

**Readings, Collect and Year's Mind
for Sunday 24th & Thursday 28th January 2021
Epiphany 3**

In our Year's Mind this week, we pray for: Alexander Young, Margaret Brodie, Ivy Rodier, Helen Wilson, Brian Philp

Collect for Epiphany 3:

Almighty and eternal God,
behold us in our weakness:
and stretch out your hands to protect us;
through Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, world without end.

Amen.

Old Testament Reading: Jonah 3: 1-5, 10

The word of the Lord came to Jonah, 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

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 honour; 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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading: 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1: 14-20

Glory to Christ our Saviour.

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 lake – 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.

Give thanks to the Lord for his glorious Gospel.

Praise to Christ our Lord.

Post Communion Prayer

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people, illumined by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth;
for he lives and reigns, now and for ever.

Amen