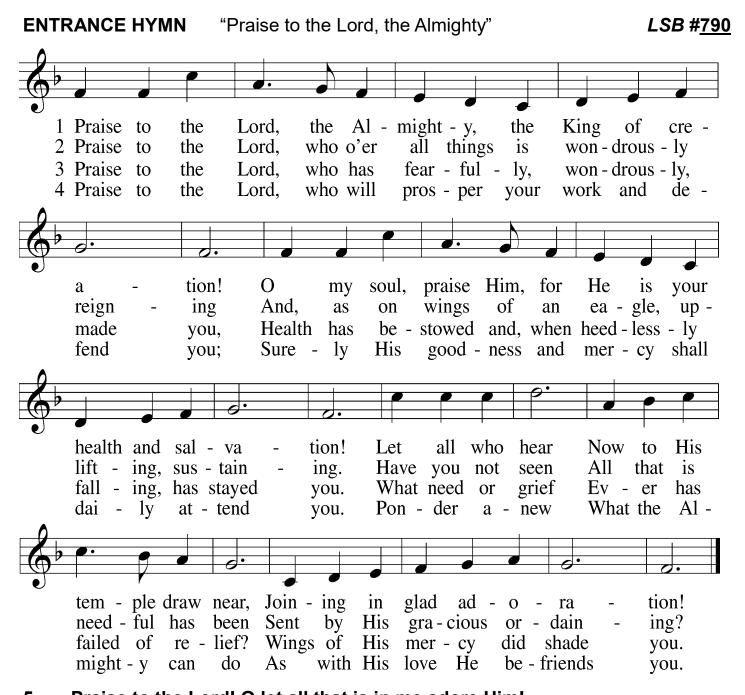
The Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 21, 2024 8:30 & 10:45 a.m.

(Following Readings for Epiphany 3 Series B)

WELCOME



5. Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore Him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before Him!
Let the Amen Sound from His people again; Gladly forever adore Him!

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

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the

→ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen. Matthew 28:19b; [18:20]

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION Psalm 130

Pastor: Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord! O Lord, hear my voice!

People: Let your ears be attentive to the voice of my pleas for mercy!

Pastor: If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, O Lord, who could stand?

People: But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared.

Pastor: I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in his word I hope;

People: My soul waits for the Lord more than watchmen for the morning, more

than watchmen for the morning.

Pastor: O Lord of might and mercy, who made us to hope for life in You,

People: We confess that we have sought hope in ourselves instead of You and

stolen hope from our neighbors. We have sinned against what You command and against what You create. Our selfishness has closed our hearts, our ears, our eyes, and our hands to Your Word of truth and love. As we have no hope apart from Your grace, forgive us and

Psalm 130:1-6

redeem us for the sake of Jesus Christ, Amen.

(Silence for Reflection and Confession)

Pastor: O Israel, hope in the Lord! For with the Lord there is steadfast love,

People: And with Him is plentiful redemption. He will redeem Israel from all his

iniquities. Psalm 130:7-8

Pastor: Christ Jesus died for our sins and rose for our justification. Upon this your

confession, and under His authority, I, as a called and ordained servant of Christ, forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the Son

and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING Jonah 3:1–5, 10

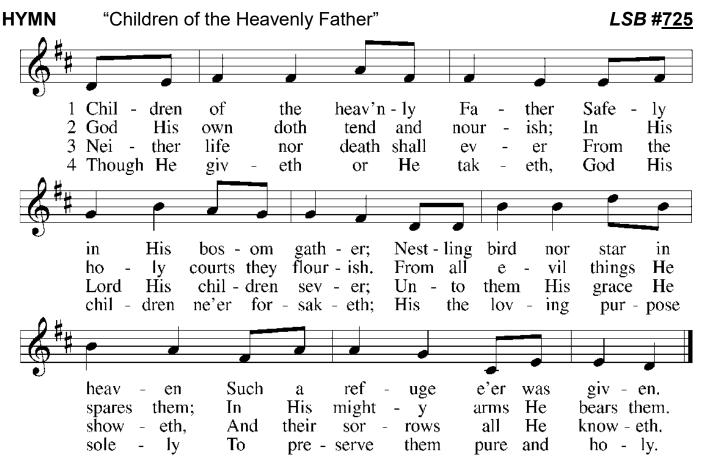
¹Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, ²"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." ³So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days' journey in breadth. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. ¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

SECOND READING 1 Corinthians 7:29–31

²⁹This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live as though they had none, ³⁰and 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 goods, ³¹and 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: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.



GOSPEL Mark 1:14-20

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, ¹⁵and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel."

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: Praise to You, O Christ.

CHILDRENS' MESSAGE

¹⁶Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.



5. O Christ, the_apostles' Lord, The martyrs' strength and song, The crucified and risen King To whom the saints belong: Though generations pass, Our tribute still we bring, Our hymns a sacrifice of praise, Our lives an offering.

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SERMON "Mercy in His Call"

Text: Jonah 3:1-5, & 10

OFFERING

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God,

begotten of His Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made;

who for us people and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.

He suffered and was buried. And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father.

And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son,

who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,

and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life

→ of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be Thy name,

Thy kingdom come, Thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread;

and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory

forever and ever. Amen

→ THE LORD'S SUPPER →

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you. 2 Timothy 4:22

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts [Colossians 3:1]

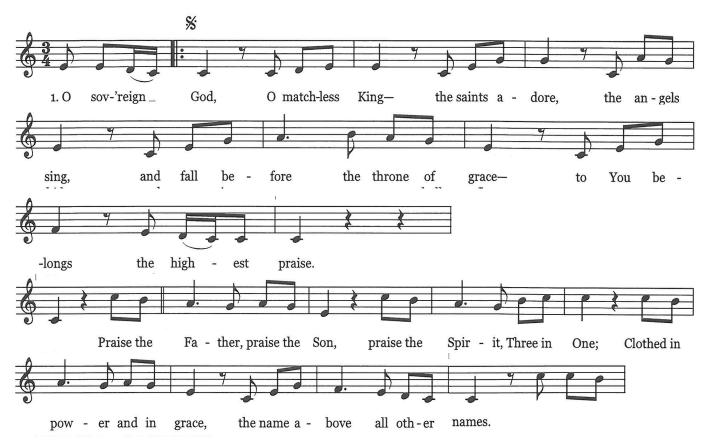
People: We lift them to the Lord.

Pastor: Let us give thanks unto the Lord, our God. [Psalm 136]

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

HYMN OF PRAISE

"Praise the Father, Praise the Son" by Chris Tomlin & Ed Cash v.1



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PAX DOMINI ~ The Peace of the Lord

John 20:19

Pastor: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE "Praise the Father, Praise the Son" by Tomlin & Cash vv. 2-3

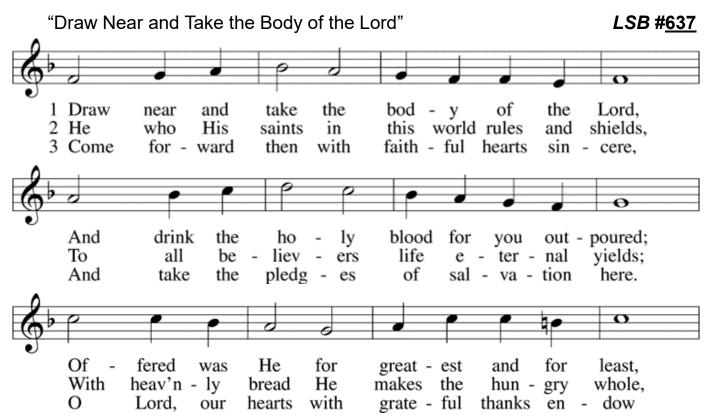
2. These sufferings, this passing tide under Your wings I will abide, and ev'ry enemy shall flee; You are my hope and victory

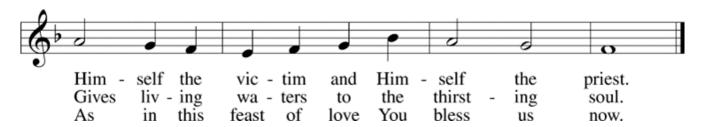
Chorus: Praise the Father, praise the Son, praise the Spirit, Three in One; Clothed in power and in grace, the name above all other names.

3. To the valley, for my soul; Thy great descent has made me whole! Your word my heart has welcomed home; Now peace like water ever flows. (sing Chorus twice)

The Name above all other names.

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BENEDICTION

Numbers 6:24-26

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.

The Lord make His face shine upon you and be gracious unto you.

The Lord lift up His countenance upon you and + give you peace.

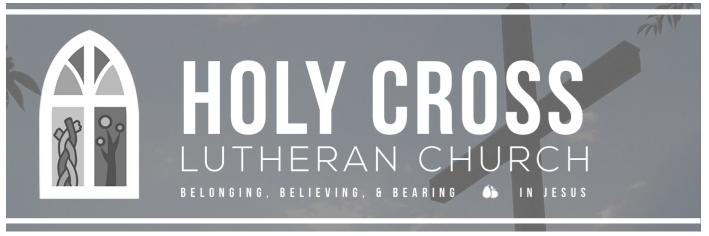
People: Amen.



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