

*The Week of the
Second Sunday after the Epiphany
Morning Prayer Readings for
January 18-22, 2021*

Monday January 18, 2021

Please turn to page 614. We'll say Psalm 25 together.

25 *Ad te, Domine, levavi*

*1 To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul;
my God, I put my trust in you; *
et me not be humiliated,
nor let my enemies triumph over me.*

*2 Let none who look to you be put to shame; *
let the treacherous be disappointed in their schemes.*

*3 Show me your ways, O Lord, *
and teach me your paths.*

*4 Lead me in your truth and teach me, *
for you are the God of my salvation;
in you have I trusted all the day long.*

*5 Remember, O Lord, your compassion and love, *
for they are from everlasting.*

*6 Remember not the sins of my youth and my transgressions; *
remember me according to your love*

and for the sake of your goodness, O Lord.

*7 Gracious and upright is the Lord; *
therefore he teaches sinners in his way.*

*8 He guides the humble in doing right *
and teaches his way to the lowly.*

*9 All the paths of the Lord are love and faithfulness *
to those who keep his covenant and his testimonies.*

*10 For your Name's sake, O Lord, *
forgive my sin, for it is great.*

*11 Who are they who fear the Lord? *
he will teach them the way that they should choose.*

*12 They shall dwell in prosperity, *
and their offspring shall inherit the land.*

*13 The Lord is a friend to those who fear him *
and will show them his covenant.*

*14 My eyes are ever looking to the Lord, *
for he shall pluck my feet out of the net.*

*15 Turn to me and have pity on me, *
for I am left alone and in misery.*

*16 The sorrows of my heart have increased; *
bring me out of my troubles.*

*17 Look upon my adversity and misery *
and forgive me all my sin.*

*18 Look upon my enemies, for they are many, *
and they bear a violent hatred against me.*

*19 Protect my life and deliver me; *
let me not be put to shame, for I have trusted in you.*

*20 Let integrity and uprightness preserve me, *
for my hope has been in you.*

*21 Deliver Israel, O God, *
out of all his troubles.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The first lesson is from Isaiah 44:6-8,21-23

⁶ Thus says the Lord, the King of Israel
and his Redeemer, the Lord of hosts:
I am the first and I am the last;
besides me there is no god.

⁷ Who is like me? Let them proclaim it,
let them declare and set it forth before me.
Who has announced from of old the things to come?
Let them tell us what is yet to be.

⁸ Do not fear, or be afraid;
have I not told you from of old and declared it?
You are my witnesses!
Is there any god besides me?
There is no other rock; I know not one.

²¹ Remember these things, O Jacob,
and Israel, for you are my servant;
I formed you, you are my servant;
O Israel, you will not be forgotten by me.

²² I have swept away your transgressions like a cloud,
and your sins like mist;
return to me, for I have redeemed you.

²³ Sing, O heavens, for the Lord has done it;
shout, O depths of the earth;
break forth into singing, O mountains,
O forest, and every tree in it!
For the Lord has redeemed Jacob,
and will be glorified in Israel.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 86. We'll say **Canticle 9, The First Song of Isaiah** together.

The second lesson is from Ephesians 4:1-16

⁴ I therefore, the prisoner in the Lord, beg you to lead a life worthy of the calling to which you have been called, ²with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, ³making every effort to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace. ⁴There is one body and one Spirit, just as you were called to the one hope of your calling, ⁵one Lord, one faith, one baptism, ⁶one God and Father of all, who is above all and through all and in all.

⁷ But each of us was given grace according to the measure of Christ's gift. ⁸Therefore it is said,
'When he ascended on high he made captivity itself a captive;
he gave gifts to his people.'

⁹(When it says, 'He ascended', what does it mean but that he had also descended into the lower parts of the earth? ¹⁰He who

descended is the same one who ascended far above all the heavens, so that he might fill all things.) ¹¹The gifts he gave were that some would be apostles, some prophets, some evangelists, some pastors and teachers, ¹²to equip the saints for the work of ministry, for building up the body of Christ, ¹³until all of us come to the unity of the faith and of the knowledge of the Son of God, to maturity, to the measure of the full stature of Christ. ¹⁴We must no longer be children, tossed to and fro and blown about by every wind of doctrine, by people's trickery, by their craftiness in deceitful scheming. ¹⁵But speaking the truth in love, we must grow up in every way into him who is the head, into Christ, ¹⁶from whom the whole body, joined and knitted together by every ligament with which it is equipped, as each part is working properly, promotes the body's growth in building itself up in love.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 94. We'll say Canticle 19, The Song of the Redeemed together.

The third lesson is from Mark 3:7-19

7 Jesus departed with his disciples to the lake, and a great multitude from Galilee followed him; ⁸hearing all that he was doing, they came to him in great numbers from Judea, Jerusalem, Idumea, beyond the Jordan, and the region around Tyre and Sidon. ⁹He told his disciples to have a boat ready for him because of the crowd, so that they would not crush him; ¹⁰for he had cured many, so that all who had diseases pressed upon him to touch him. ¹¹Whenever the unclean spirits saw him, they fell down before him and shouted, 'You are the Son of God!' ¹²But he sternly ordered them not to make him known.

13 He went up the mountain and called to him those whom he wanted, and they came to him. ¹⁴And he appointed twelve, whom he also named apostles, to be with him, and to be sent out to proclaim the message, ¹⁵and to have authority to cast out demons. ¹⁶So he appointed the twelve: Simon (to whom he gave the name Peter); ¹⁷James son of Zebedee and John the brother of James (to whom he gave the name Boanerges, that is, Sons of Thunder); ¹⁸and Andrew, and Philip, and Bartholomew, and Matthew, and Thomas, and James son of Alphaeus, and Thaddaeus, and Simon the Cananaean, ¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home;

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 96. We'll say **The Apostles' Creed** together.

The Collect of the day

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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Tuesday January 19, 2021

Please turn to page 616. We'll say Psalms 26 and 28 together.

26 *Judica me, Domine*

*1 Give judgment for me, O Lord,
for I have lived with integrity; *
I have trusted in the Lord and have not faltered.*

*2 Test me, O Lord, and try me; *
examine my heart and my mind.*

*3 For your love is before my eyes; *
I have walked faithfully with you.*

*4 I have not sat with the worthless, *
nor do I consort with the deceitful.*

*5 I have hated the company of evildoers; *
I will not sit down with the wicked.*

*6 I will wash my hands in innocence, O Lord, *
that I may go in procession round your altar,*

*7 Singing aloud a song of thanksgiving *
and recounting all your wonderful deeds.*

*8 Lord, I love the house in which you dwell *
and the place where your glory abides.*

*9 Do not sweep me away with sinners, *
nor my life with those who thirst for blood,*

*10 Whose hands are full of evil plots, *
and their right hand full of bribes.*

*11 As for me, I will live with integrity; *
redeem me, O Lord, and have pity on me.*

*12 My foot stands on level ground; *
in the full assembly I will bless the Lord.*

Please turn to page 619 for Psalm 28.

28 *Ad te, Domine*

*1 O Lord, I call to you;
my Rock, do not be deaf to my cry; *
lest, if you do not hear me,
I become like those who go down to the Pit.*

*2 Hear the voice of my prayer when I cry out to you, *
when I lift up my hands to your holy of holies.*

*3 Do not snatch me away with the wicked or with the
evildoers, *
who speak peaceably with their neighbors,
while strife is in their hearts.*

*4 Repay them according to their deeds, *
and according to the wickedness of their actions.*

*5 According to the work of their hands repay them, *
and give them their just deserts.*

*6 They have no understanding of the Lord's doings,
nor of the works of his hands; *
therefore he will break them down and not*

build them up.

*7 Blessed is the Lord! **

for he has heard the voice of my prayer.

*8 The Lord is my strength and my shield; **

my heart trusts in him, and I have been helped;

*9 Therefore my heart dances for joy, **

and in my song will I praise him.

*10 The Lord is the strength of his people, **

a safe refuge for his anointed.

*11 Save your people and bless your inheritance; **

shepherd them and carry them for ever.

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The first lesson is from Isaiah 44:9-20

9 All who make idols are nothing, and the things they delight in do not profit; their witnesses neither see nor know. And so they will be put to shame. ¹⁰Who would fashion a god or cast an image that can do no good? ¹¹Look, all its devotees shall be put to shame; the artisans too are merely human. Let them all assemble, let them stand up; they shall be terrified, they shall all be put to shame.

12 The blacksmith fashions it and works it over the coals, shaping it with hammers, and forging it with his strong arm; he becomes hungry and his strength fails, he drinks no water and is faint. ¹³The carpenter stretches a line, marks it out with a stylus, fashions it with planes, and marks it with a compass; he makes it in human form, with human beauty, to be set up in a shrine. ¹⁴He cuts down cedars or chooses a holm tree or an oak and lets it grow strong among the

trees of the forest. He plants a cedar and the rain nourishes it.

¹⁵Then it can be used as fuel. Part of it he takes and warms himself; he kindles a fire and bakes bread. Then he makes a god and worships it, makes it a carved image and bows down before it.

¹⁶Half of it he burns in the fire; over this half he roasts meat, eats it, and is satisfied. He also warms himself and says, 'Ah, I am warm, I can feel the fire!' ¹⁷The rest of it he makes into a god, his idol, bows down to it, and worships it; he prays to it and says, 'Save me, for you are my god!'

18 They do not know, nor do they comprehend; for their eyes are shut, so that they cannot see, and their minds as well, so that they cannot understand. ¹⁹No one considers, nor is there knowledge or discernment to say, 'Half of it I burned in the fire; I also baked bread on its coals, I roasted meat and have eaten. Now shall I make the rest of it an abomination? Shall I fall down before a block of wood?' ²⁰He feeds on ashes; a deluded mind has led him astray, and he cannot save himself or say, 'Is not this thing in my right hand a fraud?'

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 90. We'll say **Canticle 13, A Song of Praise** together.

The second lesson is from Ephesians 4:17-32

17 Now this I affirm and insist on in the Lord: you must no longer live as the Gentiles live, in the futility of their minds. ¹⁸They are darkened in their understanding, alienated from the life of God because of their ignorance and hardness of heart. ¹⁹They have lost all sensitivity and have abandoned themselves to licentiousness, greedy to practice every kind of impurity. ²⁰That is not the way you

learned Christ! ²¹For surely you have heard about him and were taught in him, as truth is in Jesus. ²²You were taught to put away your former way of life, your old self, corrupt and deluded by its lusts, ²³and to be renewed in the spirit of your minds, ²⁴and to clothe yourselves with the new self, created according to the likeness of God in true righteousness and holiness.

25 So then, putting away falsehood, let all of us speak the truth to our neighbors, for we are members of one another. ²⁶Be angry but do not sin; do not let the sun go down on your anger, ²⁷and do not make room for the devil. ²⁸Thieves must give up stealing; rather let them labor and work honestly with their own hands, so as to have something to share with the needy. ²⁹Let no evil talk come out of your mouths, but only what is useful for building up, as there is need, so that your words may give grace to those who hear. ³⁰And do not grieve the Holy Spirit of God, with which you were marked with a seal for the day of redemption. ³¹Put away from you all bitterness and wrath and anger and wrangling and slander, together with all malice, ³²and be kind to one another, tender-hearted, forgiving one another, as God in Christ has forgiven you.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 93. We'll say **Canticle 18, A Song to the Lamb together.**

The third lesson is from Mark 3:19-35

¹⁹and Judas Iscariot, who betrayed him.

Then he went home; ²⁰and the crowd came together again, so that they could not even eat. ²¹When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, 'He has gone out of his mind.' ²²And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, 'He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out

demons.’ ²³And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, ‘How can Satan cast out Satan? ²⁴If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. ²⁵And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. ²⁶And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. ²⁷But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered.

28 ‘Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; ²⁹but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is guilty of an eternal sin’— ³⁰for they had said, ‘He has an unclean spirit.’

31 Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. ³²A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, ‘Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.’ ³³And he replied, ‘Who are my mother and my brothers?’ ³⁴And looking at those who sat around him, he said, ‘Here are my mother and my brothers! ³⁵Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.’

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Wednesday January 13, 2021

Please turn to page 636. We'll say Psalm 38 together.

38 *Domine, ne in furore*

*1 O Lord, do not rebuke me in your anger; *
do not punish me in your wrath.*

*2 For your arrows have already pierced me, *
and your hand presses hard upon me.*

*3 There is no health in my flesh,
because of your indignation; *
there is no soundness in my body, because of my sin.*

*4 For my iniquities overwhelm me; *
like a heavy burden they are too much for me to bear.*

*5 My wounds stink and fester *
by reason of my foolishness.*

*6 I am utterly bowed down and prostrate; *
I go about in mourning all the day long.*

*7 My loins are filled with searing pain; *
there is no health in my body.*

*8 I am utterly numb and crushed; *
I wail, because of the groaning of my heart.*

*9 O Lord, you know all my desires, *
and my sighing is not hidden from you.*

*10 My heart is pounding, my strength has failed me, **

and the brightness of my eyes is gone from me.

*11 My friends and companions draw back from my affliction; *
my neighbors stand afar off.*

*12 Those who seek after my life lay snares for me; *
those who strive to hurt me speak of my ruin
and plot treachery all the day long.*

*13 But I am like the deaf who do not hear, *
like those who are mute and do not open their mouth.*

*14 I have become like one who does not hear *
and from whose mouth comes no defense.*

*15 For in you, O Lord, have I fixed my hope; *
you will answer me, O Lord my God.*

*16 For I said, "Do not let them rejoice at my expense, *
those who gloat over me when my foot slips."*

*17 Truly, I am on the verge of falling, *
and my pain is always with me.*

*18 I will confess my iniquity *
and be sorry for my sin.*

*19 Those who are my enemies without cause are mighty, *
and many in number are those who wrongfully hate me.*

*20 Those who repay evil for good slander me, *
because I follow the course that is right.*

*21 O Lord, do not forsake me; **

*22 Make haste to help me, *
O Lord of my salvation.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The first lesson is from Isaiah 44:24-45:7

²⁴ Thus says the Lord, your Redeemer,
 who formed you in the womb:
I am the Lord, who made all things,
 who alone stretched out the heavens,
 who by myself spread out the earth;
²⁵ who frustrates the omens of liars,
 and makes fools of diviners;
who turns back the wise,
 and makes their knowledge foolish;
²⁶ who confirms the word of his servant,
 and fulfils the prediction of his messengers;
who says of Jerusalem, ‘It shall be inhabited’,
 and of the cities of Judah, ‘They shall be rebuilt,
 and I will raise up their ruins’;
²⁷ who says to the deep, ‘Be dry—
 I will dry up your rivers’;
²⁸ who says of Cyrus, ‘He is my shepherd,
 and he shall carry out all my purpose’;
and who says of Jerusalem, ‘It shall be rebuilt’,
 and of the temple, ‘Your foundation shall be laid.’

45 Thus says the Lord to his anointed, to Cyrus,
 whose right hand I have grasped
to subdue nations before him
 and strip kings of their robes,
to open doors before him—
 and the gates shall not be closed:

² I will go before you
and level the mountains,
I will break in pieces the doors of bronze
and cut through the bars of iron,
³ I will give you the treasures of darkness
and riches hidden in secret places,
so that you may know that it is I, the Lord,
the God of Israel, who call you by your name.
⁴ For the sake of my servant Jacob,
and Israel my chosen,
I call you by your name,
I surname you, though you do not know me.
⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.
I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.
⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 87. We'll say **Canticle 11, The Third Song of Isaiah** together.

The second lesson is from Ephesians 5:1-14

⁵Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children, ²and live in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

3 But fornication and impurity of any kind, or greed, must not even be mentioned among you, as is proper among saints. ⁴Entirely out of place is obscene, silly, and vulgar talk; but instead, let there be thanksgiving. ⁵Be sure of this, that no fornicator or impure person, or one who is greedy (that is, an idolater), has any inheritance in the kingdom of Christ and of God.

6 Let no one deceive you with empty words, for because of these things the wrath of God comes on those who are disobedient. ⁷Therefore do not be associated with them. ⁸For once you were darkness, but now in the Lord you are light. Live as children of light— ⁹for the fruit of the light is found in all that is good and right and true. ¹⁰Try to find out what is pleasing to the Lord. ¹¹Take no part in the unfruitful works of darkness, but instead expose them. ¹²For it is shameful even to mention what such people do secretly; ¹³but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, ¹⁴for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says, ‘Sleeper, awake! Rise from the dead, and Christ will shine on you.’

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 92. We'll say **Canticle 16, The Song of Zechariah** together.

The third lesson is from Mark 4:1-20

4 Again he began to teach beside the lake. Such a very large crowd gathered around him that he got into a boat on the lake and sat there, while the whole crowd was beside the lake on the land. ²He began to teach them many things in parables, and in his teaching he said to them: ³‘Listen! A sower went out to sow. ⁴And as he sowed, some seed fell on the path, and the birds came and ate it up.

⁵Other seed fell on rocky ground, where it did not have much soil, and it sprang up quickly, since it had no depth of soil. ⁶And when the sun rose, it was scorched; and since it had no root, it withered away. ⁷Other seed fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked it, and it yielded no grain. ⁸Other seed fell into good soil and brought forth grain, growing up and increasing and yielding thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’ ⁹And he said, ‘Let anyone with ears to hear listen!’

10 When he was alone, those who were around him along with the twelve asked him about the parables. ¹¹And he said to them, ‘To you has been given the secret² of the kingdom of God, but for those outside, everything comes in parables; ¹²in order that “they may indeed look, but not perceive, and may indeed listen, but not understand; so that they may not turn again and be forgiven.” ’

13 And he said to them, ‘Do you not understand this parable? Then how will you understand all the parables?’ ¹⁴The sower sows the word. ¹⁵These are the ones on the path where the word is sown: when they hear, Satan immediately comes and takes away the word that is sown in them. ¹⁶And these are the ones sown on rocky ground: when they hear the word, they immediately receive it with joy. ¹⁷But they have no root, and endure only for a while; then, when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, immediately they fall away.² ¹⁸And others are those sown among the thorns: these are the ones who hear the word, ¹⁹but the cares of the world, and the lure of wealth, and the desire for other things come in and choke the word, and it yields nothing. ²⁰And these are the ones sown on the good soil: they hear the word and accept it and bear fruit, thirty and sixty and a hundredfold.’

The word of the Lord.
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Thursday January 21, 2021

Please turn to page 633. We'll say Psalm 37:1-18 together.

37

Part I *Noli æmulari*

*1 Do not fret yourself because of evildoers; *
do not be jealous of those who do wrong.*

*2 For they shall soon wither like the grass, *
and like the green grass fade away.*

*3 Put your trust in the Lord and do good; *
dwell in the land and feed on its riches.*

*4 Take delight in the Lord, *
and he shall give you your heart's desire.*

*5 Commit your way to the Lord and put your trust in him, *
and he will bring it to pass.*

*6 He will make your righteousness as clear as the light *
and your just dealing as the noonday.*

*7 Be still before the Lord *
and wait patiently for him.*

*8 Do not fret yourself over the one who prospers, *
the one who succeeds in evil schemes.*

*9 Refrain from anger, leave rage alone; *
do not fret yourself; it leads only to evil.*

*10 For evildoers shall be cut off, *
but those who wait upon the Lord shall possess the land.*

*11 In a little while the wicked shall be no more; *
you shall search out their place, but they will not be there.*

*12 But the lowly shall possess the land; *
they will delight in abundance of peace.*

*13 The wicked plot against the righteous *
and gnash at them with their teeth.*

*14 The Lord laughs at the wicked, *
because he sees that their day will come.*

*15 The wicked draw their sword and bend their bow
to strike down the poor and needy, *
to slaughter those who are upright in their ways.*

*16 Their sword shall go through their own heart, *
and their bow shall be broken.*

*17 The little that the righteous has *
is better than great riches of the wicked.*

*18 For the power of the wicked shall be broken, *
but the Lord upholds the righteous.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The first lesson is from Isaiah 45:5-17

⁵ I am the Lord, and there is no other;
besides me there is no god.

I arm you, though you do not know me,
⁶ so that they may know, from the rising of the sun
and from the west, that there is no one besides me;
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

⁷ I form light and create darkness,
I make weal and create woe;
I the Lord do all these things.

⁸ Shower, O heavens, from above,
and let the skies rain down righteousness;
let the earth open, that salvation may spring up,
and let it cause righteousness to sprout up also;
I the Lord have created it.

⁹ Woe to you who strive with your Maker,
earthen vessels with the potter!
Does the clay say to the one who fashions it, 'What are you
making?'

or 'Your work has no handles?'

¹⁰ Woe to anyone who says to a father, 'What are you begetting?'
or to a woman, 'With what are you in labor?'

¹¹ Thus says the Lord,
the Holy One of Israel, and its Maker:
Will you question me about my children,
or command me concerning the work of my hands?

¹² I made the earth,
and created humankind upon it;
it was my hands that stretched out the heavens,
and I commanded all their host.

¹³ I have aroused Cyrus in righteousness,
and I will make all his paths straight;
he shall build my city
and set my exiles free,

not for price or reward,
says the Lord of hosts.

¹⁴ Thus says the Lord:

The wealth of Egypt and the merchandise of Ethiopia,
and the Sabeans, tall of stature,
shall come over to you and be yours,
they shall follow you;
they shall come over in chains and bow down to you.

They will make supplication to you, saying,
'God is with you alone, and there is no other;
there is no god besides him.'

¹⁵ Truly, you are a God who hides himself,
O God of Israel, the Savior.

¹⁶ All of them are put to shame and confounded,
the makers of idols go in confusion together.

¹⁷ But Israel is saved by the Lord
with everlasting salvation;
you shall not be put to shame or confounded
to all eternity.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 85. We'll say **Canticle 8, The Song of Moses** together.

The second lesson is from Ephesians 5:15-33

¹⁵ Be careful then how you live, not as unwise people but as wise,
¹⁶making the most of the time, because the days are evil. ¹⁷So do not
be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. ¹⁸Do not get
drunk with wine, for that is debauchery; but be filled with the
Spirit, ¹⁹as you sing psalms and hymns and spiritual songs among
yourselves, singing and making melody to the Lord in your hearts,

²⁰giving thanks to God the Father at all times and for everything in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ.

21 Be subject to one another out of reverence for Christ.

22 Wives, be subject to your husbands as you are to the Lord.

²³For the husband is the head of the wife just as Christ is the head of the church, the body of which he is the Savior. ²⁴Just as the church is subject to Christ, so also wives ought to be, in everything, to their husbands.

25 Husbands, love your wives, just as Christ loved the church and gave himself up for her, ²⁶in order to make her holy by cleansing her with the washing of water by the word, ²⁷so as to present the church to himself in splendor, without a spot or wrinkle or anything of the kind—yes, so that she may be holy and without blemish. ²⁸In the same way, husbands should love their wives as they do their own bodies. He who loves his wife loves himself. ²⁹For no one ever hates his own body, but he nourishes and tenderly cares for it, just as Christ does for the church, ³⁰because we are members of his body. ³¹For this reason a man will leave his father and mother and be joined to his wife, and the two will become one flesh.’ ³²This is a great mystery, and I am applying it to Christ and the church. ³³Each of you, however, should love his wife as himself, and a wife should respect her husband.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 94. We'll say **Canticle 20, Glory to God** together.

The third lesson is from Mark 4:21-34

21 He said to them, 'Is a lamp brought in to be put under the bushel basket, or under the bed, and not on the lampstand?' ²²For there is nothing hidden, except to be disclosed; nor is anything secret, except to come to light. ²³Let anyone with ears to hear listen!' ²⁴And he said to them, 'Pay attention to what you hear; the measure you give will be the measure you get, and still more will be given you. ²⁵For to those who have, more will be given; and from those who have nothing, even what they have will be taken away.'

26 He also said, 'The kingdom of God is as if someone would scatter seed on the ground, ²⁷and would sleep and rise night and day, and the seed would sprout and grow, he does not know how. ²⁸The earth produces of itself, first the stalk, then the head, then the full grain in the head. ²⁹But when the grain is ripe, at once he goes in with his sickle, because the harvest has come.'

30 He also said, 'With what can we compare the kingdom of God, or what parable will we use for it?' ³¹It is like a mustard seed, which, when sown upon the ground, is the smallest of all the seeds on earth; ³²yet when it is sown it grows up and becomes the greatest of all shrubs, and puts forth large branches, so that the birds of the air can make nests in its shade.'

33 With many such parables he spoke the word to them, as they were able to hear it; ³⁴he did not speak to them except in parables, but he explained everything in private to his disciples.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 96. We'll say **The Apostles' Creed** together.

The Collect of the day
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Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

Friday January 22, 2021

Please turn to page 622. We'll say Psalm 31 together.

31 *In te, Domine, speravi*

1 *In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame; *
deliver me in your righteousness.*

2 *Incline your ear to me; *
make haste to deliver me.*

3 *Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe,
for you are my crag and my stronghold; *
for the sake of your Name, lead me and guide me.*

4 *Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me, *
for you are my tower of strength.*

5 *Into your hands I commend my spirit, *
for you have redeemed me,
O Lord, O God of truth.*

6 *I hate those who cling to worthless idols, *
and I put my trust in the Lord.*

7 *I will rejoice and be glad because of your mercy; *
for you have seen my affliction;
you know my distress.*

8 *You have not shut me up in the power of the enemy; *
you have set my feet in an open place.*

9 *Have mercy on me, O Lord, for I am in trouble; *
my eye is consumed with sorrow,*

and also my throat and my belly.

*10 For my life is wasted with grief,
and my years with sighing; *
my strength fails me because of affliction,
and my bones are consumed.*

*11 I have become a reproach to all my enemies and
even to my neighbors,
a dismay to those of my acquaintance; *
when they see me in the street they avoid me.*

*12 I am forgotten like a dead man, out of mind; *
I am as useless as a broken pot.*

*13 For I have heard the whispering of the crowd;
fear is all around; *
they put their heads together against me;
they plot to take my life.*

*14 But as for me, I have trusted in you, O Lord. *
I have said, "You are my God.*

*15 My times are in your hand; *
rescue me from the hand of my enemies,
and from those who persecute me.*

*16 Make your face to shine upon your servant, *
and in your loving-kindness save me."*

*17 Lord, let me not be ashamed for having called upon you; *
rather, let the wicked be put to shame;
let them be silent in the grave.*

*18 Let the lying lips be silenced which speak against
the righteous, *
haughtily, disdainfully, and with contempt.*

*19 How great is your goodness, O Lord!
which you have laid up for those who fear you; *
which you have done in the sight of all
for those who put their trust in you.*

*20 You hide them in the covert of your presence from those
who slander them; *
you keep them in your shelter from the strife of tongues.*

*21 Blessed be the Lord! *
for he has shown me the wonders of his love in a
besieged city.*

*22 Yet I said in my alarm,
"I have been cut off from the sight of your eyes." *
Nevertheless, you heard the sound of my entreaty
when I cried out to you.*

*23 Love the Lord, all you who worship him; *
the Lord protects the faithful,
but repays to the full those who act haughtily.*

*24 Be strong and let your heart take courage, *
all you who wait for the Lord.*

*Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was
in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.*

The first lesson is from Isaiah 45:18-25

¹⁸ For thus says the Lord,
who created the heavens
 (he is God!),
who formed the earth and made it
 (he established it;
he did not create it a chaos,
 he formed it to be inhabited!):
I am the Lord, and there is no other.

¹⁹ I did not speak in secret,
 in a land of darkness;
I did not say to the offspring of Jacob,
 ‘Seek me in chaos.’
I the Lord speak the truth,
 I declare what is right.

²⁰ Assemble yourselves and come together,
 draw near, you survivors of the nations!
They have no knowledge—
 those who carry about their wooden idols,
and keep on praying to a god
 that cannot save.

²¹ Declare and present your case;
 let them take counsel together!
Who told this long ago?
 Who declared it of old?
Was it not I, the Lord?
 There is no other god besides me,
a righteous God and a Savior;
 there is no one besides me.

²² Turn to me and be saved,
 all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.
²³ By myself I have sworn,
from my mouth has gone forth in righteousness
a word that shall not return:
'To me every knee shall bow,
every tongue shall swear.'

²⁴ Only in the Lord, it shall be said of me,
are righteousness and strength;
all who were incensed against him
shall come to him and be ashamed.

²⁵ In the Lord all the offspring of Israel
shall triumph and glory.

The word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 86. We'll say **Canticle 10, The Second Song of Isaiah** together.

The second lesson is from Ephesians 6:1-9

6 Children, obey your parents in the Lord, for this is right. ²'Honor your father and mother'—this is the first commandment with a promise: ³'so that it may be well with you and you may live long on the earth.'

4 And, fathers, do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord.

5 Slaves, obey your earthly masters with fear and trembling, in singleness of heart, as you obey Christ; ⁶not only while being watched, and in order to please them, but as slaves of Christ, doing the will of God from the heart. ⁷Render service with enthusiasm, as

to the Lord and not to men and women, ⁸knowing that whatever good we do, we will receive the same again from the Lord, whether we are slaves or free.

9 And, masters, do the same to them. Stop threatening them, for you know that both of you have the same Master in heaven, and with him there is no partiality.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Please turn to page 93. We'll say **Canticle 18, A Song to the Lamb together.**

The third lesson is from Mark 4:35-41

35 On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, 'Let us go across to the other side.'³⁶ And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him.³⁷ A great gale arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped.³⁸ But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, 'Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?'³⁹ He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, 'Peace! Be still!' Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm.⁴⁰ He said to them, 'Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?'⁴¹ And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, 'Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?'

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