

THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY



ANGELICAN CHURCH
IN NORTH AMERICA

YEAR A

SEASONAL GREETING

Celebrant I will make you as a light for the nations,

***People* That my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.**

Isaiah 49:6

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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

Amos 3:1-11

Hear this word that the LORD has spoken against you, O people of Israel, against the whole family that I brought up out of the land of Egypt:

² “You only have I known of all the families of the earth; therefore I will punish you for all your iniquities.

³ “Do two walk together, unless they have agreed to meet? ⁴ Does a lion roar in the forest, when he has no prey? Does a young lion cry out from his den, if he has taken nothing? ⁵ Does a bird fall in a snare on the earth, when there is no trap for it? Does a snare spring up from the ground, when it has taken nothing? ⁶ Is a trumpet blown in a city, and the people are not afraid? Does disaster come to a city, unless the LORD has done it?

⁷ “For the Lord God does nothing without revealing his secret to his servants the prophets. ⁸ The lion has roared; who will not fear? The Lord God has spoken; who can but prophesy?”

⁹ Proclaim to the strongholds in Ashdod and to the strongholds in the land of Egypt, and say, “Assemble yourselves on the mountains of Samaria, and see the great tumults within her, and the oppressed in her midst.” ¹⁰ “They do not know how to do right,” declares the LORD, “those who store up violence and robbery in their strongholds.”

¹¹ Therefore thus says the Lord God:

“An adversary shall surround the land and bring down your defenses from you, and your strongholds shall be plundered.”

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

PSALTER VERSES

(In said services, the psalm verses may be placed between the Epistle and the Gospel, with the congregation standing in preparation for the Gospel. At services where there is a hymn or canticle before the Gospel, the psalm might be said between the Old Testament and Epistle, the people seated.)

Psalm 139:1-18

- ¹ O LORD, you have searched me out and known me; *
you know my sitting down and my rising up; you understand my thoughts from afar.
- ² You examine my path and my places of rest, *
and are acquainted with all my ways.
- ³ Indeed, there is not a word on my tongue, *
but you, O LORD, know it altogether.
- ⁴ You have enclosed me behind and before, *
and have laid your hand upon me.
- ⁵ Such knowledge is too wonderful for me, *
so excellent I cannot attain to it.
- ⁶ Where shall I go then from your Spirit, *
or where shall I flee from your presence?
- ⁷ If I climb up to heaven, you are there; *
if I make my bed in the Grave, you are there also.
- ⁸ If I take the wings of the morning *
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
- ⁹ Even there shall your hand lead me, *
and your right hand shall hold me.
- ¹⁰ If I say, “Surely the darkness shall cover me,” *
then shall my night be turned to day.
- ¹¹ Even the darkness is not dark to you, and the night is as clear as the day; *
the darkness and the light to you are both alike.
- ¹² For you yourself made my inmost parts; *

you knit me together in my mother's womb.

¹³ I will give thanks to you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made; *
marvelous are your works, and my soul knows it very well.

¹⁴ My bones were not hidden from you *
when I was made in secret and fashioned in the depths of the earth.

¹⁵ Your eyes beheld my substance, while I was yet unformed; *
and in your book were all my members written,

¹⁶ Which day by day were fashioned, *
when as yet there was none of them.

¹⁷ How dear to me are your thoughts, O God. *
How great is the sum of them!

¹⁸ If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand. *
When I wake up, I am present with you.

EPISTLE READING

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree, and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. ¹¹ For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. ¹² What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." ¹³ Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? ¹⁴ I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, ¹⁵ so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. ¹⁶ (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) ¹⁷ For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power.

Reader: The word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Deacon: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ, according to St. Matthew.

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Matthew 4:12-22

Now when he heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew into Galilee.
¹³ And leaving Nazareth he went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, ¹⁴ so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

¹⁵ “The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—¹⁶ the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned.”

¹⁷ From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.”

¹⁸ While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon (who is called Peter) and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁹ And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” ²⁰ Immediately they left their nets and followed him. ²¹ And going on from there he saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and he called them. ²² Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him.

Deacon: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

OFFERTORY AND POST-COMMUNION SENTENCES

(Drawn from verses of Holy Scripture, these sentences are chosen by the celebrant or preacher to reinforce the lessons or teaching of the day.)

PROPER PREFACE

Epiphany

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who took on our mortal flesh to reveal his glory; that he might bring us out of darkness and into his own glorious light.

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