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**Third Sunday after Epiphany**

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## 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.*

## Prelude

### Confession and Forgiveness

*All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.*

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✚ one God,  
whose voice is upon the waters,  
whose mercy is poured out upon all people,  
whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—  
our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow  
your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources  
and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,  
for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,  
you know them;  
receive them in your divine mercy.  
Amen.**

How vast is God's grace!  
Through the power and promise of ✝ Christ Jesus,  
our sins are washed away  
and we are claimed as God's own beloved.  
Indeed, we are forgiven.  
In the wake of God's forgiveness,  
we are called to be the beloved community  
living out Christ's justice  
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.  
**Amen.**

**Opening Hymn – Will You Come and Follow Me**  
- *Hymn text can be found on page 15*

### **Greeting**

The love of God poured into our hearts, the saving grace of Jesus Christ,  
and the abundant life of the Holy Spirit be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

### **Prayer of the Day**

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.  
**Amen.**

### **Welcome and Announcements**

## **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?"*

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

<sup>10</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Psalm:** Psalm 62:5-12

*God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)*

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I wait in silence;  
truly, my hope is in God.

<sup>6</sup>**God alone is my rock and my salvation,  
my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.**

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance and my honor;  
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>**Put your trust in God always, O people,  
pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge.**

<sup>9</sup>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.

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

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.

**<sup>12</sup>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.*

<sup>29</sup>Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, <sup>30</sup>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, <sup>31</sup>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.

Word of God, word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

**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.*

The holy Gospel according to Mark the 1<sup>ST</sup> Chapter.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

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

<sup>16</sup>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. <sup>17</sup>And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” <sup>18</sup>And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup>As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup>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.

**Praise to you, O Christ.**

## **Children’s Sermon**

## **Sermon**

**Hymn of the Day** – *If You But Trust in God to Guide You*

- *Hymn text can be found on page 16*

## **Apostles' Creed**

**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**

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. **Have mercy, O God.**

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. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who provide leadership in our country, 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. **Have mercy, O God.**

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

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. **Have mercy, O God.**

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. **Have mercy, O God.**

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.**

### **Offering Prayer**

O God,  
receive these gifts as you receive us:  
like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide.  
Nourish us anew in your tender care,  
and empower us in faithful service  
to tend to others with this same love,  
through Jesus Christ, our saving grace.

**Amen.**

### **Thanksgiving at the Table: Time after Epiphany**

Blessed are you, O holy God:  
you are the Life and Light of all.  
By your powerful word you created all things.  
Through the prophets you called your people to be a light to the nations.  
Blessed are you for Jesus, your Son.



He is your Light, shining in our darkness  
and revealing to us your mercy and might.

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.

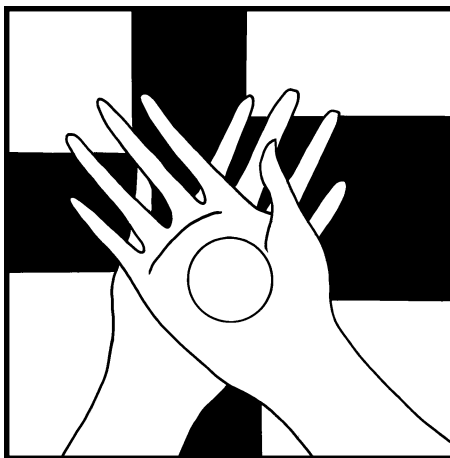
Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,  
and gave it for all to drink, saying:  
This cup is the new covenant in my blood,  
shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.  
Do this for the remembrance of me.

Remembering, therefore,  
his preaching and healing,  
his dying and rising,  
and his promise to come again,  
we await that day when all the universe  
will rejoice in your holy and life-giving light.

By your Spirit bless us and this meal,  
that, refreshed with this heavenly food,  
we may be light for the world,  
revealing the brilliance of your Son.

Through him all glory and honor is yours,  
Almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit,  
in your holy Church,  
both now and forever.

**Amen**



## **Lord's Prayer**

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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**

Beloved: here is bread; here is wine. Here is Jesus.  
Come and be fed.

## **Prayer after Communion**

Christ Jesus,  
at this table we have feasted on your very life  
and are strengthened for our journey.  
Send us forth from this banquet  
nourished in body and in spirit  
to proclaim your good news  
and serve others in your name.  
**Amen.**

## **Blessing**

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✝ keep you in peace.

**Amen.**

## **Closing Hymn – *You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore***

- *Hymn text can be found on page 16*

## **Dismissal**

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

## **Postlude**

From [sundaysandseasons.com](http://sundaysandseasons.com).

## **Worship Leaders**

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| <b>Guest Leaders</b> | Pastor Patricia Geiseman |
| <b>Deaconess</b>     | Andrea Delaney           |
| <b>Organist</b>      | Matthew Wahl             |
| <b>Soloist</b>       | Cecilia Anderson         |
| <b>Radio</b>         | Bruce Cook               |

## Special Offerings:

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| <b>Radio Hour &amp; Worship Bulletins</b> | in honor of <b>Jim Condro's</b> commitment to helping others. Sponsored by Marcy Cooney. |
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### **Note on Special Offerings:**

Please consider sponsoring Radio Hour (\$100), 7-Day Candle (\$8), Bulletins (\$25), or the Newsletter (\$50). **The Radio, printed bulletins for those who aren't online, and the Newsletter are vital communication ministries during this time!**

## Announcements

### **Congregational Annual Meeting**

- Today at 11:00am CST
- You may join the meeting either via your computer (Zoom) or your telephone. Contact the church office for details
- Please review Zoom etiquette on page 14 before joining

### **Ways to Give to Holy Trinity during Social Distancing**

1. Mail a check to the church
2. Give online through our website: [holytrinityelgin.com](http://holytrinityelgin.com)
3. Give+ through Vanco – sign up on your phone (it's an APP)
4. Simply Giving – call the church to get signed up for a regular offering

### **Pastoral Care:**

If you need pastoral care please reach out to Chaplain David Rohlwing or Deaconess Andrea Delaney.

Chaplain David: home 847-695-2745 or email: [dwrohlwing@att.net](mailto:dwrohlwing@att.net)

Deaconess Andrea: cell 847-504-7029 or [deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com)

Church office: 847-742-2025

## **Church Office Hours**

Due to the increasing Covid19 numbers and under the guidance of the Synod, Deaconess Andrea will only be in the office on Wednesdays from 9:00am – 4:00pm until further notice. Email and voice messages will be checked regularly.

### **Donations are needed and much appreciated!**

We may not currently be worshiping in the building, but we are in dire need of paper towels and 33-gallon trash bags in order to support our ongoing ministries here at Holy Trinity. These items can be brought to church anytime during office hours! Thank You!

### **February 17th is Ash Wednesday**

The Sanctuary will be open from 10:00am – Noon and then again from 5:00pm – 7:00pm for private prayer, reflection and to receive ashes. The pews will be set up for social distancing and the same pews will not be used for both morning and evening. For those of you who wish to receive ashes Deaconess Andrea will use gloves, face shield and Q-tips. Reservations will be required and we will use the IDPH guidelines posted that week for capacity limits.

### **Comments from the Cloud of Witnesses**

Beloved, you have today put on Christ, and you march under our direction. You are raised up by the word of God, like a fish on a hook, from the ocean of the world. With us, normal life is transformed, for fish die as soon as they are taken from the seas of this life, yet we sinners, although dead, return to life. As long as we were in the world, we remained in the depths, and our life was submerged in the mire. Since we have been rescued from the waters, we have begun to see the sun; we have commenced to look on the true light. We cry to the Lord; and let us interpret the profound mysteries of the Scripture by other witnesses of the Scripture. —*Jerome*

[Jerome, in *The Paschal Mystery: Ancient Liturgies and Patristic Texts*, ed. A. Hamman, OFM (Staten Island, NY: Alba, 1969), 141]

## **Holy Trinity Ministry Calendar**

**Today** – Congregational Annual Meeting at 11:00am via Zoom (video or phone)

**Sunday Jan. 31<sup>st</sup>** – Worship Service at 9:30 am via

*Radio Broadcast: WRMN 1410 AM & Live Stream: holytrinityelgin.com*

**Mon. Feb. 1<sup>st</sup>** – Property Committee at 6:30pm – Community Center

**Wed. Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>** – Ash Wednesday – 10 to Noon & 5 to 7 in the Sanctuary

*Face masks and social distancing are required for all gatherings inside and outside the church (except for Zoom). Thank you for your cooperation.*

### **Zoom etiquette for Annual Meeting**

Because this may be a new experience for some but old-hat to others we put together a short Zoom etiquette for everyone! Remember none of us have led or attend a church annual meeting! We will all need to extend grace and patience with one another!

Some basic tips:

1. Either call on the phone or join with video link. If you have trouble, we will have someone in office taking calls if you need help connecting.
2. We are planning on recording the meeting. This will help the secretary confirm attendance and what was said.
3. If you are able, test your microphone/video settings as well as your device BEFORE the meeting to make sure you are set up correctly.
4. When you join you will automatically be on MUTE. Please do not unmute yourself unless called upon to speak. This is very important as it allows all participants to hear well.
5. If you have video capabilities we want to see you! We miss your faces!
6. PRAY that all goes well as we go about our church business together in these unique times!

And remember to stay MUTED!

To contact Holy Trinity please E-mail Deaconess Andrea at [deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com](mailto:deaconessandrea@holytrinityelgin.com) or call the office at 847-742-2025.

## Will You Come and Follow Me

- 1 "Will you come and follow me  
if I but call your name?  
Will you go where you don't know  
and never be the same?  
Will you let my love be shown,  
will you let my name be known,  
will you let my life be grown  
in you and you in me?"
- 2 "Will you leave yourself behind  
if I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
and never be the same?  
Will you risk the hostile stare,  
should your life attract or scare?  
Will you let me answer pray'r  
in you and you in me?"
- 3 "Will you let the blinded see  
if I but call your name?  
Will you set the pris'ners free  
and never be the same?  
Will you kiss the leper clean,  
and do such as this unseen,  
and admit to what I mean  
in you and you in me?"
- 4 "Will you love the you you hide  
if I but call your name?  
Will you quell the fear inside  
and never be the same?  
Will you use the faith you've found  
to reshape the world around,  
through my sight and touch and sound  
in you and you in me?"
- 5 Lord, your summons echoes true  
when you but call my name.  
Let me turn and follow you  
and never be the same.  
In your company I'll go  
where your love and footsteps show.  
Thus I'll move and live and grow  
in you and you in me.



## If You But Trust in God to Guide You

- 1 If you but trust in God to guide you  
with gentle hand through all your ways,  
you'll find that God is there beside you  
when crosses come, in trying days.  
Trust then in God's unchanging love;  
build on the rock that will not move.
- 2 What gain is there in anxious weeping,  
in helpless anger and distress?  
If you are in your Savior's keeping,  
in sorrow will he love you less?  
For Christ who took for you a cross  
Will bring you safe through ev'ry loss.
- 3 The Lord our restless hearts is holding,  
in peace and quietness content.  
We rest in God's good will unfolding,  
what wisdom from on high has sent.  
God, who has chosen us by grace,  
knows very well the fears we face.
- 4 Sing, pray, and keep God's ways  
unswerving,  
offer your service faithfully.  
Trust heaven's word; though  
undeserving,  
you'll find this promise true to be.  
This is our confidence indeed:  
God never fails in time of need.

## You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

- 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 of the weary--  
a love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*
- 4 You who have fished other waters;  
you, the longing of souls that are yearning:  
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*