

# Fish For People

## Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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### GATHERING

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#### PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS (*Stephanie*)

THANKSGIVING FOR BAPTISM (*Stephanie*)

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

**C: Amen.**

P: People of God, in the baptismal waters we travel with Christ from death to life. Our past, our sin, our failure, our doubt, and our shame are drowned and gone here.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our fear, our confusion, our self-righteousness, our despair -- ALL are washed away by grace.

**C: You, O God, wash us clean.**

P: Our pride, our hypocrisy, and other people's opinions of us no longer have the power to define us.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: The Spirit lives and moves through us now, a great and joyful mystery, so we may bring love and mercy into the world as the body of Christ.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: Rejoice that God has claimed us in this baptismal grace, not by our own doing or believing but by God's mercy alone.

**C: You, O God, give us new life.**

P: And so, as we begin worship, we give thanks to God for the gracious gift of baptism that joins us together in Christ by the Spirit's power. Joined to Christ in the waters of baptism, we are clothed with God's mercy and forgiveness. We praise you for the gift of new life in Jesus Christ. To you be given honor and praise through Jesus Christ our Lord in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

#### GATHERING SONG

“Will You Come and Follow Me”  
*Verses 1, 2 & 5*

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##### Verse 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?

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?

##### Verse 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.

##### Verse 2

Will you leave yourself behind  
If I but call your name?  
Will you care for cruel and kind  
And never be the same?

PRAYER OF THE DAY (*Assistant*)

L: Lord Jesus of fisher folk, you taught your disciples to cast a wide net – not for fish, but for people. Teach us the fishing craft. Make our fingers nimble so we may handle hearts and hands gently; make our minds quiet and patient while we wait for those who are not yet ready to receive you; and make our hearts hungry for your word, for the sake of the one who has captured our hearts already, Jesus Christ.

C: **Amen.**

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WORD

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FIRST READING (*Lori Murray*)

1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:1-11

Now I should remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you—unless you have come to believe in vain. For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to someone untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace towards me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them—though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOLY GOSPEL

Luke 5:1-11

L: The Holy Gospel according to Luke

C: **Glory to you, O Lord.**

Once while Jesus was standing beside the lake of Gennesaret, and the crowd was pressing in on him to hear the word of God, he saw two boats there at the shore of the lake; the fishermen had gone out of them and were washing their nets. He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little way from the shore. Then he sat down and taught the crowds from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, ‘Put out into the deep water and let down your nets for a catch.’ Simon answered, ‘Master, we have worked all night long but have caught nothing. Yet if you say so, I will let down the nets.’ When they had done this, they caught so many fish that their nets were beginning to break. So they signaled to their partners in the other boat to come and help them. And they came and filled both boats, so that they began to sink. But when Simon Peter saw it, he fell down at Jesus’ knees, saying, ‘Go away from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man!’ For he and all who were with him were amazed at the catch of fish that they had taken; and so also were James and John, sons of Zebedee, who were partners with Simon. Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ When they had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed him.

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

SONG OF THE DAY

“What a Friend”

*Matt Maher, et al./Ed Kerr & Dan Galbraith*

**Verse 1**

Everybody has trials and temptations  
Everybody knows heart break, isolation  
But we can lay our burdens down  
Lay our burdens down

**Chorus 1**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
East to west my sins are gone  
I see grace on every horizon  
And forever and ever His heart is my home

**Verse 2**

Everybody has fears  
Everybody got worries  
Everybody knows sorrow, devastation  
But we can lay our burdens down  
Lay our burdens down

**Repeat Chorus 1**

**Bridge 1**

No more betrayal for He is faithful  
 He fills me up  
 And my cup runneth over  
 No more betrayal for He is faithful  
 How He has proven it over and over

**Bridge 2**

No more betrayal for He is faithful  
 He fills me up  
 And my cup runneth over  
 No more betrayal for He is faithful

How He has proven it over and over  
 Over and oh

**Repeat Chorus 1****Chorus 2**

What a friend we have in Jesus  
 East to west my sins are gone  
 I see grace on every horizon  
 And forever and ever His heart is my home  
 Forever and ever his heart is my home

THE APOSTLES' CREED (*Assistant*)

**C: 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 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.**

THE PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION (*Assistant*)

L: With the whole people of God in Christ Jesus, let us pray for the church, those in need, and all of God's creation.

L: Christ our light,

**C: we pray to you.**

L: Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

**C: Amen.**

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Assistant*)

**C: 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.**

## SENDING

SHARING OF THE PEACE (*Stephanie*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

**C: And also with you!**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

BENEDICTION (*Stephanie*)

L: God most high, God with us, God poured out on us. Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

## CLOSING SONG

"God is on the Move" C. Williams, I. Eskelin, M. Howard, T. Wood

**Verse 1**

Anytime a heart turns from  
 darkness to light  
 Anytime temptation comes  
 and someone stands to fight

Anytime somebody lives to  
 serve and not be served  
 I know I know I know I know

**Chorus 1**

God is on the move on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
in many mighty ways

God is on the move on the move  
Hallelujah  
God is on the move  
on the move today

**Verse 2**

Anytime in weakness someone  
falls upon their knees  
Or dares to speak the truth  
that sets us free

Anytime the choice is made to  
stand upon the Word  
I know I know I know I know

DISMISSAL (*Assistant*)

L: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE

**Repeat Chorus 1****Bridge**

I see a generation  
standing on the truth  
In each and ev'ry nation  
God is on the move

**Verse 3**

Anytime the Gospel stirs a  
searching soul  
and someone says  
send me her I go  
I know I know I know I know

**Repeat Chorus 1****Repeat Bridge**