

Morning Prayer

The Third Sunday after The Epiphany, Year B

January 24, 2021

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Prelude

Announcements

Opening Sentence

The Presider says

From the rising of the sun to its setting, my Name shall be great among the nations, and in every place incense shall be offered to my Name, and a pure offering; for my Name shall be great among the nations, says the Lord of hosts. *Malachi 1:11*

Opening Hymn

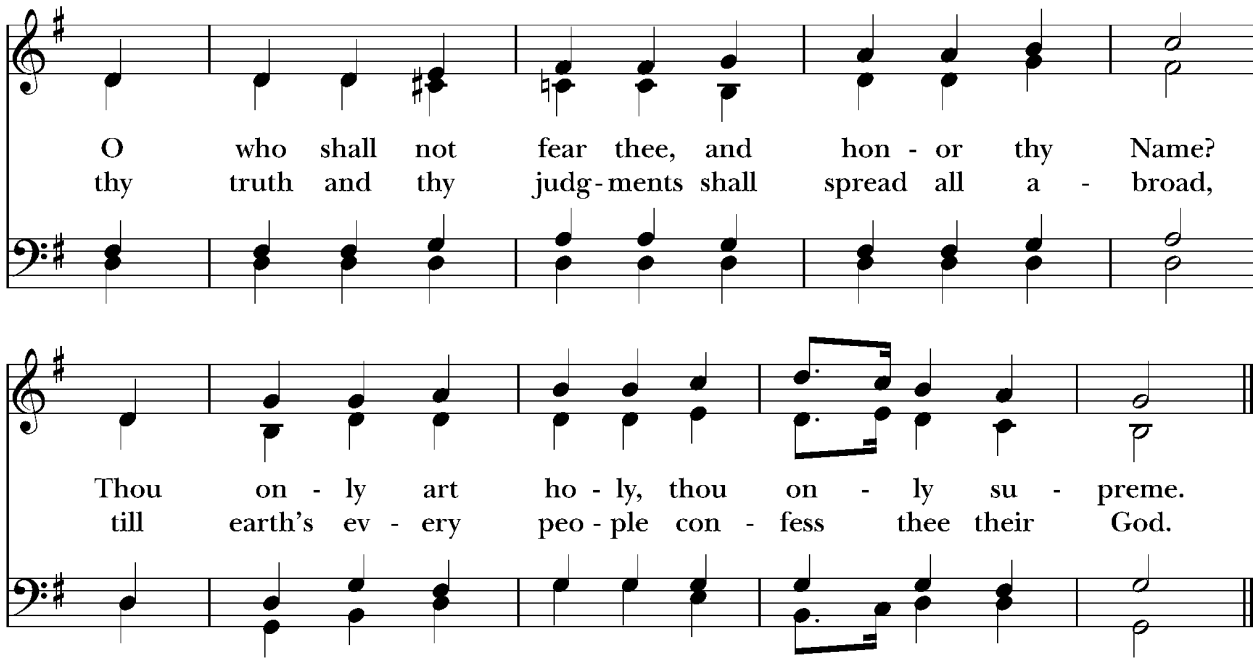
Hymnal 533

How wondrous and great

The musical score is written for two voices (Soprano and Bass) and piano accompaniment. It is in the key of D major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with a steady rhythm. The lyrics are printed below the notes.

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!
2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;

How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!
their wor-ship and vows shall come to thy throne:



O who shall not fear thee, and thy Name?
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all a - broad,

Thou on - ly art ho - ly, thou on - ly su - preme.
till earth's ev - ery peo - ple con - fess thee their God.

Confession of Sin

The Presider says

Let us confess our sins to God.

The People's Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**God of all mercy,
we confess that we have sinned against you,
opposing your will in our lives.
We have denied your goodness in each other,
in ourselves, and in the world you have created.
We repent of the evil that enslaves us,
the evil we have done,
and the evil done on our behalf.
Forgive, restore, and strengthen us
through our Savior Jesus Christ,
that we may abide in your love
and serve only your will. Amen.**

A Priest says

Almighty God have mercy on you, + forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Invitatory and Psalter

Presider O God, let our mouth proclaim your praise.

People **And your glory all the day long.**

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen. Alleluia.

Presider The Holy One is in our midst:

People **O come let us worship.**

Venite *Psalm 95:1-7*

Tune: Leoni



O Lord of power and might, to you we sing our praise,
O Ho- ly God, Most High, we are your hum-ble sheep;
O gen- tle Dove of Peace, de- scend on us this day,

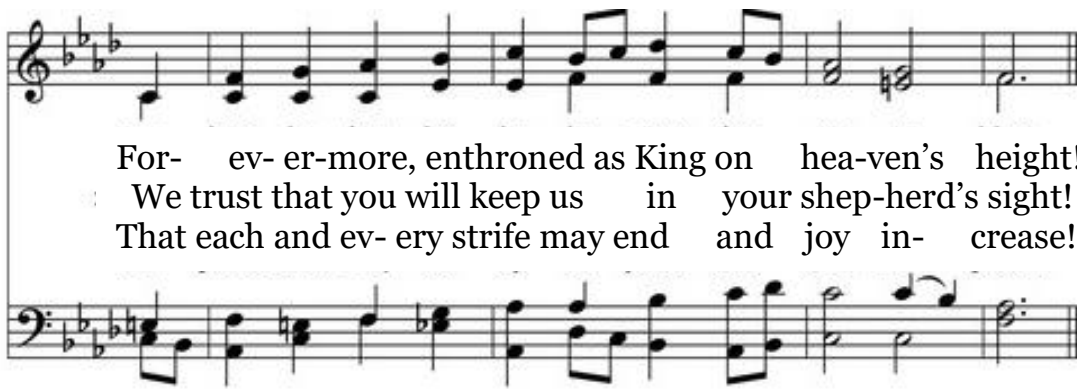


In- to God's temple bring your songs of thank-ful- ness!
and made the sea and land; God brought the world to birth!
Your voice in ho-mage raise to God who makes all one!



O Lord of power and might, to you we sing our praise,
O Ho- ly God, Most High, we are your hum-ble sheep;
O gen- tle Dove of Peace, de- scend on us this day,





Psalm 62:6-14

⁶For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

⁷**God 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.

⁹**Put your trust in the Holy One always, 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 cannot be trusted.

¹¹**On 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.

¹³**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, ***
that power belongs to God.

¹⁴Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to their deeds.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.

Presider The Holy One is in our midst:
People **O come let us worship.**

The Lessons

First Reading

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

A Reading from the book of Jonah.

¹The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, ²“Get up, go to Nineveh,

that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you.” ³So 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. ⁴Jonah began to go into the city, going a day’s walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰When 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.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Canticle I: A Song of Jonah

Jonah 2:2-7,9

I called to you, O God, out of my distress, and you answered me; *
out of the belly of Sheol I cried, and you heard my voice.

**You cast me into the deep, into the heart of the seas, *
and the flood surrounded me;
all your waves and billows passed over me.**

Then I said, “I am driven away from your sight; *
how shall I ever look again upon your holy temple?”

**The waters closed in over me, the deep was round about me; *
weeds were wrapped around my head at the roots of the mountains.**

I went down to the land beneath the earth, *
yet you brought up my life from the depths, O God.

**As my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God, *
and my prayer came to you, into your holy temple.**

With the voice of thanksgiving, I will sacrifice to you; *

what I have vowed I will pay, for deliverance belongs to the Lord!

**Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: *
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

A Reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

²⁹I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, ³⁰and 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, ³¹and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Hymn
There's a wideness in God's mercy

Hymnal 470

1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heaven;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sure of the mind;

there's a kind-ness in his jus - tice, which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment given.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.

There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and more gra - ces for the good;
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion in the blood that has been shed;
If our love were but more faith - ful, we should take him at his word;

The musical score is written in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. It consists of three systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line of each system.

there is mer - cy with the Sa - vior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
 there is joy for all the mem - bers in the sor - rows of the Head.
 and our life would be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

Third Reading

Mark 1:14-20

A Reading from Mark.

¹⁴Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, ¹⁵and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

¹⁶As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. ¹⁷And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.



Reader The Word of the Lord.
People **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

The Prayers

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Let us pray.

The People’s Respondent, the Presider, and the People

**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.**

V. Help us, O God our Savior;
R. Deliver us and forgive us our sins.
V. Look upon your congregation;
R. Give to your people the blessing of peace.
V. Declare your glory among the nations;
R. And your wonders among all peoples.
V. Do not let the oppressed be shamed and turned away;
R. Never forget the lives of your poor.
V. Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you;
R. And your favor to those who are true of heart.
V. Satisfy us by your loving-kindness in the morning;
R. So shall we rejoice and be glad all the days of our life.

Collect of the Day

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.**

A Collect for Sundays

O God, you make us glad with the weekly remembrance of the glorious resurrection of your Son our Lord: Give us this day such blessing through our worship of you, that the week to come may be spent in your favor; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Collect for Renewal of Life

O God, the King eternal, whose light divides the day from the night and turns the shadow of death into the morning: Drive far from us all wrong desires, incline our hearts to keep your law, and guide our feet into the way of peace; that, having done your will with cheerfulness during the day, we may, when night comes, rejoice to give you thanks; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

A Prayer for Mission

O God, you have made of one blood all the peoples of the earth, and sent your blessed Son to preach peace to those who are far off and to those who are near: Grant that people everywhere may seek after you and find you; bring the nations into your fold; pour out your Spirit upon all flesh; and hasten the coming of your kingdom; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Intercessions and thanksgivings

Presider Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep, away from lives with no direction. Be present with us as we navigate the waters of faithfulness. Turn us in the direction of your voice and purpose. Give us the courage to respond to your call and go where you lead us. And let the people say, “Amen.”

Intercessor Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. We pray for wisdom and stamina for all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at St David’s, Southfield; and Church of the Redeemer, Barahone, and Holy Name, Carreton, in the Dominican Republic. Guide them as they guide your people. **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Silence is kept.

Strengthen our nation’s relationships across boundaries and language. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors. **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Silence is kept.

We are abundantly blessed, and praise you for your goodness and care of us. We are grateful today for [_____]. We come to you with thankful hearts. **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Silence is kept.

We lift those who are hurting into your healing presence: for those facing the struggles of illness, uncertainty, broken relationships, and world-weariness; for those who are dying, grant them a holy death. We pray today for [_____]. We trust in your care, O Lord. **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who rest in your eternal embrace in the peace of your heavenly reign, [especially _____]. **And the people say, “Amen.”**

Silence is kept.

Presider

Almighty and everliving God, source of all wisdom and understanding, be present with those who take counsel at the Annual Meeting for the life and mission of St Barnabas Church. Teach us in all things to seek first your honor and glory. Guide us to perceive what is right, and grant us both the courage to pursue it and the grace to accomplish it; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Presider then says

In union, O Lord, with your faithful people at every altar of your Church where the Holy Eucharist is now being celebrated, we desire to offer you praise and thanksgiving. We remember your death, Lord Christ; we proclaim your resurrection; we await your coming in glory. And since we cannot receive you today in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, we beseech you to come spiritually into our hearts.

Cleanse and strengthen us with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let us never be separated from you. May we live in you, and you in us, in this life and in the life to come. Amen.

The Presider then says

My brothers and sisters, I invite you- wherever you are- to take into your hands the gifts you offer today. Gifts of food, gifts of money, gifts of whatever form, and join me as we offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good our vows to the Most High.

Let us pray.

Loving God and merciful Creator, whose hand is open wide to satisfy the needs of every living creature: we come to you with thanksgiving and praise. We offer to you this day our gifts of time, talent, and possessions, knowing that all we are, and all we have, is a gift from you.

Please accept these gifts, and help us to reach out to others as you, our God, have reached out to us. Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The General Thanksgiving

**Almighty God, Father of all mercies,
we your unworthy servants give you humble thanks
for all your goodness and loving-kindness
to us and to all whom you have made.
We bless you for our creation, preservation,
and all the blessings of this life;
but above all for your immeasurable love
in the redemption of the world by our Lord Jesus Christ;**

for the means of grace, and for the hope of glory.
 And, we pray, give us such an awareness of your mercies,
 that with truly thankful hearts we may show forth your praise,
 not only with our lips, but in our lives,
 by giving up our selves to your service,
 and by walking before you
 in holiness and righteousness all our days;
 through Jesus Christ our Lord,
 to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit,
 be honor and glory throughout all ages. Amen.

Concluding Hymn

Voices Found 128

Jesus calls us

1 Je - sus calls us; o'er the tu - mult
 3 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship
 4 In our joys and in our sor - rows,
 5 Je - sus calls us! By thy mer - cies,

of our life's wild, rest - less sea, day by day his
 of the vain world's gold - en store; from each i - dol
 days of toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in
 Sa - vior, may we hear thy call, give our hearts to

clear voice sound-eth, say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me;"
 that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 cares and plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 thine o - be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.

Blessing and Dismissal

A priest blesses the people, saying

Go into the world, and know how much a tired and hurting world needs your strength and gladness. For there are deeds of compassion and courage that will never be done, unless you do them; and words of hope and healing that will never be spoken, unless you speak them.

And the blessing of God Almighty, + the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Presider Go now to love and serve the Lord. Go in peace.

People **Amen. We go in the name of Christ.**

Glory to God whose power, working in us, can do infinitely more than we can ask or imagine: Glory to him from generation to generation in the Church, and in Christ Jesus for ever and ever. **Amen.** *Ephesians 3:20, 21*

Postlude

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REGARDING OFFERINGS TO ST. BARNABAS CHURCH

To make an offering to St Barnabas, please mail your check to the church: 20500 W Old US-12, Chelsea MI 48118-1309. Mail is being collected daily.

CONTINUING OUR DONATIONS OF FOOD AND FUNDS TO FAITH IN ACTION

Faith in Action is continuing to provide leadership in collecting donations to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. They will be in need of our continuing help in the weeks of winter to come.

Needed right now: *boxed/shelf-stable milk, cooking oil, salt/pepper, spices, coffee, tea bags, sugar, flour, canned tuna, crackers, cake mix, canned frosting, dish soap, women's hygiene products.* You may bring your donations to FIA, or to Nancy who will see that they get there. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let Nancy know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. Arrangements will be made for those who need to bring donations to the church; contact Nancy for details upcoming.

Donations to help us combat the continuing effects of the pandemic can be made by PayPal at www.faithinaction1.org, by Facebook, or by mailing a check to *Faith in Action, 603 S. Main Street, Chelsea MI 48118.* **If you need help, please call FIA at (734) 475-3305**

Who are all those Bishops?

If you have ever wondered who are Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig, for whom we pray each week, here they are:

Bonnie A. Perry, our Bishop
Michael B. Curry, our Presiding Bishop
Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury
Moises Quezada Mota, Bishop of the Diocese of the Dominican Republic
Elizabeth Eaton, Presiding Bishop of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America
Donald P. Kreiss, Bishop of the SE Michigan Synod of the ELCA
Craig A. Satterlee, Bishop of the NW Lower Michigan Synod of the ELCA

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Enrichment for Our Spiritual Journey

Join St Barnabas' twice-weekly Zoom check-in! Tuesdays and Thursdays at 7:30 p.m.

Contact Marion if you need the link.

Watch Washington National Cathedral's live-streamed Eucharist and Daily Office services,

<https://cathedral.org/calendar/>

Join in a short, weekly, meditation with Presiding Bishop Curry here:

<https://episcopalchurch.org/habits-of-grace>

Watch our Diocesan Cathedral's services for Bishop Bonnie Perry's sermons,

<https://www.edomi.org/whatsheaid/sermons/>

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Upcoming Commemorations

Jan 24	Florence Li Tim-Oi, ordained Priest, 1944
25	The Conversion of St Paul the Apostle
26	Timothy, Titus, and Silas, Companions of Saint Paul
27	John Chrysostom, Bishop and Theologian, 407; and, Lydia, Dorcas, and Phoebe, Witnesses to the Faith
28	Thomas Aquinas, Friar and Theologian, 1274; and, Isaac of Ninevah, Bishop and Mystic, c.700
29	Andrei Rublev: Monk and Iconographer, 1430

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BIBLE STUDIES THAT WORK

January 24, 2021 – Epiphany 3B

Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The shortest prophecy of the Bible and the most effective. One sentence and the whole great city repents! We see in this text that Jonah does not want to do this, and he puts in the barest minimum effort to honor his commission as a prophet to this city that he hates. And yet the Ninevites hear what he is saying and they immediately start their fast and don the sackcloth. Even the cattle!

Our plans are not God's plans and we are foolish to believe that God would not offer salvation even to people we despise. Our judgment is not the judgment of God and we are not as capable of mercy as God is. But sometimes, we find ourselves desiring God's mercy for ourselves and God's judgment for others.

- How would you react if you had to bring the Good News of Jesus to the people you despise the most?
- Have you ever been upset about someone receiving forgiveness when it seemed to you that they did not deserve it?

Psalms 62:6-14

The psalmist is devoted to searching for God – waiting for God – and knows not to put his trust in people. He says, “God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, that power belongs to God.” God's meanings are manifold, his truth pliable to the diversity of our modes of existence. There are many legitimate ways to interpret God's words. Believing that only one interpretation is correct is quite limiting and does not allow for us to see the many meanings that God is sending us. Interpreting the Bible is not an easy task and we must keep an open mind, especially if we do believe that God reveals Godself in every generation. God has something to say, and it might sound different to me than it does to you.

- Have you found yourself relying on only one interpretation of a Biblical text?
- Do you see any value in having more than one legitimate interpretation?

1 Corinthians 7:29-31

Here, Paul is assuming that all unmarried men and women are only preoccupied with the Lord's business. And since Jesus is returning any day now, that is what we should do – we should all act as if the only worthwhile thing to do is what is pleasant to the Lord. “For the present form of this world is passing away.” The values of this world are not the same as the values of the next; perhaps the highest achievement for us now is a good social status, a spouse, 2.4 children, a house in the suburbs. But that is not what we should be striving for once the kingdom of God is getting close.

What we should be focusing on are the values of the kingdom. We should not let ourselves be swept up by wealth and earthly joys, we should be seeking the Lord. If we seek to please other people, even our spouses, we might be feeling torn. But one idea that might not occur to Paul is that both spouses might be devoted to the Lord and to a life of seeking what is right, to discerning God's will together. And if not spouses, maybe groups of friends. Together, we can support each other and work together at being a faithful community of shared values.

Almost two thousand years have passed since Paul gave us this warning. With that perspective in mind, perhaps it is safe to assume that it might not be so soon that the Messiah will return to us. Perhaps then we can find a middle ground between fostering earthly relationships, finding joy, dismantling unjust systems, keeping the values of the kingdom in mind, and working to please the Lord.

- How can you build a support group to assist you in your spiritual journey?
- What do you feel you would have to give up if Jesus were to return next week?

Mark 1:14-20

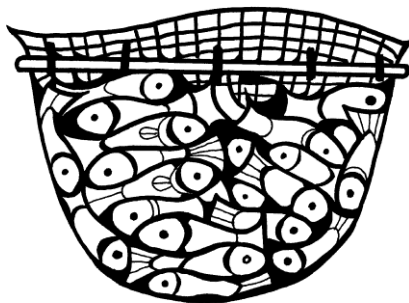
The fishermen of ancient Palestine were not middle-class entrepreneurs that made a comfortable living for themselves and their families. In that time, under Roman rule, there were only the exploited and the ones exploiting. The fishermen, the carpenters, the day-laborers were all heavily taxed and underpaid so that they barely made it from day to day. The fisherman's life was hard, the nights were spent fishing and the days preparing the fish to be sold and mending the nets. And then Jesus comes to them and says, "Give up this life of exploitation, come with me so together we can tell people there is a different way, that there is a justice they can dream of and work toward."

- What are some systems of our time that prevent a life of dignity and justice for all people?
- How would Jesus address these systems today?

This study was written by Daniela Lee.

Our Mission:

We seek to grow as diverse disciples of Jesus Christ,
and to serve Jesus by serving others in the world,
guided by the values of Ancient Rites, Open Minds, and Affirming Hearts.



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