

**Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021**

**Gathering
*God invites us to enter His presence***

Prelude Bring Them In Birchwood
 Tell Me the Story of Jesus - Becket

Welcome & Announcements

Preparation for Worship (*Time for Silent Preparation*)

 **Call to Worship**

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The earth is the LORD's and all that is in it, the world, and those who live in it;
for he has founded it on the seas, and established it on the rivers.
Who shall ascend the hill of the LORD? And who shall stand in his holy place?
Those who have clean hands and pure hearts, who do not lift up their souls to what is false, and do not swear deceitfully.
Let us worship the Triune God. Amen.

 **Invocation**

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O gracious and holy God,
give us diligence to seek you,
wisdom to perceive you,
and patience to wait for you.
Grant us, O God,
a mind to meditate on you,
eyes to behold you,
ears to listen for your Word,
a heart to love you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

 **Hymn 2**

Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

*Come, Thou Fount of every blessing, Tune my heart to sing Thy grace;
Streams of mercy, never ceasing, Call for songs of loudest praise,
Teach me some melodious sonnet, Sung by flaming tongues above;
Praise His name—I'm fixed upon it—Name of God's redeeming love.*

*Hither to Thy love has blest me; Thou hast bro't me to this place;
And I know Thy hand will bring me safely home by Thy good grace.
Jesus sought me when a stranger, wandering from the fold of God;
He, to rescue me from danger, Bought me with His precious blood.*

*O to grace how great a debtor daily I'm constrained to be!
Let Thy goodness, like a fetter, Bind my wandering heart to Thee:
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it, Prone to leave the God I love;
Here's my heart, O take and seal it; Seal it for Thy courts above.
A-men.*

Confessing
God invites us to be honest with Him

Prayer of Confession

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Lord, you showed us true humility by becoming one of us,
yet too often we practice pride.
You cried alongside your friends and for the city of Jerusalem,
yet too often we rush past the pain of others and are careless about our cities.
You loved those who were weak, despised, or cast out,
yet too often we love those who are strong, respected, or popular.
You freely forgave and healed,
yet too often we hold grudges and cause pain.
You lived a perfectly holy life,
yet too often we do not yearn for righteousness.
You prayed that we who believe in you should be united with each other and you,
yet too often we focus on the differences that separate us from other believers.
You were mocked, whipped, and even killed for us,
yet too often we deny you.
You call us to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world,
yet too often we blend into or hide from our culture.
Forgive us, Lord, so that we will shine with your glory. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

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I will cleanse them from all the guilt of their sin against me,
and I will forgive all the guilt of their sin and rebellion against me.
Amen.

Leader: This is the Promise of the Lord
All: Thanks be to God!

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*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
And to the Holy Ghost:
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be, world without end.
A-men, A-men.*

Offering

Thankful of the gifts God has given us, we offer ourselves to Him

Invitation The one who sows sparingly will also reap sparingly;
the one who sows bountifully will also reap bountifully.
Responding to God's bountiful gifts to us in Christ,
we have opportunity to share out of our abundance.

Offering **Please place your offerings in the plate in the back
of the church on your way out.*

Offertory *Great Are You Lord Ingram, Leonard and Jordan*

Doxology

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. A-men.*

Prayer of Dedication

Blessed are you, O Lord our God, maker of all things.
Through your goodness you have blessed us with these
gifts. With them we offer ourselves to your service and
dedicate our lives to the care and redemption of all that you
have made, for the sake of him who gave himself for us—
Jesus Christ, our Lord. **Amen.**

Proclaiming

God speaks to us through His Word

Prayer of Illumination

Scripture Reading *Matthew 28:16-20*

¹⁶ Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. ¹⁷ And when they saw him they worshiped him, but some doubted. ¹⁸ And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. ¹⁹ Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, ²⁰ teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Sermon *"Committed to Making Disciples"
Rev. Tim Latham*

Responding
We respond to God's Word

 **Hymn 298**

O Zion, Haste

*O Zion haste, thy mission high fulfilling,
To tell to all the world that God is Light;
That He who made all nations is not willing
One soul should perish, lost in shades of night.*

*Refrain
Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace;
Tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.*

*Behold how many thousands still are lying,
Bound in the dark-some prison-house of sin,
With none to tell them of the Savior's dying.
Or of the life He died for them to win.
Refrain.*

*Proclaim to every people, tongue and nation that God,
In whom they live and move, is love:
Tell how He stooped to save His lost creation,
And died on earth that man might live above.
Refrain.*

*Give of thy sons to bear the message glorious;
Give of thy wealth to speed them on their way;
Pour out thy soul for them in prayer victorious;
And all thy spending Jesus will repay.
Refrain.*

 **Profession of Faith**

Leader: Let us now profess our faith along with the saints through the ages.

**People: I believe that the eternal Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
who out of nothing created heaven and earth
and everything in them,
who still upholds and rules them
by his eternal counsel and providence,
is my God and Father
because of Christ the Son.
I trust God so much that I do not doubt
he will provide whatever I need
for body and soul,
and will turn to my good
whatever adversity he sends upon me
in this sad world.
God is able to do this because he is almighty God
and desires to do this because he is a faithful Father.**

Prayers of the People

Commissioning

God sends us out into the world as His witnesses

Hymn 138

Go Tell It on the Mountain

Refrain

*Go tell it on the mountain, Over the hills and ev'rywhere;
Go tell it on the mountain that Jesus Christ is born.*

*While shepherds kept their watching o'er silent flocks by night,
Behold, throughout the heavens there shone a holy light.
Refrain.*

*The shepherds feared and trembled when, lo! Above the earth
Rang out the angel chorus that hailed our Savior's birth.
Refrain.*

*Down in a lowly manger the humble Christ was born
And God sent us salvation that blessed Christmas morn.*

Benediction & Blessing

Organ Postlude

Postludium in F

Stairs