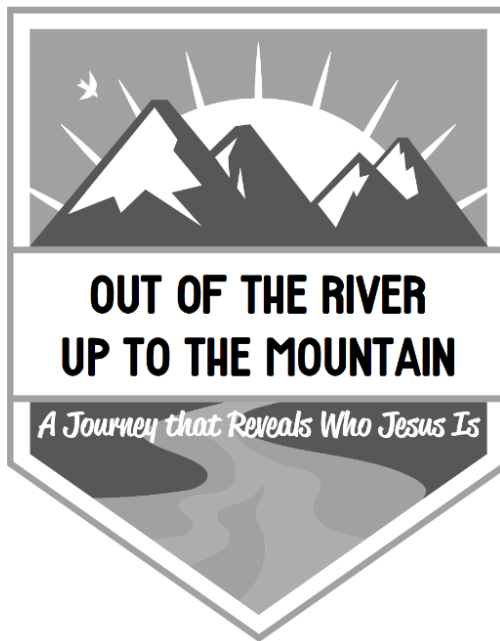


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

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Worship Focus

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Order of Service for THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

Order of Service

The Service of the Word

✠ Gathering ✠

OPENING HYMN

908 – Go Forth and Preach the Gospel



1 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who are in need.
2 Go forth and preach the gos - pel to all who live in fear,
3 Go forth and preach the gos - pel; go spread the news a - broad!



As wit - ness to the Sav - ior, go teach by word and deed.
and share the joy - ful mes - sage that God is al - ways near.
Pro - claim to ev - 'ry na - tion the great - ness of our God.



The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us to de - clare
The Spir - it is up - on us, and sends us forth in peace
The Spir - it is up - on us, that all may un - der - stand



good news of God's for - give - ness to peo - ple ev - 'ry - where.
to bring the poor glad ti - dings, that mer - cy may in - crease.
the prom - ise of sal - va - tion re - vealed to ev - 'ry land.

Stand

INVOCATION

The grace of our Lord + Jesus Christ and the love of God and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you. **And also with you.**

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

We have come into the presence of God, who created us to love and serve him as his dear children. But we have disobeyed him and deserve only his wrath and punishment. Therefore, let us confess our sins to him and plead for his mercy.

Merciful Father in heaven, I am altogether sinful from birth. In countless ways I have sinned against you and do not deserve to be called your child. But trusting in Jesus, my Savior, I pray: Have mercy on me according to your unfailing love. Cleanse me from my sin, and take away my guilt.

God, our heavenly Father, has forgiven all your sins. By the perfect life and innocent death of our Lord Jesus Christ, he has removed your guilt forever. You are his own dear child. May God give you strength to live according to his will. **Amen.**

SONG OF PRAISE

Oh, Taste and See

Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good. Bless - ed are
they who take ref - uge in him. Your Word, O Lord, is e -
ter - nal; it stands firm in the heav -
ens. Your faith - ful - ness con - tin - ues for -
ev - er. Oh, taste and see that the Lord is good.
Bless - ed are they who take ref - uge in him.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray. Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit that we too may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



Be seated



✠ The Word ✠

FIRST READING

Jonah 3:1–5,10

The reluctant Jonah had been given the charge of proclaiming a message from the LORD to the people of Nineveh.

JONAH 3:1 Then the word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time: “Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you.”

³Jonah obeyed the word of the Lord and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very large city; it took three days to go through it. ⁴Jonah began by going a day’s journey into the city, proclaiming, “Forty more days and Nineveh will be overthrown.” ⁵The Ninevites believed God. A fast was proclaimed, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. ...

...¹⁰When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he relented and did not bring on them the destruction he had threatened.

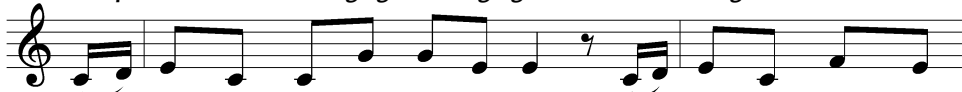
The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62

My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone

The worship team will lead the singing. The congregation is invited to sing all the verses.



1 My soul finds rest in God a-lone, my rock and my sal -
2 Find rest, my soul, in God a-lone a - mid the world's temp -
3 I'll set my gaze on God a-lone and trust in him com -



va - tion; a for - tress strong a - gainst my foes, and
ta - tions; when e - vil seeks to take a hold I'll
plete - ly; with ev - 'ry day pour out my soul and



I will not be shak - en. Though lips may bless and
cling to my sal - va - tion. Though rich - es come and
he will prove his mer - cy. Though life is but a



hearts may curse, and lies like ar - rows pierce me, I'll
rich - es go, don't set your heart up - on them; the
fleet - ing breath, a sigh too brief to mea - sure, my



fix my heart on right-ous-ness, I'll look to him who hears me.
fields of hope in which I sow are har-vest-ed in heav - en.
King has crushed the curse of death and I am his for - ev - er.

Refrain



O praise him, hal-le - lu - jah, my de-light and my re - ward;



ev - er - last - ing, nev - er fail - ing, my Re - deem - er, my God.

SECOND READING

2 Corinthians 5:14–21

Christ has committed to us, as his ambassadors, the message of reconciliation.

¹⁴For Christ's love compels us, because we are convinced that one died for all, and therefore all died. ¹⁵And he died for all, that those who live should no longer live for themselves but for him who died for them and was raised again.

¹⁶So from now on we regard no one from a worldly point of view. Though we once regarded Christ in this way, we do so no longer. ¹⁷Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here! ¹⁸All this is from God, who reconciled us to himself through Christ and gave us the ministry of reconciliation: ¹⁹that God was reconciling the world to himself in Christ, not counting people's sins against them. And he has committed to us the message of reconciliation. ²⁰We are therefore Christ's ambassadors, as though God were making his appeal through us. We implore you on Christ's behalf: Be reconciled to God. ²¹God made him who had no sin to be sin for us, so that in him we might become the righteousness of God.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God

Please stand for the reading of the Gospel

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

These words are writ - ten that we may be - lieve that

Je - sus is the Christ, the Son of God.

Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia Al - le - lu - ia!

GOSPEL READING

Mark 1:14–20

When Jesus gave Simon and Andrew the lofty charge of fishing for people, they left everything else behind.

MARK 1:14 After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. 15 “The time has come,” he said. “The kingdom of God has come near. Repent and believe the good news!”

16 As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. 17 “Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” 18 At once they left their nets and followed him.

19 When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. 20 Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise be to you, O Christ!

Be seated

HYMN OF THE DAY

745 – Hark, the Voice of Jesus Crying



1 Hark, the voice of Je - sus cry - ing, “Who will go and work to - day?
2 If you can - not speak like an - gels, if you can - not preach like Paul,
3 If you can - not be a watch - man, stand - ing high on Zi - on’s wall,
4 Let none hear you i - dly say - ing, “There is noth - ing I can do,”



Fields are ripe and har - vests wait - ing; who will bear the sheaves a - way?”
you can tell the love of Je - sus, you can say he died for all.
point - ing out the path to heav - en, of - f’ring life and peace to all,
while the mul - ti - tudes are dy - ing, and the Mas - ter calls for you.



Loud and long the Mas - ter call - eth; rich re - ward he of - fers thee.
If you can - not rouse the wick - ed with the judg - ment’s dread a - larms,
with your prayers and with your of - f’rings you can do what God de - mands;
Take the task he gives you glad - ly, let his work your plea - sure be;



Who will an - swer, glad - ly say - ing, “Here am I, send me, send me”?
you can lead the lit - tle chil - dren to the Sav - ior’s wait - ing arms.
you can be like faith - ful Aar - on, hold - ing up the proph - et’s hands.
an - swer quick - ly when he call - eth, “Here am I, send me, send me!”

✠ Sermon ✠

Deuteronomy 10:12-22

God's Faithfulness Exposes Us!

1. Our stubbornness
2. Our response

Sermon notes:

Stand

✠ Confession of Faith ✠

THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Be seated

ANNOUNCEMENTS and MUSICAL OFFERING

We appreciate the offerings given to support the work of God's Kingdom here and throughout the world.

Offerings can be given in any of these ways:

- *Set in the offering plate at the back of the sanctuary*
- *On the Calvary website: <https://calvarydallas.org/give/>*
- *Scan the QR code to the right...*



Give us a record of your visit through our online Connection Card, or by filling out the card in the pew and placing it in the offering plate as you leave. The Connection Card tab can be found at the bottom right of any page of the Calvary website, <https://calvarydallas.org> or by scanning the QR code above.

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

You may remain seated for prayer

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

Lord God, heavenly Father, You desire not the death of a sinner but that all would repent and believe the Gospel. In the epiphany of Your Son, Your time of salvation and Your kingdom have come near. As this world passes away, give faithfulness and urgency to Your Church to proclaim the Gospel of our God to all people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord of the harvest, as You called Simon Peter and Andrew, James and John to follow You and made them fishers of men, so send faithful preachers of Your Gospel in our time. Increase the spirit of generosity to all who support the missionaries and institutions of our Church for the spread of the Gospel and the service of God's people. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Eternal Lord, in view of every current distress as the present form of this world passes away, give constancy and contentment to Your people in their God-given stations. Strengthen the faithful to pass on the faith to the next generation. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Almighty God, preserve our nation with its rulers. Call to repentance those who have forgotten You. Spare our president, our governor, and all who serve for the good of this people. Do not let disaster befall us, but preserve us in peace and quietness. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Merciful Father, turn us from every distracting anxiety and the dealings of this world that would draw our hearts away from Your blessed Gospel and its end, eternal life. Give us confidence in the resurrection and the peace of a clean conscience by the forgiveness of sins in Jesus' name. Graciously behold and help those for whom we pray [*especially* _____]. Lord, in Your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

All these things and whatever else You know that we need, grant us, Father, for the sake of Him who died and rose again and now lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God forever. **Amen.**

LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

SERMON HYMN

696 Take My Life and Let It Be



1 Take my life and let it be con - se - crat - ed,
2 Take my hands and let them move at the im - pulse
3 Take my voice and let me sing al - ways, on - ly
4 Take my sil - ver and my gold, not a mite would



Lord, to thee; take my mo - ments and my days, let them
of thy love; take my feet and let them be swift and
for my King; take my lips and let them be filled with
I with-hold; take my in - tel - lect and use ev - 'ry



flow in cease-less praise, let them flow in cease-less praise.
beau - ti - ful for thee, swift and beau - ti - ful for thee.
mes - sag - es from thee, filled with mes - sag - es from thee.
pow'r as thou shalt choose, ev - 'ry pow'r as thou shalt choose.

5 Take my will and make it thine,
it shall be no longer mine;
take my heart, it is thine own,
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.

6 Take my love, my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.

Stand

PRAYER AND BLESSING

Almighty God, we thank you for teaching us the things you want us to believe and do. Help us by your Holy Spirit to keep your Word in pure hearts that we may be strengthened in faith, guided in holiness, and comforted in life and in death, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.



A - men.

Brother and sisters, go in peace.
Live in harmony with one another.
Serve the Lord with gladness.

The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look on you with favor and + give you peace.



A - men. A - men. A - men.

CLOSING HYMN

746 – I Love to Tell the Story



1 I love to tell the sto - ry of un - seen things a - bove,
 2 The Sav - ior of all peo - ple has brought his peace to you;
 3 I love to tell the sto - ry, for those who know it best



of Je - sus and his glo - ry, of Je - sus and his love.
 now go and tell the sto - ry, for oth - ers need it too.
 seem hun - ger - ing and thirst - ing to hear it like the rest.



I love to tell the sto - ry be - cause I know it's true;
 To ev - 'ry land and na - tion ring out the gos - pel call;
 And when in scenes of glo - ry I sing the new, new song,



it sat - is - fies my long - ings as noth - ing else can do.
 pro - claim that Christ is ris - en and grants his peace to all.
 'twill be the old, old sto - ry that I have loved so long.

Refrain



I love to tell the sto - ry; 'twill be my theme in glo - ry



to tell the old, old sto - ry of Je - sus and his love.

Be seated

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Text: James J. Chepponis, b. 1956

Tune: Gesangbuch der herzogl. Hofkapelle, Wurttemberg, 1784;

Setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941, alt.

Scripture references: Mt 28:18-20; Mk 16:15; Ac 10:39-43; Rev 14:6

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Tune: Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896; setting: The Lutheran Hymnal, 1941

Scripture references: Isa 6:8; Lk 10:2; Mk 10:13-16; 2 Th 3:1; 1 Pe 3:15

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Hymn 696 – Take My Life and Let It Be

Text: Frances R. Havergal, 1836-1879

Music: Henri A. C. Malan, 1787-1864

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Hymn 746 – I Love to Tell the Story

Text: Katherine Hankey, 1834-1911, verses, abr., alt.; William G. Fischer, 1835-1912, refrain

Music: William G. Fischer, 1835-1912

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