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**January 31st, 2021**

**Fourth Sunday After Epiphany in Ordinary Time**

*All Music by Rachel Noe Maynard*

**Pastor's Welcome**- Dale Carey

**Prelude**-

**Call to Worship (based on Psalm 47)**- Dale Carey

Our God has ascended with a mighty shout. The Lord has ascended with trumpets blaring! Come, let's sing praise to God together, for our God is sovereign over all the earth! Come and worship, people of God! Let us celebrate with songs of praise! For our God is seated on his throne, sovereign over all the earth! Let us worship God together!

**Prayer of Adoration**- Dale Carey

Father God, as we join together in worship let us not forget your infinite patience and love in dealing with your people, of which we count ourselves. Use us in your service, that we might draw others into your kingdom. To your praise and glory we ask this. Amen.

**HYMN**-#463 How Firm a Foundation

**Call To Confession**- Jay Nunley

**Prayer of Confession**- Jay Nunley

Merciful God, you call us to love you with heart, soul, mind, and strength, and to love our neighbors as we love ourselves. But our tendency is to disobey you and to distrust our neighbors. We are loud when we should be silent. We are cocky when we should be caring. We gather and glean, but struggle to give. Lord Jesus, forgive us. Show us again that whenever we seek you, love is what we find. Holy Spirit, fill us with your love, and make us more like Christ, whose love never ends. AMEN.

**Assurance of Pardon**- Jay Nunley

Friends, Believe the Good News of the Gospel  
**In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

## **Gloria Patri-**

### **Prayer for Illumination-** Jay Nunley

### **Old Testament Reading: Psalm 107:21-29, NRSV-** Jay Nunley

Let them thank the LORD for his steadfast love, for his wonderful works to humankind. And let them offer thanksgiving sacrifices, and tell of his deeds with songs of joy. Some went down to the sea in ships, doing business on the mighty waters; they saw the deeds of the LORD, his wondrous works in the deep. For he commanded and raised the stormy wind, which lifted up the waves of the sea. They mounted up to heaven, they went down to the depths; their courage melted away in their calamity; they reeled and staggered like drunkards, and were at their wits' end. Then they cried to the LORD in their trouble, and he brought them out from their distress; he made the storm be still, and the waves of the sea were hushed.

## **Anthem**

### **Gospel Reading: Mark 4:35-40, ESV-** Dale Carey

On that day, when evening had come, he said to them, "Let us go across to the other side." And leaving the crowd, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. And other boats were with him. And a great windstorm arose, and the waves were breaking into the boat, so that the boat was already filling. But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion. And they woke him and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" And he awoke and rebuked the wind and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" And the wind ceased, and there was a great calm. He said to them, "Why are you so afraid? Have you still no faith?"

### **Sermon-** "Faith in God's Presence Through Peril" - Dale Carey

### **Prayers of the People (ending in the Lord's Prayer)-** Dale Carey

### **HYMN-**#184 Calm to the Waves

### **Invitation to the Offering-** Jay Nunley

**Doxology-**

**Prayer of Thanksgiving-** Jay Nunley

**The Apostles' Creed (Book of Common Prayers 1662)-** Jay Nunley

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. AMEN.

**HYMN-#183** Come to Me, O Weary Traveler

**Charge and Blessing-** Dale Carey

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## How Firm a Foundation

1 How firm a foun - da - tion, ye saints of the Lord,  
 2 "Fear not, I am with thee, O be not dis - mayed,  
 3 "When through the deep wa - ters I call thee to go,  
 4 "When through fi - ery tri - als thy path - way shall lie,  
 5 "The soul that on Je - sus hath leaned for re - pose,

is laid for your faith in God's ex - cel - lent Word!  
 for I am thy God, and will still give thee aid;  
 the riv - ers of sor - row shall not o - ver - flow;  
 my grace, all suf - fi - cient, shall be thy sup - ply;  
 I will not, I will not de - sert to its foes;

What more can be said than to you God hath said,  
 I'll strength - en thee, help thee, and cause thee to stand,  
 for I will be near thee, thy trou - bles to bless,  
 the flame shall not hurt thee; I on - ly de - sign  
 that soul, though all hell should en - deav - or to shake,

to you who for ref - uge to Je - sus have fled?  
 up - held by my righ - teous, om - nip - o - tent hand.  
 and sanc - ti - fy to thee thy deep - est dis - tress.  
 thy dross to con - sume, and thy gold to re - fine.  
 I'll nev - er, no, nev - er, no, nev - er for - sake."

It seems odd now to think of singing this text to ADESTE FIDELES, but mainline churches did so well into the 20th century because of a cultural bias against shape note music. The vigor of the present tune seems especially right for the final line's reference to Hebrews 13:5.

# Calm to the Waves

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It consists of two systems of music. The first system has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The second system also has a vocal line in treble clef and a piano accompaniment in bass clef. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 6/4. The lyrics are: "Calm to the waves. Calm to the wind. Je - sus whis - pers, 'Peace, be still.'" Balm to our hearts. Fears at an end. In still-ness, hear his voice.

The first half of this refrain text deals with the external environment, while the second half concerns our interior response. Similarly, the first half of the music gradually moves upward, while the direction of the second half is downward, enhancing a sense of centeredness.

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MUSIC: Thomas Pavlechko, 2002  
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# Come to Me, O Weary Traveler 183



- 1 "Come to me, O wea - ry trav - eler; come to me with your dis - tress;
- 2 "Do not fear, my yoke is eas - y; do not fear, my bur - den's light;
- 3 "Take my yoke and leave your trou - bles; take my yoke and come with me.
- 4 "Rest in me, O wea - ry trav - eler; rest in me and do not fear.



come to me, you heav - y bur - dened; come to me and find your rest."  
do not fear the path be - fore you; do not run from me in fright."  
Take my yoke, I am be - side you; take and learn hu - mil - i - ty."  
Rest in me, my heart is gen - tle; rest and cast a - way your care."

This paraphrase and expansion of Matthew 11:28–30 by a Canadian minister is structured so that the first three syllables of each stanza provide the hymn's skeleton and summary. The immediacy of the text is enhanced by the folksong-like setting later composed for it.

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MUSIC: William P. Rowan, 1992  
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