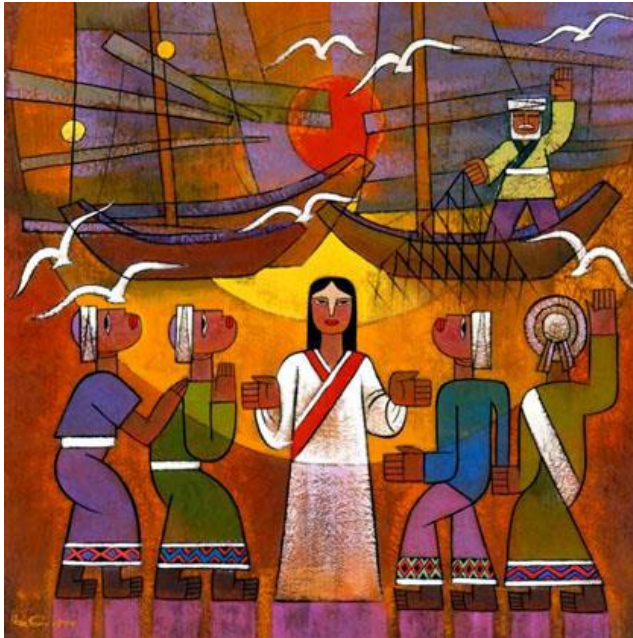


Liturgy of the Word: Rite Two

(A Service of Ante-Communion)



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Rite II

Prelude

THE WORD OF GOD

Welcome & Announcements

Opening Words

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People: **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

Song of Praise

Gloria

Steffey

Prayer of the Day

(The people remain standing)

Celebrant: God be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Celebrant: Let us pray.

(In unison) **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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 62:6-14

(to be read responsively by whole verse)

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 Reading: 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.

The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Song

Will you come and follow me?

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Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People: **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

The Sermon

The Very Rev. Susan Hartzell

The Nicene Creed

**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.***

Prayers of the People

Leader: Joining our voices with the song of the angels, let us pray for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

A brief silence.

Leader: Glorious God, fill your church with joy. Let your faithful people live as beacons of your hope and redemption. Give wisdom and courage to your church, that it may boldly embody your mercy and love. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Show us your faithfulness in the rising and setting of the sun. Place wonder in the hearts of those who search the skies and explore the heavens. Help us curb waste and pollution, that all might have clean air to breathe and water to drink. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: Bring all nations and rulers to the splendor of your kingdom. Inspire our President Joe, our Governor Ralph and the leaders of the nations to be generous with abundance, that all people might live in stability and freedom. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: You bring consolation to those who weep. Embrace those who feel afraid, lonely or defeated. Accompany those living with chronic and invisible illness. Heal the sick, sustain the caregivers, strengthen the weak and weary. Especially ... **Kathy, Steve, Nuala, Bob, Liz, Fred, Brett, Tammy, Mike, Sharon, Kim, Paris, Randy, Bill, Desiree, Karen, David, Stephanie, Jack, Bruce, Bob.** Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: You overflow with grace upon grace. We give thanks for those celebrating birthdays, Especially.. **Tim Vaughan, Drew Laikin, Giuliana Costa, Eric Hemmer, John Waltham-Sajdak** and anniversaries ... Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: For the congregation gathered here, for students returning to school, in person or online, for families and those seeking renewal in their daily work, that all may experience your grace and peace. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Leader: We remember all who have died and now rest in your glory, and for those who have

given their lives in service to our country, especially ...**Staff Sergeant Timothy Luke**. We remember with gratitude those who have died in the faith of Christ and those whose faith is known to you alone. Hear us O God,

Your mercy is great.

Celebrant, Concluding Collect:

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. **AMEN.**

The Confession of Sin

Celebrant: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Celebrant & People: **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.**

Declaration of Absolution

Celebrant: At every moment, you are held in existence by the love of God; renewed by the Spirit within and among you; and made alive again in Christ. Receive this assurance in Jesus' name: you are forgiven and freed to live for the healing of the world. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

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.

The Blessing

Dismissal

Celebrant: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia.**

Postlude

January 24, 2021 Announcements & Events

Please go to weekly E-news for links and more information.

Sunday Coffee Hour today at 11 AM

Sundays at Noon Adult Forum – We continue discuss Bishop Curry's new book Love is the Way. Discussion will be on Chapters 5 & 6.

Creation Care Ministry meeting- Today on Zoom 4-6 PM. Get to know your Creation Care team and their work.

Native Plant Seeding Sale hosted by Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District – Order online Feb. 2nd.

Who's Who Youth directory - Rev. G is new and not able to see you in person. Please help create a Who's Who Youth Directory. Your info will be kept for internal use only, nothing will be shared online. Please see e-news for more information.

Weekly pledge envelopes are available for pick up at the church.

Weekly Prayer in Community - Tuesdays at 9 AM for 12 minutes.