

Dear members of God's family at Resurrection Church,

Today's readings reveal that God's call to us to share in the divine mission for the sake of the world occurs in some very fraught times and circumstances. But listen also for the words of gospel hope. If you are able, join the congregation with your own worship at home **at 10am on Sunday** or otherwise engage our home worship resources in ways appropriate to your circumstances.

**RESURRECTION EVANGELICAL
LUTHERAN CHURCH**



**The Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 24, 2021
Our Common Prayer at Home**

You may choose to participate in this home prayer simply by using this text, or by adding into it the printed text of Pastor Linman's sermon, or by adding one or more of the clip-based worship videos, or by engaging in the entire worship video. Find a peaceful place to pray, perhaps a table. You may wish to light a candle near where you pray. One person may lead in this acclamation and then pray the Prayer of the Day.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with us all. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. **Amen.**

Then the readings for this Sunday may be read, as follows:

FIRST READING: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A reading from Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God had second thoughts about the calamity that God had said would be done to them; and God did not do it.

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

This Psalm is sung or read in response to the First Reading. Music may be found at:
<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210124/playlist>

PSALM 62:5-12

- ⁵For God alone I | wait in silence;
truly, my hope | is in God.
- ⁶God alone is my rock and | my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.
- ⁷In God is my deliverance | and my honor;
God is my strong rock | and my refuge.
- ⁸Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people,
pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.
- ⁹Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath;
those of low estate can- | not be trusted.
Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.
- ¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.
- ¹¹God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,
that power be- | longs to God.
- ¹²Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord,
for you repay all according | to their deeds.

SECOND READING: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A reading from 1 Corinthians.

²⁹Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who are married be as though they were not, ³⁰and 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, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

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Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

The Holy Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the dominion of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for human beings.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As Jesus went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately Jesus called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

Having read these readings, think of this:

Our world is full of death and the very real possibility of destruction. Nineveh can be an image for us. Yet after Jonah finally acted on the call of God and spoke God’s word to Nineveh, the people immediately repented. That word changed everything. Trusting God, they could live hopefully in their world. After John was arrested, Jesus preached the nearness of the dominion of God, and the world became utterly different for those fishermen. Mark says they immediately followed. After Jesus was arrested and killed, the Risen Christ once again begins his ministry, coming into our assemblies and into our homes, speaking the gospel. The dominion of God is near to us because, in the Spirit and through the word, Christ is near to us. We too are called, and the world becomes utterly different for us. We are like fish pulled out of the chaotic sea into the light and air, only unlike fish we are made alive together with Christ. We may live “as though not” engaged in the values of the world around us, but according to the values of the mercy of God, turning to the needs of our neighbors, inviting them also to live in hope.

At this point, read or listen to Pastor Linman’s Second Sunday of Epiphany Sermon. It may be found in the RELC News, on the RELC website, or at:

<https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210124/playlist>

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlinton.org/hw/20210124/playlist>

HYMN OF THE DAY #817

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore *Tú has venido a la orilla*



1	<i>Tú</i>	<i>has ve - ni - do a la_o - ri - lla,</i>	<i>no has bus -</i>
1	You	have come down to the lake - shore	seek - ing
2	You	know full well what I have, Lord:	nei - ther
3	You	need my hands, my ex - haus - tion,	work - ing
4	You	who have fished oth - er wa - ters;	you, the



<i>ca - do</i>	<i>ni_a sa - bios ni_a</i>	<i>ri - cos;</i>	<i>tan só - lo</i>
nei - ther	the wise nor the	wealth - y,	but on - ly
trea - sure	nor wea - pons for	con - quest,	just these my
love for	the rest of the	wea - ry—	a love that's
long - ing	of souls that are	yearn - ing:	O lov - ing



<i>quie - res</i>	<i>que yo</i>	<i>te si - ga.</i>
ask - ing	for me	to fol - low.
fish - nets	and will	for work - ing.
will - ing	to go	on lov - ing.
Friend, you	have come	to call me.

Refrain / Estribillo



<i>Se - ñor,</i>	<i>me has mi - ra - do a los o - jos;</i>	<i>son - ri - en - do,</i>
Sweet Lord,	you have looked in - to my eyes;	kind - ly smil - ing,



<i>has di - cho mi nom - bre.</i>	<i>En la_a - re - na</i>	<i>he de - ja - do mi</i>
you've called out my name. . . .	On the sand I	have a - ban - doned my



<i>bar - ca;</i>	<i>jun - to_a ti</i>	<i>bus - ca - ré o - tro mar.</i>
small boat;	now with you,	I will seek oth - er seas.

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Then pray these intercessions:

Responding together to Christ's call, let us offer our prayers for all in need, responding to each petition with words from today's psalm, "Our hope is in you."

A brief silence.

We pray for the church, especially our bishops, pastors, deacons, musicians, and servers, that God's Spirit empower all the baptized with wisdom to follow Christ's call.

A brief silence.

O God our salvation, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for Sunday schools and for all parish education, for teachers and participants, young and old, that God form the faithful even when classes cannot regularly meet in person.

A brief silence.

O God our power, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for the earth, its seas, lakes, and rivers, for their myriad creatures, and for those whose livelihood depends upon them, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide an ecological care for creation.

A brief silence.

O God our rock, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for the nations, for our elected and appointed leaders, for racial concord in our cities, and for those who have been considered our enemies, that God lead the world into commonwealths of justice and peace.

A brief silence.

O God our stronghold, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for those who are charged with maintaining an ordered society, for state and local law enforcement, and for the military, that God guide the powerful to serve the common good.

A brief silence.

O God our refuge, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for relief from Covid-19, for the fearful, the sick, and the dying, for medical workers, for all who await the vaccine, for the unemployed and the quarantined, that God uphold the world's people through this time of affliction.

A brief silence.

O God in whom we trust, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray for all who are sick, distressed, or grieving, especially for: Linnea Hoppe, Bob Hoppe, Olivia Hoppe, Barb Jensen, Charlotte Boeck, Gretchen Zeltner, Lynn Kiewel, John Beston, Frank Fuelling, Phillip Swingler, Michael Chaffier, Maria Liwski, Grant Aldonis, Angie, Kyler, Debbie, Kat, and Lee Hanson, that God sustain and comfort those who suffer.

A brief silence.

O God our deliverance, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We pray finally for ourselves, that as we pour out our hearts to God, our faith in divine mercy be renewed.

A longer period of silence.

O God of steadfast love, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

We join in thanksgiving for all your people from ancient times until today who have lived and died in faith, and we pray that at our end God unite us with them in everlasting peace.

A brief silence.

O God of eternal might, receive our prayer:

Our hope is in you.

Merciful God, receive the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

You might now sing the following hymn. Music may be found at <https://www.relcarlington.org/hw/20210124/playlist>

HYMN #547

Sent Forth by God's Blessing



1 Sent forth by God's bless - ing, our true faith con - fess - ing,
2 With praise and thanks - giv - ing to God ev - er - liv - ing,
the peo - ple of God from this dwell - ing take leave.
the tasks of our ev - 'ry - day life we will face—
The sup - per is end - ed. Oh, now be ex - tend - ed
our faith ev - er shar - ing, in love ev - er car - ing,
the fruits of this ser - vice in all who be - lieve.
em - brac - ing God's chil - dren, the whole hu - man race.
The seed of Christ's teach - ing, re - cep - tive souls
With your feast you feed us, with your light now
reach - ing, shall blos - som in ac - tion for God and for all.
lead us; u - nite us as one in this life that we share.
Your grace shall in - cite us, your love shall u - nite us
Then may all the liv - ing with praise and thanks - giv - ing
to work for your king - dom and an - swer your call.
give hon - or to Christ and his name that we bear.

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Music: THE ASH GROVE, Welsh folk tune
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Then conclude with these prayers:

Let us pray.

A brief silence is kept before the prayer.

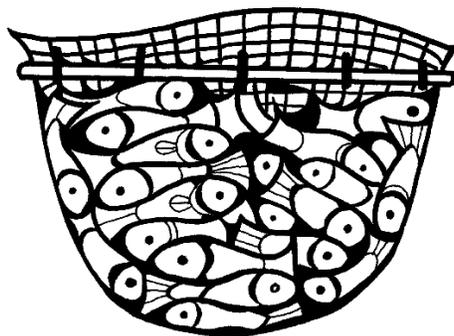
Holy God,
Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness,
we hear your Word in the Scriptures,
proclaiming to us your wisdom
and inviting us to follow your call.
For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God.
We thank you, O God.

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother,
who preached your righteousness, healed the sick,
and revived the brokenhearted.
For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God.
We worship you, O God.

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word,
that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ,
we may be light for the world,
revealing the brilliance of your Son.
For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God.
We praise you, O God.

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us,
now and forever. Amen.

Amen.



Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**Our Father in heaven,
Hallowed be your name,
Your kingdom come,
Your will be done,
On earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread,
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
And deliver us from evil,
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever.
Amen.**

Then speak the Blessing:

Almighty God, Father, ✚ Son, and Holy Spirit, bless us now and forever.
Amen.

We cannot now celebrate the Holy Communion. But you can pray at your table in your home, a table which always echoes the Holy Supper. Christ is always present at your meal. Your meal is holy. Here is one prayer you might use, at breakfast, lunch, or dinner, to celebrate that presence.

**Come, Lord Jesus, be our guest,
and let this food to us be blessed.
Blessed be God, who is our Bread,
may all the world be clothed and fed.**

Readings for the Week:

Monday (Conversion of Paul; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends) Galatians 1:11-24.

Tuesday (commemoration of Timothy, Titus, and Silas, missionaries) Genesis 45:25—46:7.

Wednesday (commemoration of Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, witnesses to the faith) Proverbs 8:1-21. **Thursday** (commemoration of Thomas Aquinas, teacher, 1274) Psalm 111.

Friday Deuteronomy 12:28-32. **Saturday** Deuteronomy 13:1-5. **Fourth Sunday after Epiphany** Deuteronomy 18:15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8:1-13; Mark 1:21-28.

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