



ST STEPHEN'S UNITING CHURCH

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An Oasis of Christian Worship, Thought and Action

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MORNING WORSHIP

Epiphany 3

Led by David Gill

The Gathering of the People of God

Organ Prelude

'Minuet' from Miniature Suite for Organ

John Ireland (1879 - 1962)

Please stand at the entry of the clergy and choir and remain standing for the...

Greeting

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Hymn 137 *For the beauty of the earth* (Lucerna Laudoniæ)

Prayers of Approach and Confession

Declaration of Forgiveness

...This is the Gospel.

Thanks be to God.

Doxology 125

The whole triumphant host (Leoni)



The whole tri-um-phant host gives thanks to God on



high: 'Hail, Fa-ther, Son and Spi-rit blest!' they ev - er



cry. Hail_ Abra-ham's God and ours! with_



hea-ven our_ songs we raise:_ all might and ma-jes-



ty are_ yours, and_ end - less praise.

Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you.

The Service of the Word

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5,10

1 The 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." **3** 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. **4** Jonah 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.

10 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.

Hymn 37

Our God, be gracious unto us

(T. 47 St Anne)

(paraphrase of Ps 67)

Second Reading

1 Thessalonians 7:29-31

29 I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, **30** 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, **31** 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.

Anthem

Dear Lord and Father of Mankind

Words: John Greenleaf Whittier (1807 – 1892)

*Music: Charles H.H. Parry (1848 - 1918)
(from his oratorio Judith)*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind,
Forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind,
In purer lives Thy service find,
In deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard
Beside the Syrian sea
The gracious calling of the Lord,
Let us, like them, without a word
Rise up and follow Thee.

Drop Thy still dews of quietness,
Till all our strivings cease;
Take from our souls the strain and stress,
And let our ordered lives confess
The beauty of Thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire
Thy coolness and Thy balm;
Let sense be dumb, let flesh retire;
Speak through the earthquake, wind, and fire,
O still, small voice of calm!

Gospel Reading

St Mark 1:14-20

14 Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, **15** and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news." **16** 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. **17** And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." **18** And immediately they left their nets and followed him. **19** As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. **20** Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

May your word live in us: **And bear much fruit to your glory.**

Hymn 589

Jesus calls us!

(Tune: St Andrew)

Sermon

Hymn 351

Lift high the cross (Crucifer)

Concerns of the Church

Prayers of the People

We stand to sing...

The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, _____ which art in heav - en _____

Hal-low-ed be _____ thy name _____ Thy king-dom come.

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en _____

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

tres-pass - es As we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de-

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, _____ and the

pow - er, _____ and the glo - ry, _____ for ev - er.

A - men.

Offering

Dedication

We stand for the dedication of the Offering.

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn 672ii

Lord of earth and all creation
(Westminster Abbey)

Blessing

... and remain with you always.

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
In the name of Christ.

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude

Pæan

Oliphant Chuckerbutty (1884 - 1960)

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Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)