

# *Third Sunday after Epiphany*

## *Sunday, January 24, 2021*

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### GATHERING

#### **PRELUDE**

#### **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

#### **CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in God's mercy and grace.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**

**our own sins and the brokenness that binds us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources**

**and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God's amazing grace!

Through the power and promise of Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away, and we are truly forgiven.

And now as God's beloved children,  
let us live out Christ's justice and mercy,  
and share with the world, God's reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

## **PEACE**

In Jesus Christ, God has reconciled us to himself. Let us also be reconciled and at peace with one another. The peace of the Lord be with you always.

**And also with you.**

## **GATHERING HYMN**

“Be Thou My Vision”  
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vs. 1, 3, 4

## **GREETING**

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

**And also with you.**

## **PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

## **WORD**

### **A Reading from Jonah**

<sup>1</sup>The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup>“Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” <sup>5</sup>And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup>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.

(Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

**PSALM 62:5-12 (Read Responsively)**

<sup>5</sup>For God alone my soul waits in silence,  
for my hope is from him.

**<sup>6</sup>He alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>On God rests my deliverance and my honor;  
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**<sup>8</sup>Trust in him at all times, O people;  
pour out your heart before him;  
God is a refuge for us.**

<sup>9</sup>Those of low estate are but a breath,  
those of high estate are a delusion;  
in the balances they go up;  
they are together lighter than a breath.

**<sup>10</sup>Put no confidence in extortion,  
and set no vain hopes on robbery;  
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

<sup>11</sup>Once God has spoken;  
twice have I heard this:  
that power belongs to God,

**<sup>12</sup>and steadfast love belongs to you, O LORD.  
For you repay to all according to their work.**

**A Reading from 1 Corinthians**

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>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.

(1 Corinthians 7:29-31)

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God.**

## GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the  
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

## GOSPEL

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

<sup>14</sup>Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, <sup>15</sup>and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. (Mark 1:14-20)

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## HYMN OF THE DAY

“Jesus Calls Us”  
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## SERMON

### THE APOSTLES’ CREED (Read in Unison)

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 into hell.

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.**

### **PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION**

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

*A brief silence.*

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for all the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our cities and around the world, for nonprofit and nongovernmental organizations, for planning commissions and homeless advocates, that God inspire all people in the just use of wealth, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, and especially for everyone on our prayer list, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

**Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

**Amen.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER (Read in Unison)**

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,

forever and ever. Amen.

**SENDING**

**BLESSING**

May Almighty God,

Father, † Son, and Holy Spirit,

be with you now and forever.

**Amen.**

**SENDING HYMN**

“Will You Come and Follow Me?”

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**THE DISMISSAL**

Go in peace. Share the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**POSTLUDE**

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**Bulletins** are presented in honor of Joyce O'Rourke's birthday, from her friend, Danielle Richards.

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**SERVING THIS SUNDAY (1/24/21)**

**8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Justin McClure

**10:30 AM**

LECTOR: Sarah Eger; GREETER: Chris Long; USHER: Madelyn Knecht;

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long;

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Joanne Emerich, and Barb Sterner

**SERVING NEXT SUNDAY (1/31/21)**

**8:00 AM**

LECTOR: Deb Moyer

**10:30 AM**

LECTOR: Jeff Ritschel; GREETER: Chris Long; USHER: Doug Travor;

ALTAR GUILD: Tina Butler and Chris Long;

COUNTERS: Connie Teter, Barb Sterner, and Glenda Bright

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**Introduction to the day:** As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

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**THIS WEEK AT ST. PAUL'S**

Sunday, January 24	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship
Thursday, January 28	7:00 PM	Adult Forum via ZOOM
Saturday, January 30	5:30 PM	Worship
Sunday, January 31	8:00 AM	Worship
	10:30 AM	Worship

GATHERING HYMN

“Be Thou My Vision”

vs. 1, 3, 4

1 Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;  
 3 Rich - es I heed not, nor vain, emp - ty praise,  
 4 Light of my soul, af - ter vic - to - ry won,

naught be all else to me, save that thou art:  
 thou mine in - her - i - tance, now and al - ways:  
 may I reach heav - en's joys, O heav - en's Sun!

thou my best thought by day and by night,  
 thou, and thou on - ly, first in my heart,  
 Heart of my own heart, what - ev - er be - fall,

wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.  
 great God of heav - en, my trea - sure thou art.  
 still be my vi - sion, O Rul - er of all.



# HYMN OF THE DAY

## “Jesus Calls Us”

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1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult of our  
2 As of old Saint An - drew heard it by the  
5 Je - sus calls us! By your mer - cy, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his clear voice  
Gal - i - le - an lake, turned from home and toil and  
may we hear your call, give our hearts to your o -

sound - ing, say - ing, “Chris - tian, fol - low me”:  
kin - dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
be - dience, serve and love you best of all.

Text: Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818–1895  
Music: GALILEE, William H. Jude, 1851–1922

**SENDING HYMN**

**“Will You Come and Follow Me?”**

vs, 1, 2, 5



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call  
 2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call  
 5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't  
 your name? Will you care for cruel and  
 my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?  
 kind and nev - er be the same?  
 you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown, will you let my  
 Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -  
 In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be  
 tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer  
 foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and



grown in you and you in me?"  
 pray'r in you and you in me?"  
 grow in you and you in me.

Text: John L. Bell, b. 1949  
 Music: KELVINGROVE, Scottish traditional  
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