

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

25th January, 2009

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-10

A reading from the book of the prophet Jonah

The Ninevites renounced their evil ways.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord.

R. Thanks be to God.

Responsorial Psalm

Ps. 24 (25)

Response: *Teach me your ways, O Lord.*

Lord, make me know your ways.

Lord, teach me your paths.

Make me walk in your truth, and teach me;

for you are God my saviour.

R.

Remember your mercy, Lord

and the love you have shown from of old.

In your love remember me,

because of your goodness, O Lord.

R.

The Lord is good and upright.

He shows the path to those who stray,

He guides the humble in the right path;

he teaches his way to the poor.

R.

Second Reading

1 Cor. 7:29-31

A reading from the first letter of Paul to the Corinthians

The world as we know it is passing away.

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.

This is the Word of the Lord. **R. Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation

Alleluia! Alleluia! The kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news. **Alleluia!**

GOSPEL

Mk. 1:14-20

✠ A reading from the holy gospel according to Mark

R.: **Glory to you Lord Christ.**

Repent, and believe the Good News.

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.

For the Gospel of the Lord

Praise to you Lord Christ.

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