

**Third Sunday After Epiphany
Morning Prayer**

Opening Hymn: How Can I Keep From Singing

Verse 1

My life flows on in endless song
Above earth's lamentation
I catch the sweet though far off hymn
That hails a new creation

Chorus

No storm can shake my inmost calm
While to that rock I'm clinging
Since Love is Lord of heaven and earth
How can I keep from singing

Verse 2

Through all the tumult and the strife
I hear that music ringing
It finds an echo in my soul
How can I keep from singing

Verse 3

What though the joys
And comforts die
The Lord my Saviour liveth
What though the darkness
Round me close
Songs in the night He giveth

Verse 4

The peace of Christ
Makes fresh my heart
A fountain ever springing
All things are mine since I am His
How can I keep from singing

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The Salutation

Celebrant – The Lord be with you.

People – And also with you.

Celebrant – Let us pray.

The Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Confession of Sin

The Celebrant says to the people

Dearly beloved, we have come together in the presence of Almighty God, to set forth his praise, to hear his holy Word, and to ask, for ourselves and on behalf of others, those things that are necessary for our life and our salvation. And so that we may prepare ourselves in heart and mind to worship him, let us kneel in silence, and with penitent and obedient hearts confess our sins, that we may obtain forgiveness by his infinite goodness and mercy.

Celebrant and People together,

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. *Amen.*

The Celebrant alone says

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen.*

The Invitatory and Psalter

Celebrant - Lord, open our lips.

People - And our mouth shall proclaim your praise.

Celebrant and People – Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. *Amen.*

Antiphon

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The Lord has shown forth his glory: Come let us adore him.

Jubilate – (Psalm 100)

Be joyful in the LORD, all you lands; *
serve the LORD with gladness
and come before his presence with a song.

Know this: The LORD himself is God; *
he himself has made us, and we are his;
we are his people and the sheep of his pasture.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving;
go into his courts with praise; *
give thanks to him and call upon his Name.

For the LORD is good;
his mercy is everlasting; *
and his faithfulness endures from age to age.

Reading – Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Hymn – It Is Well

Verse 1

Grander earth has quaked before
Moved by the sound of His voice
Seas that are shaken and stirred
Can be calmed and broken for my regard

Chorus

Through it all through it all
My eyes are on You
Through it all through it all
It is well
Through it all through it all

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My eyes are on You
And it is well with me

Verse 2

Far be it from me to not believe
Even when my eyes can't see
And this mountain that's in front of me
Will be thrown into the midst of the sea

Bridge

So let go my soul and trust in Him
The waves and wind still know His name

Ending

It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well with my soul
It is well it is well with my soul

The Gospel – Mark 1: 14-20 (Rev. Dr. Dick Warner)

The Sermon – (Rev. Dr. Dick Warner)

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Prayers of the People (Form III)

Prayer leader – Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;

People – That we all may be one.

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Prayer leader – Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;

People – That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Prayer leader – We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;

People – That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Prayer leader – We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;

People – That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Prayer leader – Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;

People – That our works may find favor in your sight.

Prayer leader – Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;

People – That they may be delivered from their distress.

Prayer leader – Give to the departed eternal rest.

People – Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Prayer leader – We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;

People – May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Prayer leader – Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.

Silence

The Blessing & Dismissal - [presider's choice]

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Closing/Recessional Hymn - We Are Called

Verse 1

Come live in the light
Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord
We are called to be light for the kingdom
To live in the freedom of the city of God

Chorus

We are called to act with justice
We are called to love tenderly
We are called to serve one another
To walk humbly with God

Verse 2

Come open your heart
Show your mercy to all those in fear
We are called to be hope for the hopeless
So all hatred and blindness will be no more

Verse 3

Sing sing a new song
Sing of that great day when all will be one
God will reign and we'll walk
With each other as sisters
And brothers united in love