



Worship Program
January 20th & 21st, 2024

Introduction

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.

Confession and Forgiveness

(Please stand if you are able)

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✠ one God, creator of darkness and light, word of truth, wind sweeping over the waters. **C: Amen.**

P: Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

P: God, our rock and refuge,

C: We pour out our hearts before you. We have known you but have not always loved you. We have wounded one another and sinned against you. We have not always recognized the Holy Spirit dwelling in each of us. Remember your covenant. Renew your creation. Restore us, that we might proclaim your good news to all. Amen.

P: The voice of the Lord is upon the waters. God has spoken:

The time of grace is now. In Jesus, the reign of God has come near. By the authority of ✠ Jesus Christ, your sins are forgiven. You are God's beloved. **C: Amen.**

Greeting

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all. **C: And also, with you.**

Gathering Hymn “Lord of All Nations, Grant Me Grace” (ELW 716)



1 Lord of all na - tions, grant me grace, to love all peo - ple,
 2 Break down the wall that would di - vide thy chil - dren, Lord, on
 3 For - give me, Lord, where I have erred by love - less act and
 4 Give me thy cour - age, Lord, to speak when - ev - er strong op -
 5 With thine own love may I be filled and by thy Ho - ly



ev - 'ry race; and in each per - son may I
 ev - 'ry side. My neigh - bor's good let me pur -
 thought - less word. Make me to see the wrong I
 press the weak. Should I my - self the vic - tim
 Spir - it willed, that all I touch, wher - e'er I



see my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by
 sue; let Chris - tian love bind warm and
 do will cru - ci - fy my Lord a -
 be help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring
 be, may be di - vine - ly touched by



thee, my kin - dred, loved, re - deemed by thee.
 true, let Chris - tian love bind warm and true.
 new, will cru - ci - fy my Lord a - new.
 thee, help me for - give, re - mem - b'ring thee.
 thee, may be di - vine - ly touched by thee.

Prayer of the Day

P: 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. **C: Amen.**

(Please be seated)

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you."

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. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk.

And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. 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. The word of the Lord. **C: Thanks be to God.**

Psalmody: Psalm 62:5-12

WA: For God alone I wait in silence. Truly, my hope is in God.

C: God alone is my rock and my salvation, my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

WA: In God is my deliverance and my honor. God is my strong rock and my refuge.

C: Put your trust in God always, O people, pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

WA: Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath. Those of low estate cannot be trusted. Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

C: Put no trust in extortion. In robbery take no empty pride. Though wealth increases, set not your heart upon it.

WA: God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power be-longs to God.

C: Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord, for you repay all according to their deeds.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Paul does not disapprove of marriage or other human social institutions. He does, however, want Christians to live in the present in fervent anticipation of God's future, which even now has dawned through the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short. From now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 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, 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. The word of the Lord, **C: Thanks be to God.**

Gospel Acclamation “Alleluia” (Setting 1, ELW pg. 102, *Please stand if you are able*)

Gospel: Mark 1:14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

P: Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near. Repent, and believe in the good news.”

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. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.”

And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them. And they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men and followed him. The gospel of the Lord. **C: Praise to you, O Christ**

(Please be seated)

Sermon

Hymn of the Day” On Eagles Wings” (ELW 787) (Please stand if you are able)

1 You who dwell in the shelter of the Lord,
who abide in this shadow for life,
say to the Lord: "My refuge,
my rock in whom I trust!"

3 You need not fear the terror of the night,
nor the arrow that flies by day;
though thousands fall about you,
near you it shall not come. ***Refrain***

Refrain

**And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand.**

4 For to the angels God's given a command
to guard you in all of your ways;
upon their hands they will bear you up,
lest you dash your foot against a stone.

2 The snare of the fowler will never capture you,
and famine will bring you no fear.
under God's wings your refuge,
with faithfulness your shield. ***Refrain***

Final refrain

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
bear you on the breath of dawn,
make you to shine like the sun,
and hold you in the palm of his hand;
and hold you, hold you in the palm of his hand.

Apostles' Creed

C: I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth. I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, 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, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come 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

WA: As we celebrate Christ embodied in human form, we pray for God's blessing on the church, the world, and all of creation.

(Silence is kept for reflection)

WA: God our rock and deliverance, do not let your church be shaken. We trust you never abandon your promises to the most vulnerable among us. Give your church wisdom and empathy in its varied ministries.

God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: God our hope and refuge, you placed the fish in the sea. Guide our care of oceans and all creatures that live in them. Hold us accountable for actions that endanger water sources and the people who depend on them.

God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: God who proclaims judgement and offers mercy, be a model to the leaders of our nation and the world. As they lead, may they follow in your way of justice and truth. God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: God who cares for the suffering, care for survivors of assault and sexual abuse and sustain all who minister to them. Keep safe any who live under threat of violence, those living in poverty, and any among us who are ill or in pain (*especially*).

God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: God of resurrection and new life, as the first disciples shared the good news, empower us and this faith community to be open to your call. When we are uncertain of your call, assure us. When we have strayed from your ways, redirect us.

God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: God who holds the saints against your tender bosom, we trust you welcome them into your care. Comfort those who grieve, even as we place our hope in your salvation. God of grace, **C: Receive our prayer.**

WA: Knowing the Holy Spirit intercedes for us, we offer these prayers and the silent prayers of our hearts in the name of our Savior, Jesus Christ. **C: Amen.**

Sharing of the Peace

P: The peace of Christ be with you always. **C: And also, with you.**

(after sharing the peace, please be seated)

Offertory Song “What Child is This” (ELW 296) v.1

Offering Prayer (*Please stand if you are able*)

P: Blessed are you, Holy One, for all good things come from you. In bread and cup you open heaven to us. Meet us at this table, that we receive what we seek and follow your Son, Jesus, in whose name we pray. **C: Amen.**

The Dialogue

P: The Lord be with you. **C: And also, with you.**

P: Lift up your hearts. **C: We lift them to the Lord.**

P: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

P: It is indeed right, our duty, and our joy that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God through our Savior Jesus Christ. You comforted your people with the promise of the Redeemer, through whom you will also make all things new in the day when he comes to judge the world in righteousness.

P: And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

“Holy, Holy, Holy” (Setting 2, ELW pg. 108)

Thanksgiving at the Table

P: In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks, broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:

Take and eat, this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

P: Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me. **C: Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

P: Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

C: 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.

Invitation to Communion

P: At Jesus' table, heaven and earth are joined as one. Come and see. **C: Amen**

“O Lamb of God” (Setting 1, ELW pg. 112, *(Please be seated)*)

Special Music

“One Day” performed by Cochran & Company

Prayer after Communion

(Please stand if you are able)

P: Giver of every gift, Christ's body is our food, and we are Christ's body.

Raise us to life by your power for the benefit of all and to your glory, now and forever.

C: Amen.

Blessing

P: God who names you, Christ who claims you, and the Holy Spirit who dwells in you, ✠ bless you and remain with you always.

C: Amen.

Sending Hymn "Day By Day" (ELW 790)



1 Day by day, your mer-cies, Lord, at - tend me, bring - ing com - fort
2 Day by day, I know you will pro - vide me strength to serve and
3 Oh, what joy to know that you are near me when my bur - dens



to my anx-ious soul. Day by day, the bless-ings, Lord, you send me
wis-dom to o - bey; I will seek your lov - ing will to guide me
grow too great to bear; oh, what joy to know that you will hear me



draw me near - er to my heav'n-ly goal. Love di - vine, be-yond all
o'er the paths I strug-gle day by day. I will fear no e - vil
when I come, O Lord, to you in prayer. Day by day, no mat - ter



mor-tal mea-sure, brings to naught the bur-dens of my quest; Sav-ior,
of the mor-row, I will trust in your en-dur-ing grace. Sav-ior,
what be - tide me, you will hold me ev - er in your hand. Sav-ior,



lead me to the home I trea-sure, where at last I'll find e - ter-nal rest.
help me bear life's pain and sor-row till in glo - ry I be-hold your face.
with your pres-ence here to guide me, I will reach at last the prom-ised land.

Dismissal

P: Go in peace. You are God's beloved.

C: Thanks be to God.

January Readers/ Communion Assist

Jan 20 Kevin Oleksa
Jan 21 Noelle Berkey

Jan 27 ****HELP WANTED****
Jan 28 Ray Leverknight

January Ushers/ Greeters

Jan 20 Mark & Deb Rychak
Jan 21 Mary Ann Mapes & Bill Estrich

Jan 27 Mark & Deb Rychak
Jan 28 Mike & Lori Zerby

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