

Readings, Sermon Notes, Prayers, Hymns
To Study and Share with those You Love.

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**Jesus’
teachings see
life as a gift to
be freely
received and
gladly shared.
Matt. 4**

Hymn of Invocation. **Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing** 528

+ The sign of the cross may be made by all in remembrance of their Baptism. +

Introit. Psalm 22

I will tell of your name to my | brothers;* in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you. **All the ends of the earth shall remember and turn | to the LORD,* and all the families of the nations shall worship be- | fore you.** For kingship belongs | to the LORD,* and he rules over the | nations. **All the prosperous of the earth eat and | worship;* before him shall bow all who go down to the dust, even the one who could not keep him- | self alive.**

Posterity shall | serve him;* it shall be told of the Lord to the coming gener- | ation; **they shall come and proclaim his righteousness to a people | yet unborn,* that he has | done it.**

Glory to the Father and | to the Son* and to the Holy | Spirit; as it was in the be- | ginning,* is now, and will be forever. | Amen. I will tell of your name to my | brothers;* in the midst of the congregation I will | praise you.

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

PSALM 27

The LORD is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear? **The LORD is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?** When evildoers assail me to eat up my flesh, my adversaries and foes, it is they who stumble and fall. **Though an army encamp against me, my heart shall not fear; though war arise against me, yet I will be confident.** One thing have I asked of the LORD, that will I seek after: that I may dwell in the house of the LORD all the days of my life, to gaze upon the beauty of the LORD and to inquire in his temple. **For he will hide me in his shelter in the day of trouble; he will conceal me under the cover of his tent; he will lift me high upon a rock.** And now my head shall be lifted up above my enemies all around me, and I will offer in his tent sacrifices with shouts of joy; I will sing and make melody to the LORD. **Hear, O LORD, when I cry aloud; be gracious to me and answer me! You have said, “Seek my face.” My heart says to you, “Your face, LORD, do I seek.”** Hide not your face from me. Turn not your servant away in anger, O you who have been my help. **Cast me not off; forsake me not, O God of my salvation! Glory 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.** The LORD Is my light and my salvation; whom shall I fear?

APPOINTED READINGS. 22 JANUARY 2023

Isaiah 9:1–4

1 Corinthians 1:10–18

Matthew 4:12–25

The Lord Manifests His Glory through His Office of the Holy Ministry

- By His coming in the flesh and by His preaching and miracles, the Lord Jesus shines the light of His Gospel upon “*the people who walked in darkness*” and “*who dwelt in a land of deep darkness*”. He also has “*multiplied the nation*” and “*increased its joy*” by calling disciples to Himself from the ends of the earth. (Is. 9:2)
- For this purpose, He calls Peter and Andrew, with James and John, to follow Him and be “*fishers of men*” (Matt. 4:19). As Jesus did, they also go forth “*proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the people.*” (Matt. 4:23).
- They preach the foolishness of the cross of Christ as the very power and wisdom of God. This word and preaching of the cross divides “*those who are perishing*” from “*us who are being saved*”. but it unites the Church, the one Body of Christ, “*in the same mind and the same judgment.*” (1 Cor. 1:10).

CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day. **O Christ, Our True and Only Light** 839

SERMON NOTES

Jesus' teaching and healing: Blessed for Life! Matt. 4:23-24

Now Jesus began to go all over Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

Then the news about him spread throughout Syria. So they brought to him all those who were afflicted, those suffering from various diseases and intense pains, the demon-possessed, the epileptics, and the paralytics. And he healed them.

Jesus' ministry of teaching and healing creates confident trust, living hope, and a culture that embraces all life as a gift and blessing of God.

- 1. Jesus preaches the Good News of the Kingdom**
 1. To those living in spiritual darkness, overshadowed by death
 2. The Kingdom of Heaven is near/at hand
- 2. Jesus brings Kingdom gifts of healing and relief**
 1. He who takes away sin also removes its effects
 2. His blessing as passed into the visible and spoken Word
- 3. Jesus' teaching and healing creates a culture of life**
 1. Sees all of life as a blessing of God
 2. Sees life as a gift to be freely received and gladly shared

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH. 3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY. 22 JAN. 2023

Lord of all nations, Your Son became flesh to enlighten a world darkened by sin with His grace. Visit us with His gifts of forgiveness and life, that our way may be glorious with His salvation.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty Lord, Your Son's cross and crucifixion is folly to the world, but it is the source of repentance and forgiveness for all His elect. Preserve the preaching of the cross in our midst, that from this life-giving tree we would continue to receive Your faith-preserving gifts.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, You have called us to be united in the same mind and judgment in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Preserve us from divisions and quarreling wrought by false teaching and cults of personality, and fix our eyes on the Word of the cross. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, You sent Your Son as the Savior of the world, that all the families of the nations might worship before You. Bless the families of this congregation with Your grace and protection, that they might remember You in both joy and trouble and worship before You forevermore.

Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, all kingship belongs to You. Rule over the nations for the good of Your people, that we might live in peace. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Holy God, Your Son welcomed the sick, the afflicted and those oppressed by demons and healed them. Have mercy upon all whom we bring before You in prayer, [*especially _____,*] and deliver them according to Your gracious will. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, Your kingdom is at hand wherever Jesus, our King, dwells. Bless those who receive Your Holy Supper today, that they may rejoice that the King draws near with His body and blood for their salvation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, the fame of Your Son spread everywhere as people witnessed His miracles and wonders. As He has wondrously saved us from sin and death, so open our mouths to speak of Him to all who will hear. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

O Lord, heavenly Father, we gratefully remember the sufferings and death of Your dear Son, Jesus Christ, for our salvation. Rejoicing in His victorious resurrection from the dead, we draw strength from His ascension before You, where He ever stands for us as our own High Priest. Gather us together from the ends of the earth to celebrate with all the faithful the marriage feast of the Lamb in His kingdom, which has no end. Graciously receive our prayers, deliver and preserve us, for to You alone we give all glory, honor and worship, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen**