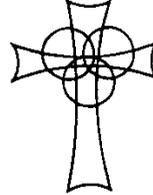


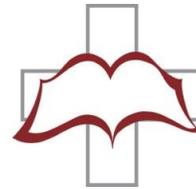
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Midweek Devotions and Bible Study
Wednesday in the Second Week after the Epiphany
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Service of the Word in the Season of Epiphany

✠ *In the Name of Jesus!* ✠

The Opening Versicles:

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

- P** O Lord, open my lips,
C 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.
- C** 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!

- P** ¹O LORD, you have searched me and known me!
C ²**You know when I sit down and when I rise up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**
- P** ³You search out my path and my lying down
and are acquainted with all my ways.
C ⁴**Even before a word is on my tongue,
behold, O LORD, you know it altogether.**
- P** ⁵You hem me in, behind and before,
and lay your hand upon me.
C ⁶**Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is high; I cannot attain it.**
- P** ⁷Where shall I go from your Spirit?
Or where shall I flee from your presence?
C ⁸**If I ascend to heaven, you are there!
If I make my bed in Sheol, you are there!**
- P** ⁹If I take the wings of the morning
and dwell in the uttermost parts of the sea,
C ¹⁰**even there your hand shall lead me,
and your right hand shall hold me.**
- C** **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.**

¹Now the word of the LORD came to Jonah the son of Amittai, saying, ²“Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it, for their evil has come up before me.”

³But Jonah rose to flee to Tarshish from the presence of the LORD. He went down to Joppa and found a ship going to Tarshish. So he paid the fare and went on board, to go with them to Tarshish, away from the presence of the LORD.

⁴But the LORD hurled a great wind upon the sea, and there was a mighty tempest on the sea, so that the ship threatened to break up. ⁵Then the mariners were afraid, and each cried out to his god. And they hurled the cargo that was in the ship into the sea to lighten it for them. But Jonah had gone down into the inner part of the ship and had lain down and was fast asleep. ⁶So the captain came and said to him, “What do you mean, you sleeper? Arise, call out to your god! Perhaps the god will give a thought to us, that we may not perish.”

⁷And they said to one another, “Come, let us cast lots, that we may know on whose account this evil has come upon us.” So they cast lots, and the lot fell on Jonah. ⁸Then they said to him, “Tell us on whose account this evil has come upon us. What is your occupation? And where do you come from? What is your country? And of what people are you?” ⁹And he said to them, “I am a Hebrew, and I fear the LORD, the God of heaven, who made the sea and the dry land.” ¹⁰Then the men were exceedingly afraid and said to him, “What is this that you have done!” For the men knew that he was fleeing from the presence of the LORD, because he had told them.

¹¹Then they said to him, “What shall we do to you, that the sea may quiet down for us?” For the sea grew more and more tempestuous. ¹²He said to them, “Pick me up and hurl me into the sea; then the sea will quiet down for you, for I know it is because of me that this great tempest has come upon you.” ¹³Nevertheless, the men rowed hard to get back to dry land, but they could not, for the sea grew more and more tempestuous against them. ¹⁴Therefore they called out to the LORD, “O LORD, let us not perish for this man’s life, and lay not on us innocent blood, for you, O LORD, have done as it pleased you.” ¹⁵So they picked up Jonah and hurled him into the sea, and the sea ceased from its raging. ¹⁶Then the men feared the LORD exceedingly, and they offered a sacrifice to the LORD and made vows.

¹⁷ And the LORD appointed a great fish to swallow up Jonah. And Jonah was in the belly of the fish three days and three nights.

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 1

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.

P 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.

P 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.**

P 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:

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

C **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.

Almighty and everlasting God, who governs all things in heaven and on earth, mercifully hear the prayers of Your people and grant us Your peace through all our days; 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:

P 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.

C **Amen.**

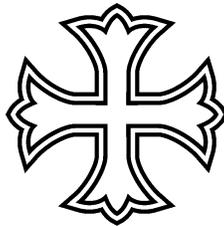
The Closing Prayer:

after Gregory the Great (604)

- 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.**



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