
 and grace my fears relieved;
 how precious did that grace appear
 the hour I first believed!
- 5 When we've been there ten thousand years,
 bright shining as the sun,
 we've no less days to sing God's praise
 than when we'd first begun.

Celebrant: Blessed be the one, holy, and living God.

People: **Glory to God forever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant: May God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray together.

The Collect of the Day

God of the prophets, you call us from evil to serve you. Fulfill in us your commonwealth of justice and joy, that the light of your presence may be revealed to all nations, to the glory of Jesus' name.
Amen.

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.

Reader: Hear what the Spirit is saying to the people.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:6-14

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, there is my hope.
- 7 God 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 God always, O people; *
pour out your hearts before the One who 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 God, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Second Lesson 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.

Reader Hear what the Spirit is saying to the Church.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark

People **Glory to you O Christ.**

The Holy Gospel 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.

After the gospel has been read:

Clergy The Gospel of the Lord.

People Praise to you, O Christ.

The Sermon

The Vicar

A period of silence is kept.

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 human. 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 and 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

We invite you to add your intercessions either silently or aloud after each bidding.

Reader: Let us pray that the Morning Star will shine for the church, the world, and all those in need. That the church may be radiant with the Gospel and draw all people to the boundless

riches of your love. We pray for the Church, the Body of Christ, especially Michael, our Presiding Bishop and Nicholas, our Bishop; for the people of God, gathered from every nation under heaven; may we proclaim in every language, the dawning of a new age. In the **Anglican Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for the Church of Bangladesh. In the **Diocesan Cycle of Prayer**, we pray for St. Paul's, North Kingstown; St. Paul's, Pawtucket; and St. Paul's Portsmouth.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That nations will be led by your wisdom, and leaders serve with justice and righteousness to scatter the clouds of hatred and oppression.

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People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are depressed, lonely, or sick may be nursed by your healing power and rest in the arms of your comfort.

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People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That we would share our abundance of wealth and grace with those who live in poverty of riches and spirit.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those whose lives and cultures differ from our own may find welcome among us.

Reader: For this we pray
People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: That those who are filled with doubt and struggle to believe may be led by the Holy Spirit to acclaim your love incarnate in Jesus Christ.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Reader: That those who have died and now behold your great epiphany may surround us until we come to the brightness of your dawning.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer.**

Reader: In commemoration of their birthdays, we give thanks for the gift of their lives and for their presence among us: Russell Mercier, Rob Ravenscroft, Celia Olsen, Ann Tully Brabrook and Anita Jackson Jacobson.

Reader: For this we pray

People: **Holy Spirit guide our prayer**

Together God of grace and glory you call us with your voice of flame to be your people, faithful and courageous. As your beloved son embraced his mission in the waters of baptism, inspire us with the fire of your Spirit to join in his transforming work. We ask this in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

Collects

The Vicar

Celebrant **Summing all of our prayers, let us pray the prayer Jesus taught us, saying:**

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 forever. Amen.

Closing Hymn We shall overcome

- 1 We shall overcome
We shall overcome someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall overcome someday.

- 2 We'll walk hand in hand, we'll walk hand in hand,
We'll walk hand in hand someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We'll walk hand in hand someday.

- 3 God is on our side,
God is on our side, today
O, deep in my heart, I do believe
God is on our side today.

- 4 We are not afraid, we are not afraid,
We are not afraid today;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,

We are not afraid today.

5 We shall live in peace, we shall live in peace,
We shall live in peace someday;
Oh, deep in my heart, I do believe,
We shall live in peace someday.

Blessing

Dismissal

Dismissal response: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia**

Announcement

Special envelopes/offerings for maintenance & repairs are very welcome in January.



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