

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2010

Worship 8:00 and 10:30

GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Prelude

* Call to Worship

One: The Creator of the universe bids us come and worship.

All: In awe and reverence, with eager anticipation, we gather to worship.

One: The joy of God is our strength, today and always.

All: The Spirit of the Lord is upon us.

* Gathering Hymn

"Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You"

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* Call to Confession

Standing in the presence of the Holy One, we begin to recognize how far we have wandered from Divine truth. We like to think that we are open to the Spirit of God, calling us to live in God's realm, but we know we resist. Let us openly and honestly confess.

* Prayer of Confession

Come to us, Eternal One, as a Spirit of clarity and vision, helping us to see the ways we have rebelled against your calling to us. In our humanity, we sometimes become set in our ways. In our fear, we can be reluctant to break out of familiar routines. God, for all the times we have cut off the dreams, the hopes, or the vision of your Realm, which is in our midst, but not yet, we are truly sorry. Open us to hear your Word as it comes to offer good news, proclaim release, set free, and announce the time of your favor. Forgive us for resisting the prompting of your Spirit.

* Silent Reflection

* Words of Hope

Indeed the Spirit of God is upon us. This is the Lord's day. We are God's people. The joy of God is our strength. Thanks be to God!

ever-widening circle of our sisters and brothers. May we be inspired to be a loving fulfillment of all that is possible when your children walk with You, Great God of Grace.

Be near each of us now, as we share our personal prayers for your world, those we love, and ourselves.

(Silent and spoken prayers may be added by the congregation.)

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever. Amen.

Giving Our Tithes and Offerings

* Offertory Response

(Tune #148)

*Bring gifts of incense, gold, and myrrh; come, join in jubilation;
The Holy Child, though meek and mild, has come with God's salvation.
Raise, raise the song on high, the mother sings her lullaby;
Haste, haste your praise to bring the babe, the child of Mary!*

*Offering Prayer

GOING FORTH TO WITNESS

* Closing Hymn

"I Am the Light of the World"

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* Benediction

* Musical Postlude