



**Jonah arose, and
went unto Nineveh,
according to the
word of the LORD.**

Jonah 3:3, KJV

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GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

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PRELUDE . . . *“Jesus Calls Us o’er the Tumult”*

WELCOME

SINGING BOWL

INVOCATION

P: O God, whose light dances across eternity, dazzle us into your presence.

All: Open our hearts to the mystery of your love.

P: Awaken us to your presence, knit to the ordinary.

All: Reveal to us what is possible, but not yet present.

P: Heal us, that we might be healers.

All: Reconcile us to you and to ourselves.

P: Stop us often, we pray

All: with news that is good

P: with hope that holds

All: with truth that transforms

P: May the word of your grace guide our steps like the sun by day

All: and the north star by night. Amen.



CALL TO WORSHIP

L: In the shadows of the night, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

L: In the daylight, God calls us.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

L: God calls to each of us by name.

All: Here I am, for you called me.

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross.

P: Holy God, we confess that we do not always love our neighbor.

All: We confess that we have despised others, even to the point of hatred.

P: We confess that we have been hurt by others.

All: We confess that forgiveness and reconciliation at times are just impossible for us.

P: We know nothing is impossible in You.

All: We come to You, seeking healing and wholeness for us.

P: Help us, whenever possible, to live in peace with others,

All: to seek reconciliation and healing and forgiveness.

P: For Your Son came and lived among us, was betrayed and denied, abused and put to death. He rose again, and came with the message of peace to those who had denied him and abandoned him.

All: May we walk in his ways. Amen.

Silence for Reflection

P: For nothing is impossible with God. There is no place we can go,

All: no end of the earth we can run, where God cannot find us.

P: There is nothing on earth or beyond death that can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. We are forgiven. We are loved.

All: We are reconciled to God. We live in the love of God.

LITANY . . . “Here We Are” by David Inglis

L: God whispers to each of us: you are my beloved, created in love for love.

All: **My spirit answers, Here I am, Lord. Speak to me anew.**

L: God breathes on us the Holy spirit, knitting many members into one body, the body of Christ.

All: **Together we answer, Here we are, Lord. Come, Holy Spirit.**

L: God has yet more vision for the people. Who will work for God to extend God’s kingdom into our hurting world?

All: **Here we are, Lord. Empower us for your work.**

L: God calls the small, and helps them do great things. God calls the weak, and reveals their hidden gifts. God calls the rejected, and opens their eyes to their worth.

All: **Here we are, Lord, humble and waiting.**

L: Then let us gather, old and young, small and great, to dream God’s dreams, receive God’s power, and do God’s deeds.

All: **Here we are, lord. Shine the light of your love on us. Kindle your Spirit within us. Work your redeeming will in us, that all the world may be one through the power of your love. Amen.**

THE 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. Amen.**



INTRODUCTION TO THE WORD

Reader: We are here, O God, waiting to hear your word.

All: Help us recognize your voice as we listen for your guidance.

Reader: Search our hearts and open them to your call.

All: We are ready for your word of love.

READING . . . *Jonah 3:1-5, 10*

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.

RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Reader: Holy Mystery, you know us more intimately than we know ourselves.

All: Open our hearts to your invitation and give us the courage to follow.

CHILDREN’S TIME . . . *Pastor Tim*



HOMILY . . . *Pastor Tim*

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY PRAYER

L: God, you are the source of all goodness and life.

All: We bring our offering to you this day, knowing that all we have comes from you.

L: We hear your call and we answer, bringing all that we have and all that we are.

All: Use our gifts, our talents, and our bodies for your work of peace and justice. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

L: 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.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: 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.

All: Have Mercy, O God.

L: 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.

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

GATHERING . . . WORD . . . SENDING

BENEDICTION

P: God, who knows us better than we know ourselves, calls us to follow.

All: We go in Jesus's name to share the good news of God's love.

P: We go in peace, knowing that God loves us.

All: We follow the call of Love and go with God's abundant blessing.

DISMISSAL

L: Go in peace. Be the Light of God.

All: Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE . . . "We Are Marching in the Light"

SINGING BOWL

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