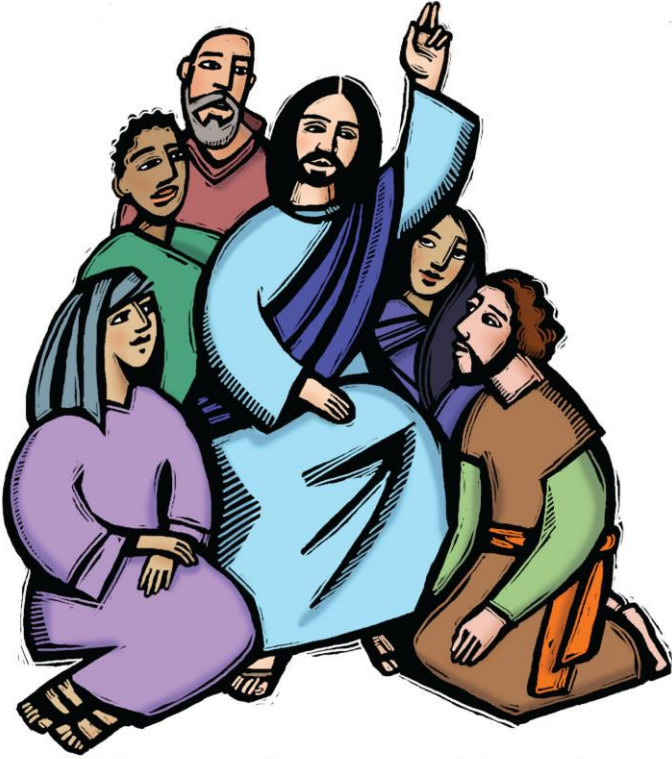


Third Sunday after Epiphany
January 21, 2024
10:30 AM



“The time has come,” he said.
“The kingdom of God is near.
Repent and believe the good news!”
Mark 1:15, NIV



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In today's gospel reading, Jesus uses the common experience of fishing and turns it upside down. Each baptized Christian, born in God's gracious sea, is called to fish for people. We are given the net of God's mercy and the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence as we go forth and invite others to join us in our communal journey of discipleship.

PRELUDE

Stand

INVOCATION

P In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit.

C Amen.

BRIEF ORDER OF CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P If we say we have no sin we deceive ourselves and the truth is not in us. Let us confess our sin to God who is faithful and just and who has promised to forgive our sin and cleanse us from all unrighteousness.

Kneel/ Remain Standing

P Most merciful God, **C** Have mercy on us.

C We confess to you that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not trusted you with our whole heart; we have not loved one another in deed and in truth. In your compassion forgive our sin and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life through Jesus Christ our light and our truth. Amen.

P With joy, I proclaim to you that Almighty God, rich in mercy, abundant in love, forgives you all your sin and grants you newness of life in Jesus Christ.

C Thanks be to God!

Stand

SHARING OF THE PEACE

Introduce yourself to those around you, greeting them with the greeting of peace.

SERVICE OF THE WORD

OPENING HYMN “Listen, God is Calling”

Refrain
Leader All

Lis - ten, lis - ten, God is call - ing Through the Word in - vit - ing,

Of - fer - ing for - give - ness, Com - fort, and joy. joy.

1 Je - sus gave His man - date: Share the good news
2 Let none be for - got - ten Through - out the world.
3 Help us to be faith - ful, Stand - ing stead - fast,

Leader All Refrain

That He came to save us. And set us free.
In the tri - une name of God Go and bap - tize.
Walk - ing in Your pre - cepts, Led by Your Word.

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2 Thess. 2:14; Matt. 28:18–20; Mark 16:15–16; 1 Cor. 15:58

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.

P In peace, in peace, let us pray — to the
 Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 For the reign of God, and for peace through-

Lord, have mer - cy.

out the world, for the u - ni - ty of all, let us pray — to the
 Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 For your peo - ple here, who have come to

Lord, have mer - cy.

give you praise, for the strength to live your Word, let us pray — to the
 Lord.

C Lord, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.
 Help, save, and de -

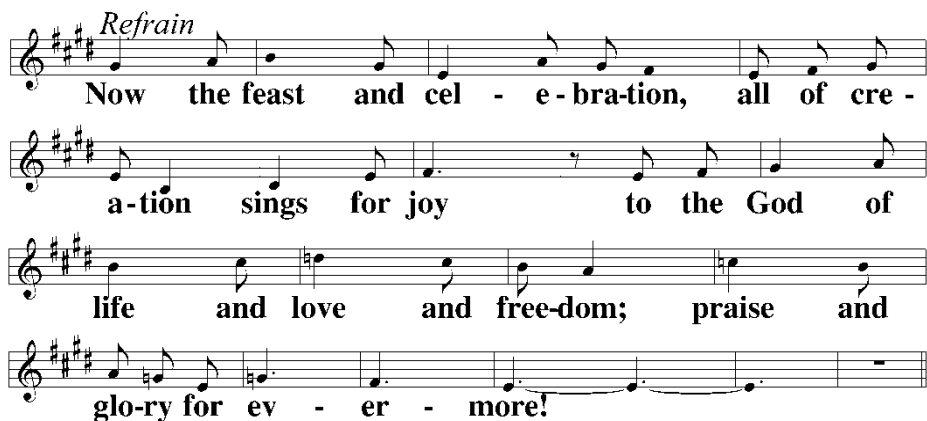
Lord, have mer - cy.

fend us, O God.

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(accompaniment/intro)
 men.

Continue the following without interruption. All sing the Refrain.



1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain, whose blood has freed and united us to be one great people of God. *(brief interlude, then sing the Refrain)*
2. Power and riches, wisdom and might, all honor and glory to Christ forever. *(brief interlude, then sing the Refrain)*
3. For God has come to dwell with us, to make us people of God; to make all things new. *(brief interlude, then sing the Refrain)*

SALUTATION AND PRAYER OF THE DAY

[P] The Lord be with you. **[C]** And also with you.

[P] Almighty God, you sent your Son to proclaim your kingdom and to teach with authority. Anoint us with the power of your Spirit, that we, too, may bring good news to the afflicted, bind up the brokenhearted, and proclaim liberty to the captive; through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. **[C]** Amen.

Sit

Children are invited to the Fireside Lounge for the Children's Lesson.

FIRST LESSON Jonah 3:1-5, 10

Unlike other prophetic books that focus on the prophet's message, this book focuses on the prophet himself. The book of Jonah is really a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question: "On whom should God have mercy?"

R 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.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

In his letters to the Corinthians, Paul addresses many problems experienced by those who want faith to shape daily life. Here he insists that our future hope in Christ ought to affect the way we conduct ourselves in the present.

R Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 30and 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, 31and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

R This is the Word of the Lord. **C** **Thanks be to God.**

ALLELUIA

| - - - - Introduction - - - - |

C Al-le-lu - ia, al-le-lu - ia.

Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e-

ter - nal life. Al-le-lu - ia! (Repeat, starting after intro.)

GOSPEL

[P] The Holy Gospel according to Mark, Chapter 1, beginning at verse 14. **[C]**

Glory to You, O Lord.

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 recognize this good news will respond with repentance and faith.

[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.

[P] This is the Gospel of the Lord. **[C]** **Praise to You, O Christ.**

APOSTLES' CREED

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.**

**And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

The third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into heaven,

And sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty.

**From thence He will come again to judge the living and
the dead.**

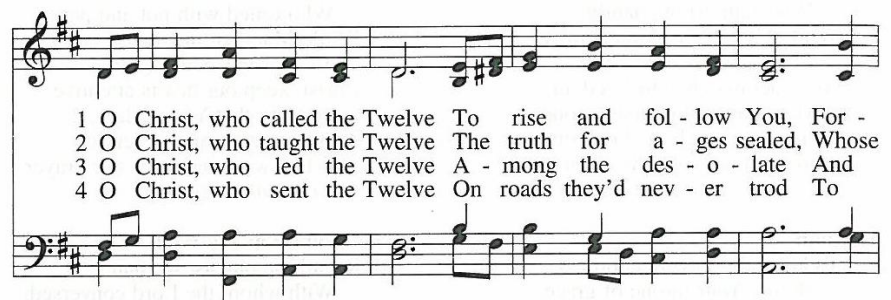
**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting. Amen.**

Sit

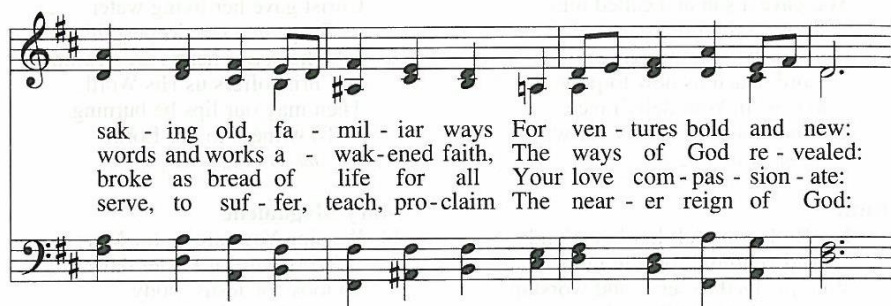
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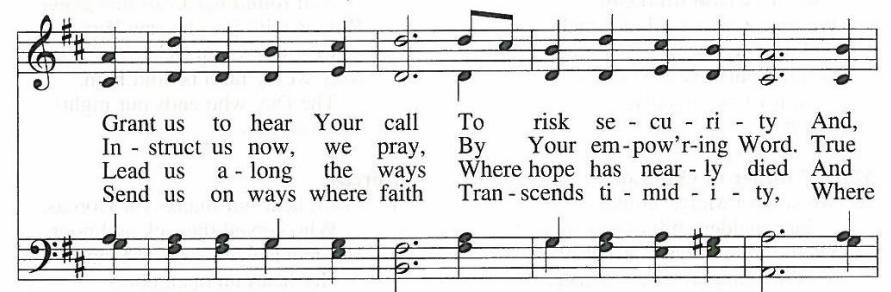
HYMN "O Christ, Who Called the Twelve"



1 O Christ, who called the Twelve To rise and fol - low You, For -
2 O Christ, who taught the Twelve The truth for a - ges sealed, Whose
3 O Christ, who led the Twelve A - mong the des - o - late And
4 O Christ, who sent the Twelve On roads they'd nev - er trod To



sak - ing old, fa - mil - iar ways For ven - tures bold and new:
words and works a - wak - ened faith, The ways of God re - vealed:
broke as bread of life for all Your love com - pas - sion - ate:
serve, to suf - fer, teach, pro - claim The near - er reign of God:



Grant us to hear Your call To risk se - cu - ri - ty And,
In - struct us now, we pray, By Your em - pow'r - ing Word. True
Lead us a - long the ways Where hope has near - ly died And
Send us on ways where faith Tran - scends ti - mid - i - ty, Where



bound in heart and will to You, Find per - fect lib - er - ty.
teach - er, be for all who seek Their light, their life, their Lord.
help us climb the lone - ly hills Where love is cru - ci - fied.
love in - forms and hope sus - tains Both life and min - is - try.

5 O Christ, th'apostles' Lord,
The martyrs' strength and song,
The crucified and risen King
To whom the saints belong:

Though generations pass,
Our tribute still we bring,
Our hymns a sacrifice of praise,
Our lives an offering.

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TERRA BEATA
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Matt. 10:1–42; Matt. 4:18–22

PRAYERS

P Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, and for all people according to their needs.

Other prayers are inserted here. Each petition ends with “Lord, in your mercy,” to which the congregation responds, “hear our prayer.” The prayers conclude:

P Into your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

C Amen.

Sit

ANNOUNCEMENTS

SERVICE OF THE TABLE

OFFERING

You may contribute online using the QR code or place a gift in offering plate at the door along with the interest sheet.



Stand

OFFERTORY SONG

C *rit.* As the grains of wheat once
scat-tered on the hill were gath-ered in - to one to be -
come our bread; so may all your peo-ple from
all the ends of earth be gath-ered in - to one in

Verses

you. *(1st & 2nd times: go to verses; 3rd time: end)*

1. As this cup of blessing is
2. Let this be a fore-taste of

shared with - in our midst, all that is to come **may we share the when all cre - a - tion**

pres - ence of your love. shares this feast with you. *(Sing Refrain & 2nd Vs.)*
(Sing Refrain once more)

[P] Let us pray. Merciful God,

[C] we offer with joy and thanksgiving what you have first given us—ourselves, our time, and our possessions, signs of your gracious love. Receive them for the sake of him who offered himself for us, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

[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 God thanks and praise.

[P] It is our duty and delight... we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

|--Introduction - |

C Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho-ly are you, God of
 pow - er and might; Heav-en and earth are
 filled with your glo - ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est!
 Bless - ed is the One who comes in your name. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est, ho-san - na in the high-est!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

LORD'S PRAYER

Recognizing that the church, and this congregation, are comprised of people from many cultures, languages, and backgrounds, please speak this prayer in the language or version closest to your heart.

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

AGNUS DEI

----- Introduction -----

1) Lamb of God, you take a -
2) Lamb of God, you are the

way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us, (hold)
way of mer-cy and love: have mer - cy on us,

mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (quick) (Sing vs. 2 above)
mer - cy on us, mer-cy on us. (Sing vs. 3-->) 3) Lamb of

God, you take a-way the sin of the world:

grant us peace, grant us peace, grant us peace.

Sit

THE DISTRIBUTION You are invited to approach the altar to receive the elements from the common loaf and an individual cup of wine or grape juice. Pre-packaged gluten free options are also available.

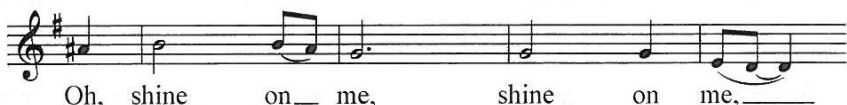
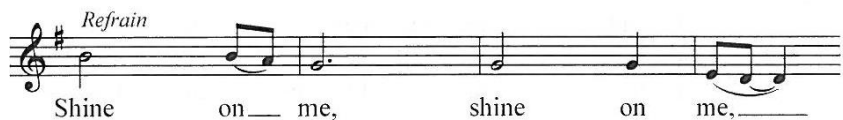
HYMN "Shine on Me"

Verses

1) I heard the voice of Je - sus say,
2) With pit - y-ing eyes the Prince of Peace

"Come un - to me and rest, and rest;
be - held our help - less grief, our grief;

lay down, you wea - ry one, lay down
he saw, and oh, a - maz - ing love!



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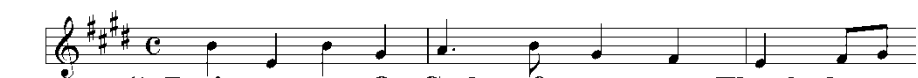
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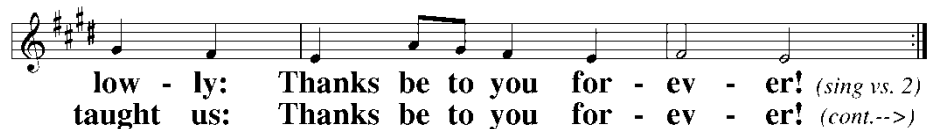
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P The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace. **C** **Amen.**

POST-COMMUNION CANTICLE AND PRAYER



- C** 1) Praise to you, O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to
2) From of old you loved and sought us: Thanks be to



Strong is your faith - ful - ness, strong is your love, re -
 mem - b'ring your cove - nant of life with us.
 Praise to you O God of mer - cy: Thanks be to you for -
 ev - er! Rais - ing high the weak and low - ly: Thanks be to
 you for - ev - er. Thanks be to you for - ev - er!

[P] Let us pray. We give thanks, almighty God, that you have refreshed us through the healing power of this gift of life; and we pray that in your mercy you would strengthen us, through this gift, in faith towards you and in fervent love towards one another; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

[C] Amen.

BENEDICTION

[P] The Lord bless you and keep you.
 The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
 The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.

[C] Amen.

[P] Go in peace; serve the Lord. **[C] Thanks be to God.**

CLOSING HYMN

"Spread the Reign of God, The Lord"

1 Spread the reign of God the Lord, Spo - ken, writ - ten, might - y Word;
 2 Tell how God the Fa - ther's will Made the world, up - holds it still,
 3 Tell of our Re-deem-er's grace, Who, to save our hu - man race,
 4 Tell of God the Spir - it giv'n Now to guide us on to heav'n,

Ev - 'ry - where His crea - tures call To His heav'n - ly ban - quet hall.
 How His own dear Son He gave Us from sin and death to save.
 And to pay re - bel - lion's price, Gave Him - self as sac - ri - fice.
 Strong and ho - ly, just and true, Work - ing both to will and do.

5 Enter, mighty Word, the field;
 Ripe the promise of its yield.
 But the reapers, oh, how few
 For the work there is to do!

6 Lord of harvest, great and kind,
 Rouse to action heart and mind;
 Let the gath'ring nations all
 See Your light and heed Your call.

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Ps. 96:1–5; Matt. 22:9–10; Luke 10:2; 24:47–48; Rom. 8:32; 10:15

POSTLUDE

----- *The liturgy is ended; let the service begin* -----

Our Confession about Communion

Our Confession

1. Holy Communion is a divinely instituted act in which Jesus Christ gives His true (real) body and blood under the forms of bread and wine. We thus hold that the bread and wine are not mere symbols of Jesus' body and blood. When we receive the bread and wine we receive in fact the body and blood of Christ for the forgiveness of sins.

2. We believe that Communion is a celebration of this forgiveness which comes to us through faith as we eat and drink. In communion we remember our Lord's passion and death, His resurrection and ascension, and the promise of His coming again. Communion is truly the Gospel made visible, and is offered for those who "hunger and thirst after righteousness."

3. We believe that as we eat and drink this Supper we are strengthened in our faith in Jesus Christ and in our love for one another.

Therefore, we invite to the Lord's Table all who:

a. have been instructed in the meaning of Communion; have been baptized in the name of the Triune God; have received Jesus Christ as their own personal and living Savior and Lord, and concur in our confession;

b. are not living in open rebellion against the Word of God, and do not hold willful and persistent form of hatred, resentment or anger against any other person.

Those who have questions about communion are welcome to talk to one of the Pastors.

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