

Epiphany Sunday, Year B January 3, 2021

INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

Pay attention: God is still speaking wisdom, still revealing truth, and still breathing new life in our world.

***SCRIPTURE READING 1 Timothy 1:12-17**

*** OPENING HYMN: # 127..... Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah**

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Come to Christ, our rock ...
People: our refuge and our strength.

Leader: Come to listen for God ...
People: our wisdom and our truth.

Leader: Come to receive the Spirit ...
People: the breath of life itself.

*** Let us pray (Congregation):**

Still-speaking God,
open our ears to hear your voice;
open our minds to perceive your wisdom;
and open our eyes to recognize your healing love
and your powerful presence. Amen.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

#419 (vs 1 & 2).....I Am Thine, O Lord

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)**

Gracious God, you have known us
since the beginning of time.
You know when we struggle to hear your voice,
and when we yearn to know your grace.

Speak to us with wisdom and love,
and protect us with mercy and grace.
Heal us and set us free,
that we may recognize your presence,
heed your call,
and celebrate your loving acceptance.

*** LET’S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:**

454..... Open My Eyes, That I May See

INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

We may or may not know how to listen,
but God will speak to us anyway.
Listen for the word of God.

***SCRIPTURE READING: Luke 13:1-9**

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.
People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: **“Unless you repent, you too will perish”**

*** RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 103Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise**

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

*** PRAYER HYMN: # 2200 O Lord, Hear My Prayer**

HOLY COMMUNION

CLOSING HYMN: #431Let There Be Peace on Earth

***DISMISSAL BLESSING**

1st Scripture Reading: 1 Timothy 1:12-17 (NKJV)

¹² And I thank Christ Jesus our Lord who has enabled me, because He counted me faithful, putting *me* into the ministry, ¹³ although I was formerly a blasphemer, a persecutor, and an ^[a]insolent man; but I obtained mercy because I did *it* ignorantly in unbelief. ¹⁴ And the grace of our Lord was exceedingly abundant, with faith and love which are in Christ Jesus. ¹⁵ This *is* a faithful saying and worthy of all acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am chief. ¹⁶ However, for this reason I obtained mercy, that in me first Jesus Christ might show all longsuffering, as a pattern to those who are going to believe on Him for everlasting life. ¹⁷ Now to the King eternal, immortal, invisible, to ^[b]God who alone is wise, *be* honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

2nd Scripture Reading: Luke 13:1-9 (NKJV)

¹³ There were present at that season some who told Him about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had ^[a]mingled with their sacrifices. ² And Jesus answered and said to them, “Do you suppose that these Galileans were worse sinners than all *other* Galileans, because they suffered such things? ³ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish. ⁴ Or those eighteen on whom the tower in Siloam fell and killed them, do you think that they were worse sinners than all *other* men who dwelt in Jerusalem? ⁵ I tell you, no; but unless you repent you will all likewise perish.”

⁶ He also spoke this parable: “A certain *man* had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came seeking fruit on it and found none. ⁷ Then he said to the keeper of his vineyard, ‘Look, for three years I have come seeking fruit on this fig tree and find none. Cut it down; why does it ^[b]use up the ground?’ ⁸ But he answered and said to him, ‘Sir, let it alone this year also, until I dig around it and fertilize *it*. ⁹^[c] And if it bears fruit, *well*. But if not, after that you can cut it down.’ ”

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