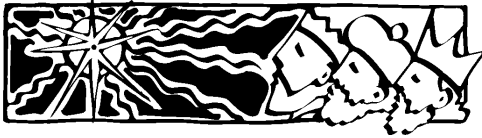


Third
Sunday after
the Epiphany



PRELUDE

Chaconne in D Major P. 40

J. Pachelbel

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus

H.H. Lemmel

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#63 Give to Our God Immortal Praise

DUKE STREET

***INVOCATION AND 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 trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, and the power,
and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Loving God,
we confess that our lack of abiding in you
has led to slothfulness, prayerlessness and apathy
about conditions in our life and world.
We have looked for love in mundane places,
pleasures and things.
We have pursued power, fame, worldly stimulants
and riches, and paid little attention to pursuing life
from the perspective of seeking your kingdom first.
Grant us the faith and courage to forsake
and turn away from ungodly pursuits,
things which hold us back from living
according to the way of your kingdom,
distractions that weaken our vision
of your love for us and the world.
We believe in your son Jesus and receive your gift
of deep, lasting life through him.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son,
and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and
Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 139:1-13

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY (based on Psalm 139)

One: Our all-wise God,
Creator of the universe is familiar with all our ways.

Many: We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

One: God knows our thoughts
and God's knowledge sustains and surrounds us.

Many: We are fearfully and wonderfully made!

One: God's presence is everywhere.
We can never be lost to God's Spirit.

**Many: God saw us while we were being formed in our
mother's womb. God knew us before we were born.**

**All: We are uniquely created as children of God,
and God's purposes and plans have been written and
formed for us. Thanks be to God!**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#468 My Jesus, I Love Thee

GORDON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#123 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

John 3:1-21

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Allemande (French Suite No. 4 BWV 815)

J. S. Bach

***Doxology**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#104 Hidden Christ, Alive for Ever

RUSTINGTON

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Benediction**

Go With Us, Lord

TALLIS' CANON

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Trumpet Tune and Toccata on RUSTINGTON R. Deasley

***Please stand, as you are able**

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