Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021



In this panel from the Maesta Altarpiece of Siena, the power of "call" is made present. The following description of this back and forth action between Christ, Peter and Andrew comes from one of the spirituality author and BBC religious affairs producer Michael Ford's books, Song of the Nightingale: a Modern Spiritual Canticle.

"In his painting The Calling of the Apostles Peter and Andrew...the great Italian artist Duccio de Buoninsegna (d. 1319) shows the brothers like twins, "a single apostolate with two dimensions." This insight is helpful in understanding "the companionship" that exists between my respective dual vocations which have been lived out on the edge of the church, just as Christ calls Peter and Andrew from the shoreline. Yet for all their togetherness and compatibility, there is also aloneness and an uncomfortable sense of difference....a uniqueness that has been divinely bestowed." [pg. 4]

Christ Calling the Apostles Peter and Andrew, used by permission, from Art in the Christian Tradition, a project of the Vanderbilt Divinity Library, Nashville, TN. http://diglib.library.vanderbilt.edu/act-imagelink.pl?RC=49261 [retrieved January 19, 2021]. Original source: www.yorckproject.de.

Welcome and Worship Announcements

Invocation

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

Amen.

Thanksgiving for Baptism

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.

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.

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.

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.

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



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Greeting

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion 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

First 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.

Psalm 62: 6-14

⁶For God alone my soul in | silence waits;

truly, my hope | is in him.

⁷He alone is my rock and | my salvation,

my stronghold, so that I shall | not be shaken.

⁸In God is my safety | and my honor;

God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

⁹Put your trust in him al- | ways, O people,

pour out your hearts before him, for God | is our refuge.

¹⁰Those of high degree are but a | fleeting breath,

even those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

¹¹On the scales they are lighter | than a breath, all of | them together.

¹²Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride;

though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

¹³God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it,

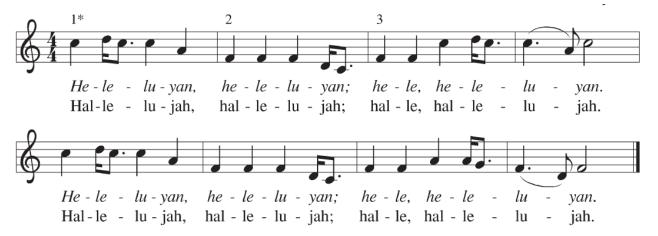
that power be- | longs to God.

14Steadfast love is | yours, O Lord,

for you repay everyone according | to his deeds.

Second Reading 1 Corinthians 7: 29-31

Brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, 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, 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.



^{*} May be sung in canon.

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Gospel Mark 1: 14-20

The Holy Gospel according to _____.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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."

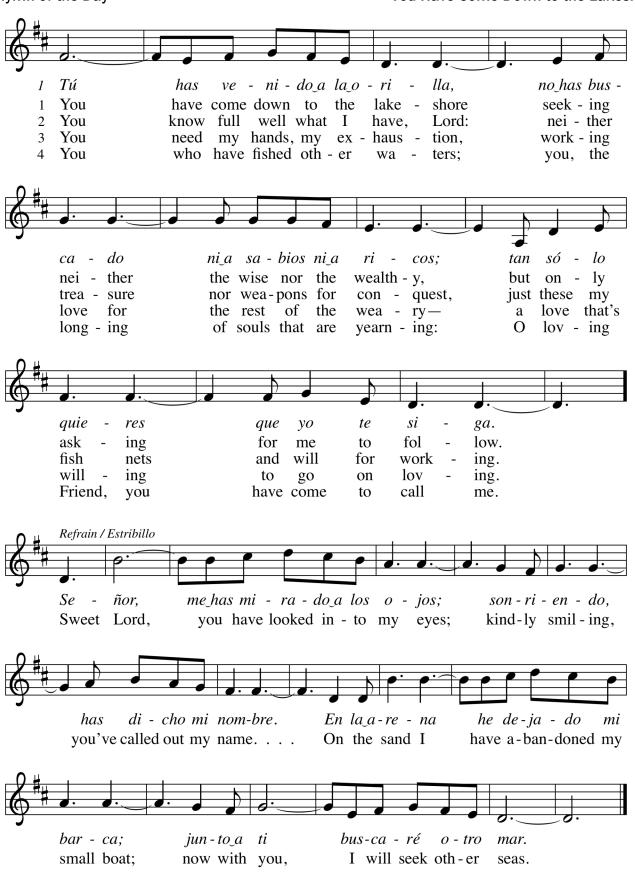
As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son 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.

The Gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

Sermon

Silence for reflection follows the sermon





Text: Cesáreo Gabaráin, 1936–1991; tr. Madeleine Forell Marshall, b. 1946 Music: PESCADOR DE HOMBRES, Cesáreo Gabaráin

Installation of Council Members

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 Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: he descended into hell. 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

Peace

Offering

Thanksgiving for the Word

Holv God. Light of the universe, Teacher of truth, Giver of goodness, we hear your Word in the Scriptures, proclaiming to us your wisdom and inviting us to follow your call. For speaking this Word, we thank you, O God. We thank you, O God.

Your Word came among us in Jesus, our brother, who preached your righteousness, healed the sick, and revived the brokenhearted. For giving us this Word, we worship you, O God. We worship you, O God.

By your Spirit bless all who receive this Word, that upheld by the mystery of the body of Christ, we may be light for the world, revealing the brilliance of your Son. For sustaining us with your Word, we praise you, O God. We praise you, O God.

Blessed are you, holy God, around us, with us, and in us, now and forever. Amen.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer



Blessing

Almighty God, Father, \pm Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and for ever. **Amen.**

Sending Hymn "Come, Follow Me"



Text: Johann Scheffler, 1624–1677; tr. Charles W. Shaeffer, 1813–1896, alt. Music: MACHS MIT MIR, GOTT, Bartholomäus Gesius, 1555–1613; adapt. Johann Herman Schein, 1586–1630

Announcements and Dismissal

Go in peace to be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.