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Sunday Communion Service A (Iona Community)

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.

PRELUDE

GATHERING

- P With Nature in its power and beauty, in pouring rains and bright sunlight, in mighty old trees and new blades of grass.
- C We gather in praise of God.
- P With believers and seekers, with people from every land, and speakers of every language.
- C We gather in praise of God.
- P With the angels and saints in heaven, with all who have worshipped in this place.
- C We gather in praise of God.
- P With Jesus who promised his presence and the Spirit who showers us with blessings.
- C We gather in praise of God.
- P Here let heaven and earth be united.
- C Here may God's people find a home.

GATHERING HYMN

You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore



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.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P Let us pray.

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.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

- P For the right roads we avoided traveling, and the kindly words we refused to share; for the false gods who received our attention and our true shelves full of love that we do not show.
- C God, by your grace, forgive us.
- P For the hidden hurts we have held too tightly, and the promises which we never kept; for the careless use of our time and money, and the excuses we should never have made.
- C God, by your grace, forgive us.
- P For all we should be and all we can amend.
- C God, in your love, renew us.
- P For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us.
- C God, in your love, prepare us.
- P For the life of the world and the love of its people.
- C God, in your love, commit us.
- A Kyrie Eleison Christe Eleison Kyrie Eleison Amen.

P Hear and believe these words of Jesus: Your sins are forgiven. Go in peace. Come and follow me. Glory to the Creator who gives us life, to Jesus whose love remakes our souls, to the Spirit that walks with us in this journey. Glory be to God forever more.

C Amen.

WORD

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?"

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²"Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. ¹⁰When 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.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

PSALM 62:5-12

Spoken responsively

⁵For God alone I wait in silence;

truly, my hope is in God.

⁶God alone is my rock and my salvation,

my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

⁷In God is my deliverance and my honor;

God is my strong rock and my refuge.

⁸Put your trust in God always, O people,

pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.

⁹Those 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.

¹⁰Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

¹¹God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,

that power belongs to God.

¹²Steadfast 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.

L Listen for God's Word

C Our hearts and minds are open.

²⁹Brothers 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.

L God be in our hearing of your word this day.

C Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL

- P The Holy Gospel, according to Mark, the first chapter.
- C Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

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

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

- L God be in our hearing of your word this day.
- C Thanks be to God.

SERMON PASTOR ANDREW C. PATTY

HYMN OF THE DAY

We Are Marching in the Light

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AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

A We believe in God above us, maker and sustainer of all life, who set the sun and moon in the sky, who gave us water and earth to thrive, and created humans with vast diversity yet all children of you.

We believe in God beside us, in Jesus Christ, the Word made flesh, born of a woman, healer of the sick, servant of the poor, tortured, nailed and died on a cross. A man of compassion; he died for our sins. He descended into the earth and into the place of death. On the third day, he rose from the tomb and ascended into heaven. His kingdom will come on earth in the last days.

We believe in God within us, the Holy Spirit, the fire of that Pentecost day, the life-giving breath of the church to preach to all the lands. The Spirit that brings unity to all followers around the world. The Spirit that brings healing, forgiveness, and resurrection to all. Amen.

THE PRAYERS

A 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.

A 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.

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Have mercy, O God.

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

C Have mercy, O God.

A For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief, especially Eleanor Jewell, Helen Laughlin, Martha Nemeth, Linda Longren, and Don Longren, that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For our congregation and for those of St. Andrew Lutheran in Columbia, Holy Cross Lutheran in Creve Coeur, Redeemer Lutheran in Desoto, and Community Lutheran in Eagle Rock, Missouri, for our community, for families big and small, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

A For Zane Kennedy and Keith Springer as they celebrate their birthdays, let us pray.

C Have mercy, O God.

P 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.

C Have mercy, O God.

P 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.

C Amen.

PEACE

P In your forgiveness from Christ, may you go in peace to spread love to all those you see this day. May the Peace of the Lord be with you.

C And also with you.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

OFFERTORY PRAYER

P All that we have and all that we are is a gift of God's grace to us. Let us return with thankfulness and use what we possess for God's glory this day.

C Amen.

MEAL

- P The Lord be with you
- C and also with you.
- P Lift up your hearts
- C We lift them up to God.

- P Let us give thanks to God our Maker,
- 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 our God. We praise your name and join in their unending praise:
- C Holy, Holy God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!
- P Because you, gracious God, have been faithful to us, we will be faithful to the example that Jesus gave us. He promised to be with those who meet in his name.
- C This we believe.
- P He said that in the communion of bread and wine, that he would be present with us as we remember him.
- C This we celebrate.
- P So, send now your Spirit among us and upon this bread and wine, that we may taste and see your goodness, be embraced by your love, and be engaged in your service in the world.
- C Amen.
- P As Jesus did, so we do this day. We break this bread. (*The bread is broken*) We share this cup. (*The cup is raised*) We believe that he who lived, died, and rose again for us is present in these. We share these in remembrance and forgiveness that Christ calls us to in this meal.

 Around this table, at this meal, we pray those words given to us by our Lord and Savior,

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 THE MEAL

P Take this bread, share this cup. In these Christ comes to us with love from God. These are the gifts of God for the people of God, let us be glad in them this day!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

C Graciously nourish us, Jesus Christ, so that we who try to follow you may receive this spiritual food for our faith journey and be bound in unity with all who walk in your way. Amen.

SENDING

PRAYER

- P Give thanks for all God's goodness
- C God's love shall last forever.
- P Generous and faithful God, you have fed us at your table. May the nourishment we have received deep in our souls enable us to enrich the lives of others in our life wherever we may go from here. Whether the future be dark or bright, the road be smooth or rough, whether our cares be light or heavy, our song be strong or weak, keep our hearts open, our hands embracing, our lives ever surrounded and lifted in this love that you showed us this day around your table of grace.

C Amen.

BLESSING

P May the everlasting God shield you wherever you go. In the name of God, the Giver of Life, of Jesus, the fount of love, and of the Holy Spirit, the bearer of Peace, this blessing of the Trinity be upon you now and evermore.

C Amen.

SENDING HYMN

In Thee Is Gladness

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DISMISSAL

- P Go in Peace. Share the good news.
- C Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

UPCOMING EVENTS AT TRINITY
Today, Jan. 24 Online Worship with Holy Communion
Tues, Jan. 26
Sunday, Jan. 24 Online Worship with Holy Communion 10:30 AM

OFFERING, ATTENDANCE, and FINANCIAL STATUS								
					Weekly			
					Income			
					Minus			
			Total	Average	Average			
			Weekly	Weekly	Weekly	Attendance/		
Date	General	Other	Income	Expense	Expense	Communion		
Dec. 27	\$9,065.00	\$75.00	\$9,140.00	-\$2,792.00	\$6,348.00	0		
Jan. 3	\$545.00	\$0.00	\$545.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$2,247.00	0		
Jan. 10	\$3,892.00	\$0.00	\$3,892.00	-\$2,792.00	\$1,100.00	0		
Jan. 17	\$1,650.00	\$100.00	\$1,750.00	-\$2,792.00	-\$1,042.00	0		
			Income	Expense	Behind/Ahead			
		Dec 2020	\$9,750.00	-\$10,742.78	-\$992.78			
		Jan Dec	\$112,462.94	-\$121,859.29	-\$9,396.35			

Remember our shut-ins!

Peggy Buchholz Roy O'Neil Keith Springer Don Longren Ron Owensby Naomi Walker Marlene Hassan



DOORSTEP'S "SOUPERBOWL SUNDAY" IS FEBRUARY 7th





BRING SOUP

AND CRACKERS



Our Goal this year is 2.5 ton... 5,000 pounds!

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- · worship God the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit,
- serve those in need, and
- reach out to share the Good News of salvation through Jesus Christ!

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