

THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

21 January 2024

HYMNS

129 Amazing Grace

584 Just as I am

229 Jesus Loves Me

SENTENCE

The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent, and believe in the gospel.



COLLECT

Bountiful God, through your Son you have called us to repent of our sin, to believe the good news, and to celebrate the coming of your kingdom: teach us, like Christ's first apostles, to hear the call to discipleship, and, forsaking old ways, to proclaim the gospel of new life to a broken world; through our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

READINGS

A reading from the prophet Jonah:

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 the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: 'By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals

shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish.'

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.

Jonah 3.1-10

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

We say the verses from Psalm 62 alternately:

Wait on God alone in stillness, O my soul; for in him is my hope.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my strength and my glory; God is my strong rock; in him is my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, my people; pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

The peoples are but a breath, the whole human race a deceit; on the scales they are altogether lighter than air.

Put no trust in oppression; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God spoke once, and twice have I heard the same, that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Psalm 62.5-12

A reading from Paul's first letter to the Christians in Corinth:

I mean, sisters and brothers, 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.

1 Corinthians 7.29-31

Hear the word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Alleluia, alleluia!

The kingdom of God is near: believe the Good News! **Alleluia!**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

The Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to St Mark
Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

Now 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.

Mark 1.14-20

This is the Gospel of the Lord, **praise to you Lord Jesus Christ.**

PRAYERS

Anglican Church: St John Chrysostom Anglican Church Brunswick West (Michael Flynn); The Diocese of Wangaratta (Bp Clarence Bester, Clergy & People); Anglican Early Childhood Services; The Church of South India (The Revd Dharmaraj Rasalam); St Peter's Brighton Beach

For the Parish: Give thanks for those who nurture community in our parish: Torquay Craft/Social Group, the Op Shop, those who visit parishioners, those who arrange parish meals; and pray that they may be inspired by Jesus. Give thanks for those who use their abilities and give of their time and resources in the community of which we are a part: in their jobs, as volunteers, in their families, as neighbours, as friends and to strangers.

For the sick & in need, and those who have ongoing need for strength, courage and peace of heart, mind and soul in their journey:

Keiran & Paul, Deirdre B, John & Barbara B, Lorraine D, Helen & Geoff D, John F, Nan L, Jane & Peter M, Barbara McN, Janet N, Pauline R, Jenny S, Mary & Ian S, Ray & Marion W, Boris Z and those known to us in need of our prayers.

Year's Mind

22nd John Boyd (1967)

24th Jean Wilson (2020), Naumai Muir(2020)

Birthdays

21st Hadyn & Elizabeth Rickey (anniversary)

23rd Jane Threadgold