

**“Follow me,  
and I will  
make you fish  
for people.”**



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8:45 AM Service – Epiphany 03  
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Welcome! Enter with Prayer - Worship in Awe - Leave to Serve.  
All invitations to stand or kneel are for those who are able.

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## WELCOME TO THE STORY

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*Stories of the call to discipleship continue as the Time after Epiphany plays out 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 fisherman brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.*

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## A Story that Invites Us

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### Singing Bowl

During the ringing of the bowl, you are encouraged to center your thoughts on God the Creator, Christ the Redeemer, and the Holy Spirit our Comforter.

**PRELUDE . . .** *Leilani Camara and Michael Keating*

## WELCOME

Please Stand

*L: The light of our Savior is with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*L: Arise with hope, and shine with love!*

**All: Shine forth with the wisdom of God!**

*L: Arise with mercy, and shine with grace!*

**All: Live in righteousness and peace.**

*L: Arise with justice, and shine with compassion.*

**All: Radiate the brightness of Christ!**

## THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM

*L: Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, the fountain of living water, the rock who gave us birth, our light and our salvation.*

**All: Amen.**

*L: Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. Let us give thanks for the gift of baptism.*

**All: We give you thanks, O God, for in the beginning your Spirit moved over the waters and by your Word you created the world, calling forth life in which you took delight.**

*L: Through the waters of the flood you delivered Noah and his family. Through the sea you led your people Israel from slavery into freedom. At the river your Son was baptized by John and anointed with the Holy Spirit. By water and your Word you claim us as daughters and sons, making us heirs of your promise and servants of all.*

**All: We praise you for the gift of water that sustains life, and above all we praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. Shower us with your Spirit, and renew our lives with your forgiveness, grace, and love.**

*L: To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.*

**All: Amen.**

## GREETING

*L: Arise, shine, for Christ's light has come! The glory of the Lord has arisen upon us, and Christ's mercy has restored us with forgiveness and grace.*

**All: Arise, shine, for Christ's light is shining upon us now!**

## HYMN . . . "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore" vs. 1, 4

Text & Tune: Cesáreo Gabaráin - Cranberry Book #817



1 You have come down to the lake - shore seek - ing  
4 You who have fished oth - er wa - ters; you, the



nei - ther the wise nor the wealth - y, but on - ly  
long - ing of souls that are yearn - ing; O lov - ing



ask - ing for me to fol - low.  
Friend, you have come to call me.

*Refrain / Estribillo*



Sweet Lord, you have looked in - to my eyes; kind - ly smil - ing,



you've called out my name. . . . On the sand I have a - ban - doned my



small boat; now with you, I will seek oth - er seas.

## INVOCATION

*L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.*

**All: And also with you.**

## LITANY OF PEACE

*L: To honor you, O God,*

**All: we come before you to worship and praise.**

*L: Transform every moment of our lives*

**All: into moments of worship and praise that honor you.**

*L: To be near you, Holy One,*

**All: we come into your presence with hope and prayer.**

*L: Transform our words and thoughts*

**All: into acts of prayer and thanksgiving that bring us ever close to you.**

*L: We want to be people of unity and peace.*

**All: Transform our community with love that is boundless and with peace that passes all understanding,**

*L: that others may see us knit together as one,*

**All: built on the foundation of Christ.**

*L: In your loving peace we sing...*

## CANTICLE OF PRAISE

*Refrain*



Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.



1 Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - mighty God and Fa - ther, we



wor - ship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glo - ry.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



2 Lord Je - sus Christ, on-ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of

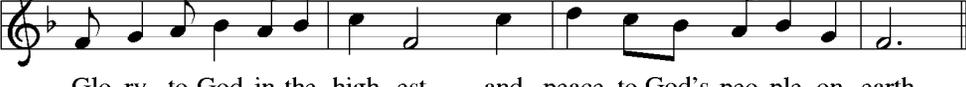


God, you take a-way the sin of the world: have mer-cy on us; you are

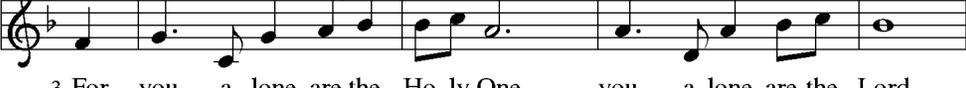


seat-ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer.

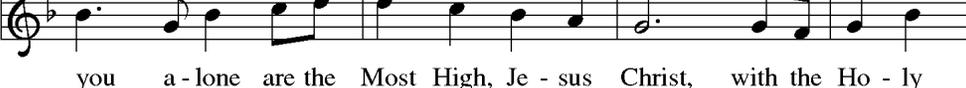
*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.



3 For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-lone are the Lord,

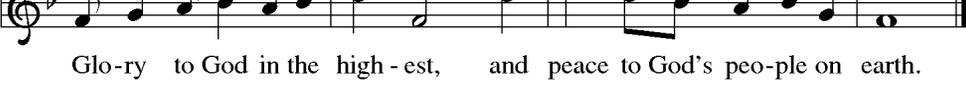


you a-lone are the Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly



Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa - ther. A - men.

*Refrain*



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and peace to God's peo-ple on earth.

## PRAYER OF THE DAY

L: Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service.

**All: Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.**

Be Seated

## CHOIR ANTHEM . . . “Fishers of Men”

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### The Story that Shapes and Forms Us

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## 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?”*

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.

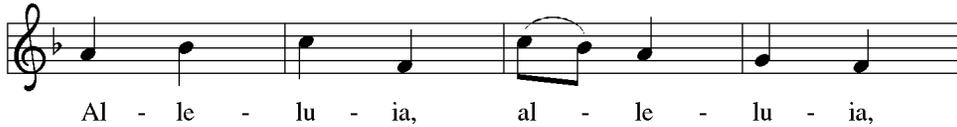
When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

L: Word of God, word of life.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Please Stand

### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION



*Repeat alleluia*



Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of e - ter - nal life.

L: *The Holy Gospel according to the first chapter of Mark*

All: **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.*

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.

L: *The gospel of the Lord.*

All: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Be Seated

### CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Karen Narveson*



Please Stand

## HYMN OF THE DAY . . . “They Cast Their Nets” vs. 1, 3, 4

Text: William A. Percy - Tune: Herbert G. Draesel Jr. - Green Book #449



1 They cast their nets in Gal - i - lee, Just off the hills of brown; Such



hap - py, sim - ple fish - er - folk, Be - fore the Lord came down, Be -



fore the Lord came down. 3 Young John, who trimmed the



flap - ping sail, Home - less in Pat - mos died. Pe - ter, who hauled the



teem - ing net, Head down was cru - ci - fied, Head down was cru - ci -



fied. 4 The peace of God, it is no peace, But



strife closed in the sod. Yet, let us pray for but one thing: The



mar - v'ulous peace of God, The mar - v'ulous peace of God.

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MESSAGE . . . *Karen Narveson*

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A Story that Feeds Us

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## INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

L: Come into Christ's light with your gifts.

All: **They need not be gold or precious oil. Gifts of love and compassion are the greatest treasures of all.**

## THANKFUL OFFERING

Please Stand

## OFFERTORY RESPONSE . . . “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending” vs. 1

Text: Robert L. Edwards - Tune: C. Hubert H. Parry - Cranberry Book #678



1 God, whose giv - ing knows no end - ing, from your rich and end - less store:



na - ture's won - der, Je - sus' wis - dom, cost - ly cross, grave's shat - tered door,



gift - ed by you, we turn to you, of - f'ring up our - selves in praise;



thank - ful song shall rise for - ev - er, gra - cious do - nor of our days.

## OFFERING PRAYER

L: Generous God, you shower us with blessings and call us to share.

All: **Thank you for this opportunity to shine your light into the world through our work of justice and compassion. We pray and live in the name of your true light, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: Confident that God our light and our salvation hears us when we pray, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need. For the church in all its forms, for unity in Christ, and for those who proclaim the good news in word and deed, that all trust that the kingdom of God has come near, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: For public defenders and district attorneys, for the armed forces and international peace organizations, and for all public leaders, that those in authority work for the well-being of all people, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: For the poor and oppressed, for the sick and bereaved, for those living with HIV and AIDS, and for all people in need, that your power and compassion will be visible to those who need care and those who provide care, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: For this congregation and its ministries, for visitors in our midst, and for students returning to school, that your Holy Spirit will guide us in all our endeavors, let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: Hear now the prayers of our hearts said silently or aloud.

Here other prayers may be offered.

L: Let us pray.

**All: Have mercy, O God.**

L: Merciful God, you hear our prayers even before we speak them. Receive them for the sake of the one through whom you have revealed your goodness, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**All: Amen.**

## GREAT THANKSGIVING

L: The Lord is with you.

**All: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts.

**All: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**All: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

## THE EUCHARIST

*L: Now bread and wine are before us, the memory of our meals, our working, our talking, the story which shapes us, the grieving and the pain; the seeking and the loving. And we give thanks for all that holds us together in our humanity; that binds us to all who live and have lived, who have cried and are crying, who hunger and are thirsty, who pine for justice, and who hold out for the time that is coming. In these elements which were consecrated earlier, we are bound to the life and death and resurrection of Jesus. God, food of the poor; Christ, our bread, give us a taste of the tender bread from your creation's table; bread newly taken from your heart's oven, food that comforts and nourishes us. A loaf of community that makes us human joined hand in hand, working and sharing. A warm loaf that makes us a family, sacrament of your body, your wounded people.*

**All: As we come together to eat at your table, we offer ourselves to you in praise and thanksgiving for your mighty acts.**

## LORD'S PRAYER

*L: Let us pray with confidence in the words our Savior gave us:*

**All: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom 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 kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

### FRACTION RITE

*L: We who are many are one body, for we all partake of the one bread. Come. Be filled with light and life.*

**All: For this meal we give thanks!**

Be Seated

The ushers will invite you to the Lord's Table after the Lamb of God is sung.

### LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer - cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the



world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you



take a - way the sin of the world; grant us peace.

Holy Communion is open to all.  
Grape juice is white, wine is red.

Let an usher know if you desire communion brought to you.

### COMMUNION HYMN . . . "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

Text: Percy Dearmer - Tune: Harold Friedell - Cranberry Book #470



1 Draw us in the Spir-it's teth - er, for when hum - bly  
2 As dis - ci - ples used to gath - er in the name of  
3 All our meals and all our liv - ing make as sac - ra -



in your name two or three are met to - geth - er,  
Christ to sup, then with thanks to God the giv - er  
ments of you, that by car - ing, help-ing, giv - ing,



you are in the midst of them. Al - le - lu - ia!  
break the bread and bless the cup, Al - le - lu - ia!  
we may be dis - ci - ples true. Al - le - lu - ia!



Al - le - lu - ia! Touch we now your gar - ment's hem.  
Al - le - lu - ia! so now bind our friend - ship up.  
Al - le - lu - ia! We will serve with faith a - new.



## COMMUNION HYMN . . . “Let Us Break Bread Together”

Text & Tune: African American spiritual - Green Book #212



1 Let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees;  
2 Let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees;



let us break bread to - geth - er on our knees.  
let us drink wine to - geth - er on our knees.

*Refrain*



When I fall on my knees, with my face to the ris - ing



sun, O Lord, have mer - cy on me.



3 Let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees;



let us praise God to - geth - er on our knees.

Singing Bowl

Please Stand

## POST COMMUNION BLESSING

*L: God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people.*

**All: Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the light of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

## POST COMMUNION PRAYER

**L:** O Morning Star, fair and bright, you have refreshed us again with heavenly food. Go with us now—today, tomorrow, every day.

**All:** **As we, like the shepherds, return on our way, may we proclaim all we have heard and seen, praising you in word and loving deed for the gift of Jesus, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

Be Seated



Community  
Announcements

Please Stand

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**A Story that Sends Us Out to Love and Serve**

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## WORDS FOR THE JOURNEY

*L: You are the light of the world!*

**All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and love of God.**

*L: Take that light into all the places that need the light and grace of Jesus Christ.*

**All: We will take that light into all the places that need the light and inspiration of the Holy Spirit.**

*L: Go and be the light of the world!*

**All: Amen!**

## SENDING SONG . . . “The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

vs. 1, 4

Text: Delores Dufner - Tune: attr. Thomas Haweis - Cranberry Book #551



1 The Spir - it sends us forth to serve; we go in  
4 Then let us go to serve in peace, the gos - pel



Je - sus' name to bring glad tid - ings  
to pro - claim. God's Spir - it has em -



to the poor, God's fa - vor to pro - claim.  
pow - ered us; we go in Je - sus' name.

## DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Share the light of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

