

January 24 Bulletin

Third Sunday after the Epiphany

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Prelude

Sonata in G Major, I: Largo, Benedetto Marcello –
Alexander Stefaniak piano, Eliana Haig viola

*The congregation is invited to say the words together **in bold**. Please sing along with us! To prepare for worship, you may want to place your advent wreath, or three candles, to light during the opening prayer.*

Welcome

The ushers and the rector welcome the congregation. If you are new to us, consider filling out our [“get connected”](#) form, let us get to know you better.

Song of Praise

SING TOGETHER:

• Bring in each group one by one.

A - rise, shine, for your light has come, and the
A - rise, shine for your light has come, and the
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A
glo - ry of the Lord has dawned up - on you. A

Opening Sentences

I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth. *Isaiah 49:6b*

O God, open thou our lips.

And our mouths shall show forth thy praise.

Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

The Presider reads ancient prayers that signify our longing for Christ's coming, and the coming of God's reign. You are invited to light a candle with us.

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.**

Opening Hymn

Will You Come and Follow Me – Wonder, Love, and Praise 757



1. Will you come and fol - low me if
 2. Will you leave your self be - hind if
 3. Will you let the blind - ed see if
 4. Will you love the "You" you hide if
 5. Christ, your sum - mons ech - oes true when



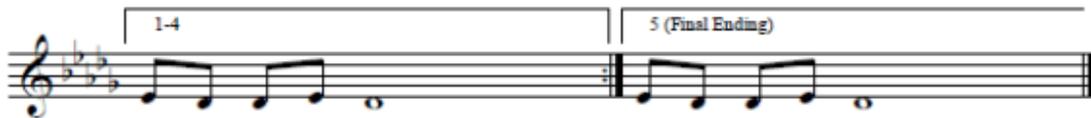
I but call your name? Will you go where you don't know and
 I but call your name? Will you are for cruel and kind, and
 I but call your name? Will you set the pris - 'ner free and
 I but call your name? Will you quell the fear in - side and
 you but call my name. Let me turn and fol - low you and



nev - er be the same? Will you let my love be shown? Will you
 nev - er be the same? Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your
 nev - er be the same? Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do
 nev - er be the same? Will you use the faith you've found to re -
 nev - er be the same. In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your



let my Name be known? Will you let my life be grown in
 life at - tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer prayer in
 such as this un - seen? And ad - mit to what I mean in
 shape the world a - round through my sight and touch and sound in
 love and foot - steps show, thus I'll move and live and grow in



you and you in me?
 you and you in me.

1. Lift ev - 'ry voice and sing, Till earth and heav - en
 2. Sto - ny the road we trod, Bit - ter the chast - 'ning
 3. God of our wea - ry years, God of our si - lent

1. ring, Ring with the har - mo - nies of lib - er -
 2. rod, Felt in the days when hope un - born had
 3. tears, Thou who hast brought us thus far on the

1. ty; Let our re - joic - ing rise High as the list - 'ning
 2. died; Yet with a stead - y beat, Have not our wear - y
 3. way; Thou who hast by thy might, Led us in - to the

1. skies, Let it re - sound loud as the roll - ing sea.
 2. feet Come to the place for which our fa - thers sighed?
 3. light, Keep us for - ev - er in the path, we pray.

The Readings

We hear the stories of the experience of God from our spiritual ancestors. Following an ancient pattern originally from Jewish synagogue worship, readings follow a set calendar for what will be read when.

THE FIRST READING:

A Reading from the book of Jonah (Jonah 3:1-5, 10)

The Lord's word came to Jonah a second time: "Get up and go to Nineveh, that great city, and declare against it the proclamation that I am commanding you." And Jonah got up and went to Nineveh, according to the Lord's word. (Now Nineveh was indeed an enormous city, a three days' walk across.)

Jonah started into the city, walking one day, and he cried out, "Just forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God. They proclaimed a fast and put on mourning clothes, from the greatest of them to the least significant.

God saw what they were doing—that they had ceased their evil behavior. So God stopped planning to destroy them, and he didn't do it.

The Word of the Lord
Thanks be to God

THE PSALM (PSALM 62:6-14)

For God alone my soul in silence waits;
truly, there is my hope.

God alone is my rock and my salvation,
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor;
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in God always, O people;
pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath,
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath,
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion;
in robbery take no empty pride;
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,
that power belongs to God.

Steadfast love is yours, O God,
for you repay everyone according to their deeds

**Glory to God, Source of all being, Incarnate Word, and Holy Spirit,
as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever. Amen.**

THE GOSPEL READING

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark (Mark 1:14-20)
Glory to You, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested, Jesus came into Galilee announcing God's good news, saying, "Now is the time! Here comes God's kingdom! Change your hearts and lives, and trust this good news!"

As Jesus passed alongside the Galilee Sea, he saw two brothers, Simon and Andrew, throwing fishing nets into the sea, for they were fishermen. "Come, follow me," he said, "and I'll show you how to fish for people." Right away, they left their nets and followed him. After going a little farther, he saw James and John, Zebedee's sons, in their boat repairing the fishing nets. At that very moment he called them. They followed him, leaving their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired workers.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Marc Smith

If You Love Me
Joel Raney

Announcements:

Announcements are shared

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Prayers of the People

You may add your prayer requests in the comments at any time. Know that people will pray for you.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

God of love, we pray for your church: For Michael our Presiding Bishop; Deon, our bishop; for all lay and ordained ministers; and for all who seek you in the community of the faithful. Equip us with compassion and love, to carry out your work of reconciliation in the world. God of love, **Hear our prayers for the church.**

God of freedom, we pray for our nation, and all the nations of the world: For equity, and peace across barriers of language, color, and creed; for elected and appointed leaders, especially Joseph, our president-elect, Kamala our vice-president elect and the whole incoming administration, that they would serve the common good. Inspire all people with courage to speak out against hatred, to actively resist evil. Unite the human family in bonds of love. God of freedom, **Hear our prayers for the world.**

God of peace, we pray for this community: For our local leaders; for our schools and markets; for our neighborhoods and workplaces. Kindle in every heart a desire for equality, respect, and opportunity for all. Give us courage to strive for justice and peace among all people, beginning here at home. We give you thanks for those celebrating birthdays this week, especially Sarah Stanage, Poli Rijos, Bob Hulett, Jennifer Mariani, and Sam Fiorello; and for those celebrating anniversaries this week. God of peace, **Hear our prayers for this community.**

God of grace, we pray for those who have died, especially Tricia Anderson who died January 16: For the faithful in every generation who have worked for justice; for prophets who called us to racial reconciliation; for martyrs who died because of hatred; for those who have died of COVID and for all the communion of saints. Make us faithful to your call to proclaim your Good News, by word and example, and bring us at last into the glorious company of the saints in light. God of grace, **Hear our prayers for those who have died.**

Grant, O God, that your holy and life-giving Spirit may so move every human heart and especially the hearts of the people of this land, that barriers which divide us may crumble, suspicions disappear, and hatreds cease; that our divisions being healed, we may live in justice and peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

The Lord's Prayer

Let us pray in the way Christ taught us, and in the language of our hearts.

**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, the power and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Concluding Prayers

The Concluding Prayer by Dr. King is followed by the ancient prayer of Saint Chrysostom.

O Lord our Governor, whose glory is in all the world: We commend this nation to your merciful care, that, being guided by your Providence, we may dwell secure in your peace. Grant our new President and Vice-President, and all in authority, wisdom and strength to know and to do your will. Fill them with the love of truth and righteousness, and make them ever mindful of their calling to serve this people in your justice; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, world without end. **Amen.**

Almighty God, you have given us grace at this time with one accord to make our common supplication to you; and you have promised through your well-beloved Son that when two or three are gathered together in his Name you will be in the midst of them: Fulfill now, O Lord, our desires and petitions as may be best for us; granting us in this world knowledge of your truth, and in the age to come life everlasting. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace is then exchanged.

The peace of Christ be always with you.

And also with you.

The Peace is then exchanged. Consider sending a text, a message on Facebook, or even writing a letter or email to someone who could use some peace.

Concluding Hymn:

They Cast Their Nets in Galilee – Hymnal 665

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'They Cast Their Nets in Galilee'. It consists of three staves of music in G major, 4/4 time. The lyrics are arranged in four parts, with the first part starting on the first staff and the others continuing on the second and third staves. The lyrics are: 1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee just; 2 Con - tent - ed, peace - ful fish - er - men, be -; 3 Young John who trimmed the flap - ping sail, home -; 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, but off the hills of brown; such hap - py, fore they ev - er knew the peace of less, in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who strife closed in the sod. Yet let us sim - ple fish - er - folk, be - fore the Lord came down. God that filled their hearts brim - ful, and broke them too. hauled the teem - ing net, head - down was cru - ci - fied. pray for but one thing— the mar - velous peace of God.

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The Deacon dismisses the congregation:

Let us Bless the Lord
Thanks be to God.

Postlude

Dix – arranged by Charles Callahan
Connor Scott, guest organist

Service Leaders

Officiant: Emilee Walker-Cornetta, Seminarian

Preacher: The Rev. Marc Smith

Deacon and Presider: The Rev. Chester Hines

Assisting: The Rev. Mike Angell

Lectors: Fran Caradonna, Bryant Cooper

The Lord's Prayer: Shirley Mensah

Greeters: Lisa Heaner, Shannon MacGregor

Guest Musicians: Eliana Haig, Alex Stefaniak

Director of Music: Mary Chapman

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