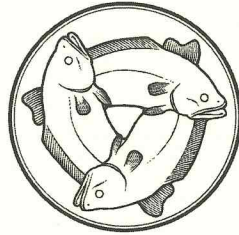


THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 22, 2012



*The Lord Calls Us to Himself by
the Preaching of Repentance in His Name*

AS WE GATHER

When "the word of the Lord came to Jonah the second time," sending him to preach judgment against the great city of Nineveh, "Jonah arose and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord" (Jonah 3:3). By this preaching, the people were brought to repentance. Because they "believed God," as He spoke to them through His prophet, "they turned from their evil way" and were spared "the disaster that He had said He would do to them" (Jonah 3:5, 10). St. Paul also warns that "the appointed time has grown very short" (1 Cor. 7:29). Therefore, while we live in this world and deal with it, we are not to cling to it, nor put our trust in it, for "the present form of this world is passing away" (1 Cor. 7:31). Rather, give "your undivided devotion to the Lord" (1 Cor. 7:35). When our Lord Jesus Christ comes and is proclaimed in the Gospel, "the time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand" (Mark 1:14-15). Therefore, He still calls men and sends them to become "fishers of men" with the net of that Gospel (Mark 1:17).

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty and everlasting God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Jonah 3:1-5,10 (The Ninevites repent in time.)

Then the word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time: {2} "Go to the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the message I give you." {3} Jonah obeyed the word of the LORD and went to Nineveh. Now Nineveh was a very important city--a visit required three days. {4} On the first day, Jonah started into the city. He proclaimed: "Forty more days and Nineveh will be overturned." {5} The Ninevites believed God.

They declared a fast, and all of them, from the greatest to the least, put on sackcloth. {10} When God saw what they did and how they turned from their evil ways, he had compassion and did not bring upon them the destruction he had threatened.

1 Corinthians 7:29-31 (It's time to be devoted to the Lord.)

What I mean, brothers, is that the time is short. From now on those who have wives should live as if they had none; {30} those who mourn, as if they did not; those who are happy, as if they were not; those who buy something, as if it were not theirs to keep; {31} those who use the things of the world, as if not engrossed in them. For this world in its present form is passing away.

Mark 1:14-20 (Jesus announces the kingdom's coming.)

After John was put in prison, Jesus went into Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God. {15} "The time has come," he said. "The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!" {16} As Jesus walked beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. {17} "Come, follow me," Jesus said, "and I will make you fishers of men." {18} At once they left their nets and followed him. {19} When he had gone a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John in a boat, preparing their nets. {20} Without delay he called them, and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him.

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