The Word of God



Third Sunday after the Epiphany ***January 24, 2027***

Prayer of the Day

Almighty and eternal God, graciously look down on our weakness. Reach out to us with your majestic right hand, and satisfy us with his glory. We ask through the same Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

[1]The word of the LORD came to Jonah the second time, saying, [2]"Arise, go to Nineveh, that great city, and call out against it the message that I tell you." [3]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. [4]Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's journey. And he called out, "Yet forty days, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" [5]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.

[10]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.

Psalm 62*

[1]For God alone my soul in | silence waits;*
from him comes | my salvation.
[2]He alone is my rock and | my salvation,*
my stronghold, so that I shall not be | greatly shaken.
[3]How long will you assail me to crush me, all of | you together,*
as if you were a leaning fence, a | toppling wall?
[4]They seek only to bring me down from my | place of honor;*
lies are their | chief delight.
[5]They bless | with their lips,*
but in their | hearts they curse.
[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 al- | ways, 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 can- | not 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 be- | longs to God.
[14]Steadfast love is | yours, O LORD,*
for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31 [32-35]

[29]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, [30]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, [31]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. [[32]I want you to be free from anxieties. The unmarried man is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to please the Lord. [33]But the married man is anxious about worldly things, how to please his wife, [34]and his interests are divided. And the unmarried or betrothed woman is anxious about the things of the Lord, how to be holy in body and spirit. But the married woman is anxious about worldly things, how to please her husband. [35]I say this for your own benefit, not to lay any restraint upon you, but to promote good order and to secure your undivided devotion to the Lord.]

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

[14]After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee, proclaiming the gospel of God, [15]and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel." [16]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. [17]And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you become fishers of men." [18]And immediately they left their nets and followed him. [19]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. [20]And immediately he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired servants and followed him.

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