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# Midweek Devotions and Bible Study Wednesday in the Fifth Week after the Epiphany February 10, 2021



## Service of the Word in the Season of Epiphany

¥ In the Name of Jesus! ¥

The Opening Versicles:

Psalms 51:15, 70:1, 36:9

- **P** O Lord, open my lips,
- and my mouth will declare Your praise.
- **P** Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
- **C** make haste to help me, O Lord.
- **P** For with You, O God, is the fountain of life;
- **C** and in Your light do we see light.
- Glory be 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. Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia!

- Praise the LORD!
  For it is good to sing praises to our God;
  for it is pleasant, and a song of praise is fitting.
- <sup>2</sup>The LORD builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.
- <sup>3</sup>He heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.
- <sup>4</sup>He determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.
- Great is our Lord, and abundant in power; his understanding is beyond measure.
- <sup>6</sup>The LORD lifts up the humble; he casts the wicked to the ground.
- Sing to the LORD with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre!
- BHe covers the heavens with clouds; he prepares rain for the earth; he makes grass grow on the hills.
- P <sup>9</sup>He gives to the beasts their food, and to the young ravens that cry.
- <sup>10</sup>His delight is not in the strength of the horse, nor his pleasure in the legs of a man,
- 11but the LORD takes pleasure in those who fear him, in those who hope in his steadfast love.
- Glory be 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.

The Scripture Reading

Jonah 3:10-4:10

<sup>3:10</sup>When God saw what [the Ninevites] 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.

<sup>4:1</sup>But it displeased Jonah exceedingly, and he was angry. <sup>2</sup>And he prayed to the LORD and said, "O LORD, is not this what I said when I was yet in my country? That is why I made haste to flee to Tarshish; for I knew that you are a gracious God and merciful, slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love, and relenting from disaster. <sup>3</sup>Therefore now, O LORD, please take my life from me, for it is better for me to die than to live." <sup>4</sup>And the LORD said, "Do you do well to be angry?"

<sup>5</sup>Jonah went out of the city and sat to the east of the city and made a booth for himself there. He sat under it in the shade, till he should see what would become of the city. <sup>6</sup>Now the LORD God appointed a plant and made it come up over Jonah, that it might be a shade over his head, to save him from his discomfort. So Jonah was exceedingly glad because of the plant. <sup>7</sup>But when dawn came up the next day, God appointed a worm that attacked the plant, so that it withered. <sup>8</sup>When the sun rose, God appointed a scorching east wind, and the sun beat down on the head of Jonah so that he was faint. And he asked that he might die and said, "It is better for me to die than to live." <sup>9</sup>But God said to Jonah, "Do you do well to be angry for the plant?" And he said, "Yes, I do well to be angry, angry enough to die." <sup>10</sup>And the LORD said, "You pity the plant, for which you did not labor, nor did you make it grow, which came into being in a night and perished in a night. <sup>11</sup>And should not I pity Nineveh, that great city, in which there are more than 120,000 persons who do not know their right hand from their left, and also much cattle?"

- **P** This is the Word of the Lord.
- **C** Thanks be to God.

The Scripture Study for the Day

Jonah – A Prophet for Epiphany Jonah, chapter 4

## The Prayers:

- **P** From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.
- P That the people of God in all the world may worship the Lord in spirit and in truth:
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- P That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will:
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- **P** That the nations of the earth may seek after the ways that make for peace:
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- That the whole creation, groaning in travail, may be set free to enjoy the glorious liberty of the children of God:
- C Lord, hear our prayer.
- That all who with Christ have passed through the shadow of death may rest in peace and rise in glory:
- **C** Lord, hear our prayer.
- Let us commend the world, to which Christ came as the Way, Truth, and Life, to the mercy and protection of God.

Open prayer may be offered and silence is kept.

### The Lord's Prayer:

- Believing the promises of God, let us pray with confidence as our Savior Christ has P taught us:
- 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 Collect of the Day:

- P Let us pray.
  - O Lord, keep Your family the Church continually in the true faith that, relying on the hope of Your heavenly grace, we may ever be defended by Your mighty power; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
- C Amen.

#### The Collect for Peace:

- O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
- $\mathbf{C}$ Amen.

#### The Closing Prayer:

after Gregory the Great (604)

- $\mathbf{P}$ Together we pray:
- C O good Jesus,

Word of the Father and brightness of His glory, whom angels desire to behold: teach me to do Your will that, guided by Your Spirit, I may come to that blessed city of everlasting day, where all are one in heart and mind, where there is safety and eternal peace, happiness and delight, where You live with the Father and the Holy Spirit,

world without end. Amen.

#### The Benediction:

- **P** The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the 

  → Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
- C Amen.



If you were unable to send questions to Pastor Schiebel via messaging during the Facebook Live video, you can email your questions to him at <a href="mailto:trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net">trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net</a>.

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