

1-24-2021 - Worship Guide - Epiphany 3

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.

Welcome Please have a candle and Communion elements ready for worship.

Song: #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

1 I will rise in the early morning;
the community's waiting for me.
With a spring in my step I'm walking
with my friends and my family. *Refrain*

2 God invites all the poor and hungry
to the banquet of justice and good
where the harvest will not be hoarded
so that no one will lack for food. *Refrain*

Confession & Peace*

You share your love with every people;
we draw limits of race and creed.
Messiah have mercy
Messiah have mercy

You immerse yourself in love of life;
we hold back in fear and shame.
Christ have mercy
Christ have mercy

You change the water into wine;
we refuse to let our hearts be moved.
Messiah have mercy
Messiah have mercy

Christ has broken down the dividing wall that made us strangers to one another;
Christ has made us one humanity that God might be all in all;
Christ Jesus is our life, our hope, our peace.
Amen. Let God's Peace flow through us.

The peace of Jesus Christ be with you always.

Song of Praise: #523 Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

3 May we build such a place among us
 where all people are equal in love.
 God has called us to work together
 and to share ev'rything we have.

Refrain

Let us go now to the banquet,
to the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting;
come, ev'ryone, with your gifts to share.

Prayer of the Day*

Sovereign of time fulfilled, who was not born an angel
but walked the common earth:
With those you called by the lakeside
may we share your mission to bring good news to all,
to let the world know that God is among us;
through Jesus Christ, the One who reigns. Amen.

Hebrew Scripture: Jonah 3:1-5, 10 (Inclusive Version)

The word of YHWH came a second time to Jonah:
“Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do.”

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of YHWH. Nineveh was a city large beyond compare;† it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day's journey. He proclaimed, “Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed!”

So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God related by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word... Thanks be to God

Childrens' Time

Song: #815 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light (v. 1)

1 I want to walk as a child of the light.
 I want to follow Jesus.
 God set the stars to give light to the world.
 The star of my life is Jesus.

Refrain

In him there is no darkness at all.
The night and the day are both alike.
The Lamb is the light of the city of God.
Shine in my heart, Lord Jesus.

Gospel Reading: Mark 1:14-20 (Inclusive Version)

After John's arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee proclaiming the Good News of God:

15 "This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!"

16 While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. 17 Jesus said to them, "Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind." 18 They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

19 Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They too were in their boat, putting their nets in order. 20 Immediately Jesus called them, and they left their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus

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Message

Song: #817 You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore (v. 1-3)

1 You have come down to the lakeshore
seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,
but only asking for me to follow.

Refrain

Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;
kindly smiling, you've called out my name.
On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;
now with you, I will seek other seas.

2 You know full well what I have, Lord:
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,
just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

3 You need my hands, my exhaustion,
working love for the rest-- the weary--
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

Creed of Epiphany

**I believe in God, the creator of the universe,
who spoke, "Let there be light!" and there was light,
setting in motion all of creation and blessing it to this day.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
The light that shines in the darkness;
The darkness cannot overcome it.
He embodied humanity in the image of God,
And suffered for the greater good.
He atoned for our sins
And died on the cross for us,
God's saving grace!**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The guiding light of God in our world.
Through his spirit, God conquers
The darkness of human sin,
Helps people grow and
Become the people they are meant to be.
I believe in the power of transformation,
Here in this world and in the world to come.
Amen.**

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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.

God, hear our prayer.

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.

God, hear our prayer.

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.

God, hear our prayer.

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

God, hear our prayer.

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.

God, hear our prayer.

*For what or whom else do the people pray?
(Zoom users: Please unmute or use chat feature to offer your petitions)*

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.

God, hear our prayer.

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.

Holy Communion*

God be with you. **And also with you.**
Lift up your hearts. **We lift them up to God.**
We give thanks to God. **Thank You God for Your grace.**

We praise you, Go fo many names,
whose Spirit runs free through all the earth,
Whose image lies dep in every mortal soul.

In Your grace
Your Word is made known to every people,
calling forth the best they have to offer;
Your Beloved is immersed in the waters of creation
healing the chaos that floods our world;
Your Child is the host who offers new wine
changing hearts grown withered and cold.

Therefore we celebrate the rays of morning light
that bathe the world in glory and kindle a new song:

Holy: #525 You Are Holy

You are holy, you are whole. You are always ever more than we ever understand.
You are always at hand.

Blessed are you coming near.
Blessed are you coming here to your church in wine and bread,
Raised from soil, raised from dead.

You are holy, you are wholeness, you are present.
Let the cosmos praise you, Lord!

Sing hosanna in the highest!
Sing hosanna! Sing hosanna to our God!

Words of Institution

Christ's Prayer (*Inclusive*)

We pray together in the Spirit that Jesus taught:

**Our Creator in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kin-dom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.**

Give us today our daily bread.

Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.

**For the kin-dom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Invitation to Communion

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.

Given and poured out for you.

The bread of life for all who hunger.

The cup of compassion for a broken world.

Lamb of God: p., 174, Setting 7

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

Prayer after Communion*

God of the wedding feast,
we thank you for sharing with us
the abundance of your life:
In the beauty of humility
may we receive with joy
the stranger's gift,
the water's grace,
and the living wine of love's desire.
Amen.

Announcements

Blessing:

May Christ, who draws the nations into God,
teach us to love our enemies;
May Christ, who enters the water of baptism,
lead us to die to all ... but love;
May Christ, who gives new wine for the world,
turn our bitterness into joy;
And the blessing of God +
Creator, Christ and Holy Spirit be with now and always.
Amen.

Song: #866 We Are Marching in the Light (v. 1 & 4)

1 We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching in the light of God,
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.
We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,
we are marching in the light of God.

4 We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing in the light of God,
we are singing in the light of God.

We are singing, (singing, we are singing, singing,
we are singing in the light of God.
We are singing, (singing, we are singing, singing,
we are singing in the light of God.

Dismissal

Go in peace. God is with you in every time and space. Thanks be to God.

Coffee Hour follows after Worship.

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