

January 24, 2021

**Invocation**

**P** In the name of the Father and of the  $\text{✠}$  Son and of the Holy Spirit.

**C** **Amen.**

Matthew 18:19b

**Psalm 62**

For God alone my soul waits in silence;  
 from him comes my salvation.  
 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
 my fortress;  
 I shall not be greatly shaken.  
 How long will all of you attack a man  
 to batter him,  
 like a leaning wall, a tottering fence?  
 They only plan to thrust him down from his high position.  
 They take pleasure in falsehood.  
 They bless with their mouths,  
 but inwardly they curse.  
 For God alone, O my soul, wait in silence,  
 for my hope is from him.  
 He only is my rock and my salvation,  
 my fortress;  
 I shall not be shaken.  
 On God rests my salvation and my glory;  
 my mighty rock, my refuge is God.  
 Trust in him at all times, O people;  
 pour out your heart before him;  
 God is a refuge for us.  
 Those of low estate are but a breath;  
 those of high estate are a delusion;  
 in the balances they go up;  
 they are together lighter than a breath.  
 Put no trust in extortion;  
 set no vain hopes on robbery;  
 if riches increase, set not your heart on them.  
 Once God has spoken;  
 twice have I heard this:  
 that power belongs to God,  
 and that to you, O Lord, belongs steadfast love.  
 For you will render to a man  
 according to his work.

### First Reading Jonah 3:1-5, 10

#### **Jonah Goes to Nineveh**

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, “Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you.” So Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly great city, three days’ journey in breadth. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s journey. And he called out, “Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” And the people of Nineveh believed God. They called for a fast and put on sackcloth, from the greatest of them to the least of them. . . .

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil way, God relented of the disaster that he had said he would do to them, and he did not do it.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

This is what I mean, brothers: the appointed time has grown very short. From now on, let those who have wives live 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 goods, 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.

**P** This is the Word of the Lord.

**C** **Thanks be to God.**

### Gospel Reading Mark 1:14-20

#### **Jesus Begins His Ministry**

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.”

#### **Jesus Calls the First Disciples**

Passing alongside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and Andrew the brother of Simon casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. And going on a little farther, he saw James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, who were in their boat mending the nets. And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

- P** This is the Gospel of the Lord.  
**C** Praise to You, O Christ.

### Sermon

#### Apostles' Creed

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

And 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 sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.  
 From thence 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.

Offering (If you so desire, your offering can be sent to the church office)

#### Prayer

- 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.

#### Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13

- L** Taught by our Lord and trusting His promises, we are bold to pray:  
**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.

**Benediction**

2 Corinthians 13:14

**P** The grace of our Lord ✠ Jesus Christ and the love of God  
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** Amen.