

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

21th January 2018

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from the Book of Jonah

3 The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying,
2 “Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” 3 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. 4 Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” 5 And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

10 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.

Hear the word of the Lord

Thanks be to God

Psalm: 62:5-12

5 For God alone my soul waits in silence:
for my hope is from him.

6 He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress:
I shall not be shaken.

7 On God rests my deliverance and my honour:
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

8 Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him:
God is a refuge for us.

9 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.

- 10 Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery:
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.
- 11 Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
- 12 and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord:
For you repay to all according to their work.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians

29 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, 30 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, 31 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.

Hear the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Gospel

Mark 1:14-20

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ.

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of

Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.

Sentence

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.

Mark 1.15

Prayer of the day

Bountiful God,
through your Son, you have called us to repent of our sin,
to believe the good news,
and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom:
teach us, like Christ's first apostles,
to hear the call to discipleship,
and, forsaking old ways,
to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world;
through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever **Amen.**

Supplementary Readings

Leviticus 19.1-4,9-18

Psalm 33.1-12

1 John 2.12-17

Prayer Response

Good Lord, transform us,
that me may reveal your glory.

Tell Your Friends about Jesus

"Nazareth! Can anything good come from there?" Nathanael asked. "Come and see," said Philip. John 1:46

The puzzle is based on John 1:43-51



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