

Readings, Prayers, Sermon Notes, Psalms, Hymns

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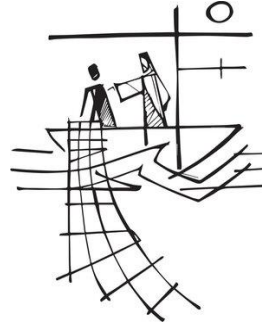
WEEK OF JANUARY 21, 2024

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**Follow Me  
and I will  
make you  
fishers of  
men**

Mark 1

Hymn of Invocation **“As Surely as I Live,” God Said** 614

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

## INTROIT PSALM 113:

From the rising of the sun to its | setting,\* the name of the LORD is | to be praised!

**Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants | of the LORD,\* praise the name | of the LORD!** Blessed be the name | of the LORD\* from this time forth and for- | evermore! **The LORD is high above all | nations,\* and his glory above the | heavens!** He raises the poor | from the dust\* and lifts the needy from the | ash heap, **to make them sit with | princes,\* with the princes of his | people.** **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.**

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## 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 62

For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation. **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.** How long will all of you attack a man to batter him, like a leaning wall, a tottering fence? **They only plan to thrust him down from his high position. They take pleasure in falsehood. They bless with their mouths, but inwardly they curse.** For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him. **He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.** On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God. **Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.** Those of low estate are but a breath; those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath. **Put no trust in extortion; set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, set not your heart on them.** Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: **that power belongs to God, and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love. For you will render to a man according to his work. 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.** Trust in Him at all times, O people; God is a refuge for us.

## APPOINTED READINGS 21 JANUARY 2024

JONAH 3:1–5, 10      1 CORINTHIANS 7:29–31 (32–35)      MARK 1:14–20

THE LORD CALLS US TO HIMSELF BY THE PREACHING OF REPENTANCE IN HIS NAME

- When “the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time,” sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, “Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD” (Jonah 3:1, 3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they “believed God,” as He spoke to them through His prophet, “they turned from their evil way” and were spared “the disaster that he had said he would do to them” (Jonah 3:5, 10).
- St. Paul also warns that “the appointed time has grown very short” (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for “the present form of this world is passing away” (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give “your undivided devotion to the Lord” (1 Cor. 7:35).
- When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, “the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mark 1:14–15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become “fishers of men” with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

## CONFESSION OF OUR COMMON FAITH: THE NICENE CREED

Hymn of the Day **O Christ, Who Called the Twelve** 856

**SERMON NOTES**

+ Third Sunday after the Epiphany +  
21 January 2024 ***They left their nets*** Mark 1:16-18

*And as He walked by the Sea of Galilee, He saw Simon and Andrew his brother casting a net into the sea; for they were fishermen. Then Jesus said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you become fishers of men." They immediately left their nets and followed Him.*

Leaving our nets behind, lest they become idols and snares, we discover the joyful freedom of God's children welcoming those who like us are caught in the nets of grace.

- 1. Nets are left behind lest they become idols**
  1. Old things, familiar ways, comfortable habits
  2. Temporal, earthly security
- 2. Nets are left behind lest they ensnare and trip our feet**
  1. Lack of moderation, dissipation, cares of life
  2. The snare is broken, and we have escaped
- 3. Nets are left behind in exchange for something better**
  1. Follow Jesus, catch people together
  2. Making and mending the Kingdom nets

**PRAYER OF THE CHURCH THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY 21 JANUARY**  
**2024**

Let us pray for the whole Church of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries, seminaries, colleges and other institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Give comfort and faithfulness to the married, and strengthen them to pass on the faith to the next generation. Show kindness also to the unmarried and assure them of the holiness of their place in life, that they would be freed from anxiety and attend to holiness in body and spirit, undividedly devoted to You. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Spare Joseph, our president; Bill, our governor; and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously behold and help those for whom we pray [*especially* \_\_\_\_\_]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Gracious Lord, in Your Holy Sacrament You deliver the Gospel proclaimed by Your Son and won by His death in His true body and blood. Work repentance and faith in all who commune, and unite them in a sincere confession of Your divine truth at this altar. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**