

Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 24th, 2021

9:00 a.m.: Virtual Worship

GATHERING

Preparing for Virtual Worship

Set up a space in your home for worship and prayer. Light a candle, set out a cross or icon to help you focus; set your phone on Do Not Disturb, wash your hands. Take a few deep breaths and say a short prayer to prepare your heart to "enter" a different kind of space. We recommend the Collect for Purity:

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Prelude: Be Present Now: Three Hymn Meditations

Raymond Haan

A native of Michigan, Raymond Haan (b. 1938) had a long career in education teaching middle and high school English. Haan is also an accomplished musician and served as music director at a Christian Reformed Church for more than fifty years. As a composer he has published extensively, and his body of more than 500 works includes music for organ, choir, and handbells.

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THE WORD OF GOD

Opening Acclamation

Priest Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Collect of the Day

Priest Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The 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.

The Gospel Mark 1:14-20

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

Priest The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Sermon

The Rev. Mary Keenan

Music for Reflection: You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore

You have come down to the lakeshore seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy, but only asking for me to follow. Refrain: O Jesus, you have looked into my eyes; kindly smiling, you've called out my name. On the sand I have abandoned my small boat; now with you, I will seek other seas. You know full well my possessions. Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest, just these my fish nets and will for working. Refrain. You need my hands, my exhaustion, working love for the rest of the weary, a love that's willing to go on loving. Refrain. You who have fished other waters; you, the longing of souls that are yearning: as loving Friend, you have come to call me. Refrain.

This hymn about discipleship is set in the context of Christ calling the fishermen who became his apostles. It was written in 1979 by Cesáreo Gabarain (1936-1991), who was a Spanish priest involved in the liturgical reforms of Vatican II.

Words: Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. trans. Madeleine F. Marshall, alt. Music: *Pescador*, Cesáreo Gabaraín (1936-1991), alt. harm. Skinner Chávez-Melo (1944-1992)

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Prayers of the People

Form II, BCP 385

I ask your prayers for God's people throughout the world; for our Bishop(s); for this gathering; and for all ministers and people. Pray for the Church. *Silence*.

I ask your prayers for peace; for goodwill among nations; and for the well-being of all people. Pray for justice and peace.

Silence.

I ask your prayers for the poor, the sick, the hungry, the oppressed, and those in prison. Pray for those in any need or trouble.

Silence

I ask your prayers for all who seek God, or a deeper knowledge of him. Pray that they may find and be found by him.

Silence

I ask your prayers for the departed. Pray for those who have died. *Silence*

Praise God for those in every generation in whom Christ has been honored especially whom we remember today. Pray that we may have grace to glorify Christ in our own day. *Silence*

The Lord's Prayer

Priest and People

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,
for ever and ever. Amen.

The Offertory: Be Thou My Vision

Irish folk melody, arr. Tom Trenney

Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart; naught be all else to me, save that thou art; thou my best thought, by day or by night, waking or sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true Word; I ever with thee and thou with me, Lord; thou my soul's shelter, and thou my high tower; raise thou me heavenward, O Power of my power. High King of Heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Thomas Middleton, soloist Iona Olive, viola

Organist and composer Tom Trenney (b. 1977) serves as Minister of Music at First-Plymouth Congregational Church (UCC) in Lincoln, Nebraska. A graduate of the Cleveland Institute of Music and the Eastman School, Trenney has performed for conventions of the American Guild of Organists, and his choral music has been sung by church and collegiate choirs across America. Trenney has become an expert on the music of (Mister) Fred Rogers, and recently presented on the topic at the national convention of the American Choral Directors Association.

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Announcements

The Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

Postlude: Prelude in Classic Style

Gordon Young

Composer Gordon Young (1919-1998) was born in McPherson, Kansas and educated at Southwestern College (Winfield, Kansas) and the Curtis Institute (Philadelphia, Pennsylvania). Young became a visible and important presence in the American church music scene. He also taught organ on the faculty of Wayne State University.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annual Parish Meeting, this Sunday, January 24th, 9:45 a.m. Please join us for St. Mark's annual meeting. Outgoing vestry members will be honored, St. Mark's will welcome four new vestry members, and the 2021 approved budget will be presented. The meeting link will be shared on our home page.

New Sunday school series begins January 31st, 9:45 a.m. Who do you say that I am? Who is Jesus? We will discuss classical ecclesial definitions, the so-called "offices" of Christ (Prophet, Priest and King) and, from there, engage how Jesus comes to us and saves us in our times and conditions. Class led by Rev. Dr. Nathan Jennings.

Kid's Club is back! Check out our website <u>here</u> for the details.

Day School registration & enrollment for 2021-2022: Opens January 25th - 29th for active church families. (Note date correction.)

- Contact <u>schooloffice@stmarksdayschoolaustin.org</u> for online registration information.
- A NON-REFUNDABLE \$200 application fee will be due with your completed application.
- Per our policies, active members of St. Mark's Episcopal Church are given priority for available open spaces during the dedicated registration period.

ONGOING OPPORTUNITIES

- Sunday Virtual Worship, 9:00 a.m.: Please join us online links available on our website.
- Tuesday Noon Bible Study: the link will be shared on our website. Focus of Study is 1 Samuel. All are welcome!
- **Morning Prayer meets 8:30 a.m. M-F.** Check our home page for the link: www.stmarksaustin.org.

PARISH INTERCESSION LIST

You are invited to use this Intercession List to pray for those listed below.

For healthcare workers and teachers: Heather, Michael B., Christine, Eric, Joan, Beth, Mac, Jodi, Courtney, Russ, Nicole, Jewellyn, Jana Kay, Steven, Pam, Marcille, Jesse, Laurie, Charles, Cilla, Jonea, Jennifer R., Jennifer S., Samuel, Mary, Jordan, Jeffrey, Kim, Michael T., Amber, Aaron, Sarah, Laurie, Carolyn, Jennifer, Chez, James., Cindy.

For those celebrating birthdays: Finn Denniston, River Denniston, Emma Genet, Cheryl Smithers, Georgia Farley, Mark Mazac, Maren Roloson, Sarah Tso, Joshua Van Cott, Russ Farris, Sidney Hilburn, Beckett Callahan, Emily Schmid, Lloyd Schwartz, Stephanie Young, Alexandra Aboussie, Decker Ayers, Lucas Breen, Kevin Francis, Scott Lubeck, Brenda White, Rich Oppel.

For those celebrating anniversaries: Resa & Sam Dunn.

For those whom the Daughters of the King pray.

Lector: Suzann Dvorken



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