

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Listening to God's Call

January 24, 2021



AS WE GATHER

When someone calls you on your our present day with caller the call go to voicemail to wait and it's from and at times wait to importance. How about when God to repentance? Do you answer? We hear in today's Readings of the response of some. Jonah was a reluctant follower. He went to Nineveh begrudgingly, but through him God would issue a call for the Ninevites to repentance. Jesus would call Simon, Andrew, James, and John to follow Him, and promised that through them, God would issue a call of repentance to many. In Baptism, God has called us to follow Him in a life of faith and repentance, and He promises that through us, others will also be called to that same repentance and new life.

phone, do you always answer? In identification, many are apt to let see what the message is and who respond depending on the level of calls? Especially, if that call is one

✠ PREPARATION ✠

HYMN

"Brightest and Best of the Stars of the Morning"

84 or LW: 86

1 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

2 Cold on His cradle the dew-drops are shining;
Low lies His head with the beasts of the stall;
Angels adore Him in slumber reclining,
Maker and Monarch and Savior of all.

3 Shall we not yield Him, in costly devotion,
Fragrance of Edom and offerings divine,
Gems of the mountain and pearls of the ocean,
Myrrh from the forest or gold from the mine?

4 Vainly we offer each ample oblation,
Vainly with gifts would His favor secure,
Richer by far is the heart's adoration;
Dearer to God are the prayers of the poor.

5 Brightest and best of the stars of the morning,
Dawn on our darkness and lend us your aid;
Star of the East, the horizon adorning,
Guide where our infant Redeemer is laid.

INVOCATION

P: In the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES *Psalm 113:1–3*

P: Praise the LORD! Praise, O servants of the LORD,

C: **praise the name of the LORD!**

P: Blessed be the name of the LORD from this time forth and forevermore!

C: **From the rising of the sun to its setting, the name of the LORD is to be praised!**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION *Mark 1:15*

P: We confess our sins to God our Father.

Silence for reflection

P: Almighty and ever-compassionate Lord,

C: **we are by nature sinful and unclean. We confess our many failures as we have not followed You joyfully and trustingly. We have not loved others as ourselves, and our thoughts, words, and deeds have not been pleasing to You. We have not always welcomed Your call for us to follow You and You alone.**

P: The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the Gospel. Hear and rejoice in the Good News. Jesus Christ died for you, and for His sake, God has compassion. As a called and ordained servant of the Word, and in His stead, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ☩ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen. Thanks be to God!**

☩ WORD ☩

INTROIT *Psalm 113:1–2, 4, 7–8; antiphon: v. 3*

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,

C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

P: Praise the Lord! Praise, O servants of the Lord,

C: **praise the name of the Lord!**

P: Blessed be the name of the Lord

C: **from this time forth and forevermore!**

P: The Lord is high above all nations,

C: **and his glory above the heavens!**

P: He raises the poor from the dust

C: **and lifts the needy from the ash heap,**

P: to make them sit with princes,

C: **with the princes of his people.**

All: **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.**

P: From the rising of the sun to its setting,
C: **the name of the Lord is to be praised!**

KYRIE

P: In peace let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.
C: **Lord, have mercy.**

P: Help, save, comfort and defend us, gracious Lord.
C: **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are His. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

For the Lamb who was slain has begun His reign. Alleluia. This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.
C: **And also with you.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING *Jonah 3:1–5, 10* (The Ninevites repent.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

GRADUAL *Psalm 117:1–2a; 96:8*

L: Praise the LORD, all nations!

C: **Extol Him, all peoples!**

L: For great is His steadfast love toward us,

C: **and the faithfulness of the LORD endures forever.**

L: Ascribe to the LORD the glory due His name;

C: **bring an offering, and come into His courts!**

EPISTLE *1 Corinthians 7:29–31* (As time grows short, Paul encourages faithful use of time.)

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

VERSE

All: **Alleluia, Lord to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia, alleluia.**

HOLY GOSPEL *Mark 1:14–20* (Jesus calls the first disciples to follow Him.)

P: The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark, the first chapter.

C: **Glory to You, O Lord.**

(The Gospel is read.)

P: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

HYMN "Hark, the Voice of Jesus Calling" # 381 (not in LW)

1 Hark, the voice of Jesus calling,
"Who will go and work today?
Fields are white and harvests waiting,
Who will bear the sheaves away?"
Loud and long the master calls you;
Rich reward he offers free.
Who will answer, gladly saying,

"Here am I. Send me, send me"?

2 If you cannot speak like angels,
If you cannot preach like Paul,
You can tell the love of Jesus;
You can say he died for all.
If you cannot rouse the wicked
With the judgment's dread alarms,
You can lead the little children
To the Savior's waiting arms.

3 If you cannot be a watchman,
Standing high on Zion's wall,
Pointing out the path to heaven,
Offering life and peace to all,
With your prayers and with your bounties
You can do what God demands;
You can be life faithful Aaron,
Holding up the prophet's hands.

4 Let none hear you idly saying,
"There is nothing I can do,"
While the multitudes are dying
And the master calls for you.
Take the task he gives you gladly;
Let his work your pleasure be.
Answer quickly when he calls you,
"Here am I. Send me, send me!"

SERMON

CREED *Nicene Creed*

**C: I believe in one God,
 the Father Almighty,
 maker of heaven and earth
 and of all things visible and invisible.**

**And in one Lord Jesus Christ,
the only-begotten Son of God,
begotten of His Father before all worlds,
God of God, Light of Light,
very God of very God,
begotten, not made,
being of one substance with the Father,
by whom all things were made;
who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven
and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary
and was made man;
and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate.
He suffered and was buried.
And the third day He rose again according to the Scriptures
and ascended into heaven**

and sits at the right hand of the Father.
And He will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead,
whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the Lord and giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified,
who spoke by the prophets.
And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church,
I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins,
and I look for the resurrection of the dead
and the life \times of the world to come. Amen.

Thank you for your faithful support during this prolonged period of difficulty.

You can leave your tithes and offerings in the basket at the rear of the sanctuary,
mail them to the church office, or give online at
redeemerlutherancolden.org.

+ GOD'S PEACE TO YOU ALL +

AS WE PREPARE FOR PRAYER AND THE SACRAMENT OF THE ALTAR, SOFT MUSIC IS PLAYED

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

P: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

God, the center of our lives, help us to recollect the parts of ourselves from the compartments of isolation in which we hide, returning to You who is gracious and merciful, slow to anger, and abounding in steadfast love. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Jesus announced the presence of Your gracious reign among us here on earth. Turn our hearts and the hearts of all people to You that we all may come to trust in Your mercy through Jesus' life, death, and resurrection. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Send forth faithful preachers of Your Law and Gospel. Help pastors, missionaries, and all Your baptized children to see ourselves as fishers of men in our daily callings and vocations. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: God, the center of our lives, bring healing and hope to all who suffer in body, mind, or spirit. Grant them patience in every affliction and hearts that rest in Your unfailing love, trusting that underneath it all are Your everlasting arms. Lord, in Your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

P: Into Your hands we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy, through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns in communion and love with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen.

✠ SACRAMENT ✠

PREFACE

P: The Lord be with you. *2 Timothy 4:22*

C: **And also with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts.

C: **We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

PROPER PREFACE

P: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord; for what had been hidden from before the foundation of the world You have made known to the nations in Your Son. In Him, being found in the substance of our mortal nature, You have manifested the fullness of Your glory. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and saying:

SANCTUS

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might; heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the Highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the Highest.

LORD'S PRAYER *Matthew 6:9–13*

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 WORDS OF OUR LORD *Matthew 26:26–28; Mark 14:22–24; Luke 22:19–20; 1 Corinthians 11:23–25*

P: Our Lord Jesus Christ, on the night when He was betrayed, took bread, and when He had given thanks, He broke it and gave it to the disciples and said: “Take, eat; this is My ✠ body, which is given for you. This do in remembrance of Me.”

In the same way also He took the cup after supper, and when He had given thanks, He gave it to them, saying: “Drink of it, all of you; this cup is the new testament in My ✠ blood, which is shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. This do, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of Me.”

THE AGNUS DEI

Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God you take away the sin of the world. Grant us peace.

DISTRIBUTION

THE BLESSING

POST-COMMUNION THANKSGIVING

P: Let us pray.

We give thanks to You, almighty God, that You have refreshed us through this salutary gift, and we implore You that of Your mercy You would strengthen us through the same in faith toward You and in fervent love toward one another; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

BENEDICTION

P: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and ✠ give you peace.

Numbers 6:24–26

C: **Amen.**

HYMN

“God of the Prophets, Bless the Prophets’ Sons”

LW 258 **only**

1 God of the prophets! Bless the prophets’ sons;
Elijah’s mantle on Elisha cast;
Each age its solemn task may claim but once;
Make each one nobler, stronger than the last.

2 Anoint them prophets! Men who are intent

To hear and share your word: their hearts awake
To human need; their lips make eloquent
To gird the right and ev'ry evil break.

3 Anoint them priests! Strong intercessors, they,
For pardon and for love and hope and peace.
Oh, if with them the world might, now astray;
Find, Lord, in you from all their woes release.

4 Make them apostles! Heralds of your cross.
Forth let them go to tell all lands your grace;
By you inspired, they count all else but loss,
And stand at last with joy before thy face.

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