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## Midweek Devotions and Bible Study Wednesday in the Third Week after the Epiphany January 27, 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,

- **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.
- 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!

The Psalm of the Day

P	<sup>1</sup> For God alone my soul waits in silence; from him comes my salvation.
C	<sup>2</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be greatly shaken.
<b>P</b>	<sup>5</sup> For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence, for my hope is from him.
C	<sup>6</sup> He only is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
P	<sup>7</sup> On God rests my salvation and my glory; my mighty rock, my refuge is God.
C	<sup>8</sup> Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him; God is a refuge for us.
P	<sup>11</sup> Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
C	that power belongs to God, <sup>12</sup> and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.
P	For you will render to a man according to his work.
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.

## The Scripture Reading

Jonah 1:17-2:10

<sup>17</sup> 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.

<sup>1</sup>Then Jonah prayed to the LORD his God from the belly of the fish, <sup>2</sup>saying,

"I called out to the LORD, out of my distress, and he answered me;
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.
<sup>3</sup>For you cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and your billows passed over me.
<sup>4</sup>Then I said, 'I am driven away from your sight;
Yet I shall again look upon your holy temple.'

<sup>5</sup>The waters closed in over me to take my life; the deep surrounded me; weeds were wrapped about my head <sup>6</sup>at the roots of the mountains. I went down to the land whose bars closed upon me forever; yet you brought up my life from the pit, O LORD my God. <sup>7</sup>When my life was fainting away, I remembered the LORD, and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple. <sup>8</sup>Those who pay regard to vain idols forsake their hope of steadfast love. <sup>9</sup>But I with the voice of thanksgiving will sacrifice to you; what I have vowed I will pay. Salvation belongs to the LORD!"

<sup>10</sup>And the LORD spoke to the fish, and it vomited Jonah out upon the dry land.

**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 2

The Prayers:

P	From the rising of the sun to its setting, let us pray to the Lord.
P C	That the people of God in all the world may worship the Lord in spirit and in truth: Lord, hear our prayer.
P C	That the Church may discover again that unity which is the Father's will: <b>Lord, hear our prayer.</b>

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:

- Let us pray. Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; 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.
- **C** Amen.

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The Closing Prayer:

 Together we pray:
 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:

- 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 <u>trinity-elc-pastor@verizon.net</u>.

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