

**St. Martin's Episcopal Church, Lebanon, Oregon**  
**Sunday January 17, 2021 ~ 3rd Sunday after the Epiphany**



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**Welcome**

**Opening Acclamation**

- Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.
- And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. *Amen.*

**Collect of the Day**

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

**First Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10**

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

- Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's People
- Thanks be to God

**Psalm 62:6-14**

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \*  
truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \*  
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \*  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \*  
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \*  
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \*  
all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion;  
in robbery take no empty pride; \*  
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \*  
that power belongs to God.

14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \*  
for you repay everyone according to his deeds

### **Second Lesson – 1 Corinthians 7:29-31**

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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### **The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ, according Mark 1:14-20**

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

- This is the Gospel of the Lord.
- Thanks be to God

### **A reading from Bp. Curry's book *Love is the Way***

"Dr. Martin Luther King ... wisely said, "We must learn to live together as brothers [and sisters] or perish together as fools." He was right in the late 1960s when he said it, and it's right in this twenty-first century. We can no longer afford the demonic luxury of bigotry or the false hope of hatred. We must learn to live together as brothers and sisters, all of us children of God. As Dr. King also often said in this regard, we have two choices before us, chaos or community.

The Bible says, "Choose this day who you will serve." I believe, and I suspect most of you do, too, that we must choose community --the human community, in community with all of creation. This is the beloved community of god. This is what the late lay theologian Verna Dozier and Archbishop Desmond Tutu have often called 'the dream of God.' And love -- unselfish, sacrificial, unconditional, and liberating love -- is the way, frankly the only way, to realize God's dream of the beloved community, on earth as it is in heaven. It's the only thing that can, and that ever will, make the world a better place."

*Amen*

### **Nicene Creed (in unison)**

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We believe in one God,  
the Father, the Almighty,  
maker of heaven and earth,  
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,  
the only Son of God,  
eternally begotten of the Father,  
God from God, Light from Light,  
true God from true God,  
begotten, not made,  
of one Being with the Father.  
Through him all things were made.  
For us and for our salvation  
he came down from heaven:  
by the power of the Holy Spirit  
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,  
and was made man.  
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;  
he suffered death and was buried.  
On the third day he rose again  
in accordance with the Scriptures;  
he ascended into heaven  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,  
and his kingdom will have no end.  
We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,  
who proceeds from the Father and the Son.  
With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.  
He has spoken through the Prophets.  
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.  
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.  
We look for the resurrection of the dead,  
and the life of the world to come. **Amen.**

### **Special Prayers for Epiphany III**

*The response is:* Lord, graciously hear us.

The kingdom of God is near at hand. Let us earnestly call on God for the needs, concerns, and hopes of all peoples. For the church of Jesus Christ in every place.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, Michael our retiring Bishop, Diana our Bishop-Elect, for all clergy and all who minister in Christ.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For our parish family of St. Martin, that we have the grace to grow into our calling in worship, service, stewardship, and mission.

Lord, hear us.

*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For this holy gathering and for all who are called to follow Jesus  
Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For this country, for all nations and their leaders, and for those who guard the peace. Oh God, you made us in your own image and redeemed us through Jesus your son. Look now with compassion on the entire human family; and particularly this part of the family, in the United States, and those in our nation's capital; take away the arrogance and hatred which infect our hearts; break down the walls that separate us; unite us in bonds of love; and work through our struggle and confusion to accomplish your purposes on earth; that, in your good time, all nations and races may serve you in harmony around your heavenly throne; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For all those in danger and need: the sick and the suffering, prisoners, captives, and their families, the hungry, homeless, and oppressed, remembering especially those on our prayer list and those we remember now, silently or aloud.

Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For those who rest in the peace of Christ, and for all the departed, especially for Lee Gibson aka "Catfish" one of our homeless friends who was found in the river in Albany and for all our sisters and brothers on the street; for Jill Namitz, Suzi's sister-in-law, and Jill's brother-in-law Steve; for Kay's sister Donna Bauer, Lois Marrow, and Don Woods; for the 400,000+ Americans who have died from Covid, and for all whose names are known to God. May light perpetual shine upon them.

Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

For ourselves, our families, and those we love.

Lord, hear us.  
*People* Lord, graciously hear us.

God of mystery, lover of human kind, hear the prayers of your people and keep us ready always to serve as prophets and apostles of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

### **Confession of Sin & Absolution**

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Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*In unison*

Most merciful God,  
we confess that we have sinned against you  
in thought, word, and deed,  
by what we have done,  
and by what we have left undone.  
We have not loved you with our whole heart;  
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.  
We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.  
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;  
that we may delight in your will,  
and walk in your ways,  
to the glory of your Name. **Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on us, forgive us all our sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen us in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep us in eternal life. **Amen.**

**The Lord's Prayer** *said in unison*

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,  
for ever and ever. **Amen.**

**Prayer for St. Martin's** *said in unison*

God of Love, open our eyes and ears  
to perceive you at work  
in creation, the church, and our parish.  
Fill our hearts with your love  
that we may reach out in love to others.  
Stir up our imagination with your Holy Spirit  
that we may find new ways to live into life with you.  
Give us a vision of your mission  
that we may share your love and your spirit  
in all the places where we work and play and worship you.  
In Jesus' holy name, **Amen.**

**Prayer for Peace**

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Eternal God, in whose perfect kingdom no sword is drawn but the sword of righteousness, no strength known but the strength of love: So mightily spread abroad your Spirit, that all peoples may be gathered under the banner of the Prince of Peace, as children of one Father; to whom be dominion and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

**Dismissal**

- Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
- Thanks be to God, Alleluia, alleluia.