Hymns, Lessons, Gradual 3rd Sunday after Epiphany

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- 1. O Christ, our true and only Light, Enlighten those who sit in night; Let those afar now hear Thy voice And in Thy fold with us rejoice.
- 2. Fill with the radiance of Thy grace The souls now lost in error's maze And all whom in their secret minds Some dark delusion haunts and blinds.
- 3. Oh, gently call those gone astray That they may find the saving way! Let every conscience sore opprest In Thee find peace and heavenly rest.
- 4. Oh, make the deaf to hear Thy Word And teach the dumb to speak, dear Lord, Who dare not yet the faith avow, Though secretly they hold it now.
- 5. Shine on the darkened and the cold, Recall the wanderers to Thy fold, Unite all those who walk apart, Confirm the weak and doubting heart,
- 6. So they with us may evermore
 Such grace with wondering thanks adore
 And endless praise to Thee be given
 By all Thy Church in earth and heaven. Amen.

Lesson: Jeremiah 33.6-9

6 Behold, I will bring it health and cure, and I will cure them, and will reveal unto them the abundance of peace and truth. 7 And I will cause the captivity of Judah and the captivity of Israel to return, and will build them, as at the first. 8 And I will cleanse them from all their iniquity, whereby they have sinned against me; and I will pardon all their iniquities, whereby they have sinned, and whereby they have transgressed against me. 9 And it shall be to me a name of joy, a praise and an honour before all the nations of the earth, which shall hear all the good that I do unto them: and they shall fear and tremble for all the goodness and for all the prosperity that I procure unto it.

Epistle: Romans 12.17-21

17 Recompense to no man evil for evil. Provide things honest in the sight of all men. 18 If it be possible, as much as lieth in you, live peaceably with all men. 19 Dearly beloved, avenge not yourselves, but rather give place unto wrath: for it is written,

Vengeance is mine; I will repay, saith the Lord. 20 Therefore if thine enemy hunger, feed him; if he thirst, give him drink: for in so doing thou shalt heap coals of fire on his head. 21 Be not overcome of evil, but overcome evil with good.

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The heathen shall fear the name of the Lord: and all the kings of the earth Thy glory. When the Lord shall build up Zion: He shall appear in His glory. Hallelujah. Hallelujah. The Lord reigneth; let the earth rejoice: let the multitude of isles be glad thereof. Hallelujah.

Gospel: Matthew 8.1-13

1 When he was come down from the mountain, great multitudes followed him. 2 And, behold, there came a leper and worshipped him, saying, Lord, if thou wilt, thou canst make me clean. 3 And Jesus put forth his hand, and touched him, saying, I will; be thou clean. And immediately his leprosy was cleansed. 4 And Jesus saith unto him, See thou tell no man; but go thy way, shew thyself to the priest, and offer the gift that Moses commanded, for a testimony unto them. 5 And when Jesus was entered into Capernaum, there came unto him a centurion, beseeching him, 6 And saying, Lord, my servant lieth at home sick of the palsy, grievously tormented. 7 And Jesus saith unto him, I will come and heal him. 8 The centurion answered and said, Lord, I am not worthy that thou shouldest come under my roof: but speak the word only, and my servant shall be healed. 9 For I am a man under authority, having soldiers under me: and I say to this man, Go, and he goeth; and to another, Come, and he cometh; and to my servant, Do this, and he doeth it. 10 When Jesus heard it, he marvelled, and said to them that followed, Verily I say unto you, I have not found so great faith, no, not in Israel. 11 And I say unto you, That many shall come from the east and west, and shall sit down with Abraham, and Isaac, and Jacob, in the kingdom of heaven. 12 But the children of the kingdom shall be cast out into outer darkness: there shall be weeping and gnashing of teeth. 13 And Jesus said unto the centurion, Go thy way; and as thou hast believed, so be it done unto thee. And his servant was healed in the selfsame hour.

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- Rise, Thou Light of Gentile nations,
 Jesus, bright and Morning Star;
 Let Thy Word, the gladsome tidings,
 Ring out loudly near and far,
 Bringing freedom to the captives,
 Peace and comfort to the slave,
 That the heathen, free from bondage,
 May proclaim Thy pow'r to save.
 - 2. See the blindness of the heathen, Strangers to Thy glorious light,

Straying hopeless till they find Thee, Wand'ring aimless in the night. See their pitiful condition; Lo, gross darkness covers all, And no ray of hope refreshes Nor dispels the dreadful pall.

- 3. If Thou, merciful Redeemer, Hadst not saved us from this plight, In like darkness we should languish Hopeless, helpless, in sin's night. Lovingly Thou, Lord, didst seek us In the beauty of Thy grace; Now with joy we freely serve Thee, We, Thy blessed, chosen race.
- 4. Knowing Thee and Thy salvation, Grateful love dare never cease To proclaim Thy tender mercies, Gracious Lord, Thy heav'nly peace. Sound we forth the Gospel tidings To the earth's remotest bound That the sinner has been pardoned And forgiveness can be found.
- 5. May our zeal to help the heathen Be increased from day to day As we plead in true compassion And for their conversion pray. For the many faithful heralds, For the Gospel they proclaim, Let us all be cheerful givers To the glory of Thy name.
- 6. Savior, shine in all Thy glory
 On the nations near and far;
 From the highways and the byways
 Call them, O Thou Morning Star.
 Guide them whom Thy grace hath chosen
 Out of Satan's dreadful thrall
 To the mansions of Thy Father-There is room for sinners all. Amen.

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