Third Sunday after Epiphany, Year B January 24, 2021 INVITATION AND GATHERING

WELCOME

CENTERING WORDS

God is always with us. God is in our midst. This is the promise of Christ. This is the reality of life in Christ. God is with us.

*SCRIPTURE READING Zephaniah 3:14-20

* OPENING HYMN: # 185.....When Morning Gilds the Sky (vs 1 & 4)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God is constantly coming in our midst to renew us

in love.

People: As we prepare for this season of Epiphany, we become more sensitive to the fact that we need God's

love to be renewed in us.

Leader: Then let us rejoice in the salvation to new life as

God comes in our midst.

People: We come with gladness in our hearts to worship our God who comes with salvation!

* Let us pray (Congregation):

Gracious Father, who comes in forgiveness to bless your children with your saving presence: Come in our midst and give us victory over sin which destroys us; that we may rejoice in our being renewed in your love. We pray through Christ our Redeemer. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

657......This Is the Day

PROCLAMATION AND RESPONSE

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Congregation)

Our sins get the best of us, Father, and we are deprived of joy, love, even life itself. Forgive us for being so easily defeated by the power of sin, even to the point that we are insensitive to your presence. Come in our midst and give us the experience of renewal, joy, and victory; that our lives may be not only a blessing of gladness to ourselves, but also to you. In our Savior's name we pray. Amen.

* LET'S WORSHIP THE LORD WITH HYMNS:

733..... Marching to Zion

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: Revelation 3:20

Leader: This is the word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

THE WORD MADE FLESH: "What are you waiting for..."

* RESPONSE TO THE WORD: # 593Here I Am, Lord

CONGREGATION IN PRAYER: Joys and Concerns

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

* CLOSING HYMN: # 251......Go, Tell It on the Mountain (vs 1)

* DISMISSAL BLESSING

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1st Scripture Reading: Zephaniah 3:14-20 (NKJV)

¹⁴ Sing, O daughter of Zion!

Shout, O Israel!

Be glad and rejoice with all your heart,

O daughter of Jerusalem!

¹⁵ The LORD has taken away your judgments,

He has cast out your enemy.

The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst;

You shall [a] see disaster no more.

¹⁶ In that day it shall be said to Jerusalem:

"Do not fear;

Zion, let not your hands be weak.

¹⁷ The LORD your God in your midst,

The Mighty One, will save;

He will rejoice over you with gladness,

He will quiet you with His love,

He will rejoice over you with singing."

¹⁸ "I will gather those who sorrow over the appointed assembly,

Who are among you,

To whom its reproach is a burden.

¹⁹ Behold, at that time

I will deal with all who afflict you;

I will save the lame.

And gather those who were driven out;

I will appoint them for praise and fame

In every land where they were put to shame.

²⁰ At that time I will bring you back,

Even at the time I gather you;

For I will give you [b] fame and praise

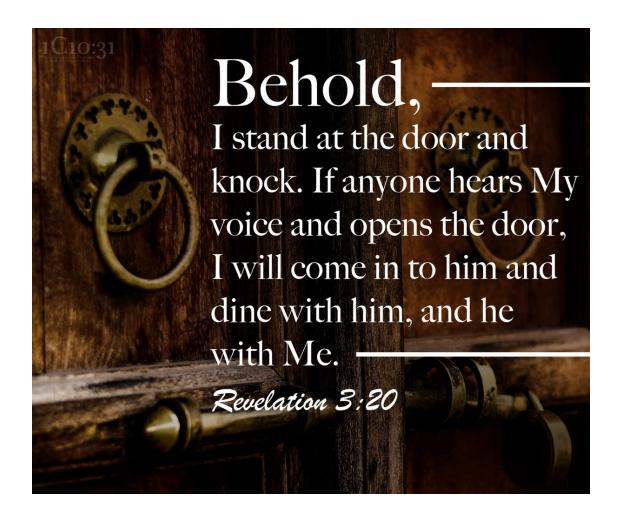
Among all the peoples of the earth,

When I return your captives before your eyes,"

Says the LORD.

2nd Scripture Reading: Revelations 3:20 (NKJV) ²⁰ Behold, I stand at the door and knock. If anyone hears My voice and opens the

door, I will come in to him and dine with him, and he with Me.



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