

Holy Eucharist

January 15, 2023

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The Second Sunday of Epiphany Year A

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Prelude

Entrance Hymn

Songs of thankfulness and praise

Hymnal 135



1 Songs of thank-ful - ness and praise, Jes - us, Lord, to thee we raise,
2 Man - i - fest at Jor - dan's stream, Pro-phet, Priest, and King su - preme;
3 Man - i - fest in mak - ing whole pal - sied limbs and faint - ing soul;

man - i - fest - ed by the star to the sa - ges from a - far;
and at Ca - na, wed - ding-guest, in thy God-head man - i - fest;
man - i - fest in val - iant fight, quell - ing all the dev - il's might;

branch of roy - al Da - vid's stem in thy birth at Beth - le - hem;
man - i - fest in power di - vine, chang - ing wa - ter in - to wine;
man - i - fest in gra - cious will, ev - er bring - ing good from ill;

an - thems be to thee ad - dressed, God in man made man - i - fest.
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Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One
People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Presider begins 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.**

Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God's people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King,
almighty God and Father,
 we worship you, we give you thanks,
 we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world:
 have mercy on us;
you are seated at the right hand of the Father:
 receive our prayer.
For you alone are the Holy One,
you alone are the Lord,
you alone are the Most High,
Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Collect of the Day

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

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshiped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All sit.

First Reading

Isaiah 49:1-7

A Reading from the book of the prophet Isaiah.

¹Listen to me, O coastlands,
pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born,
while I was in my mother's womb God named me.
²He made my mouth like a sharp sword,
in the shadow of his hand God hid me;
he made me a polished arrow,
in his quiver God hid me away.
³And he said to me, "You are my servant,
Israel, in whom I will be glorified."
⁴But I said, "I have labored in vain,
I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity;
yet surely my cause is with the LORD,
and my reward with my God."
⁵And now the LORD says,
who formed me in the womb to be a servant,
to bring Jacob back to God,
and that Israel might be gathered to God,
for I am honored in the sight of the LORD,
and my God has become my strength—
⁶he says,
"It is too light a thing that you should be my servant
to raise up the tribes of Jacob
and to restore the survivors of Israel;

I will give you as a light to the nations,
that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

⁷Thus says the LORD,
the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One,
to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations,
the slave of rulers,
“Kings shall see and stand up,
princes, and they shall prostrate themselves,
because of the LORD, who is faithful,
the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Remain seated.

Psalm 40:1-12

to be prayed responsively

¹I waited patiently upon the LORD; *
he stooped to me and heard my cry.

²**He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; *
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

³He put a new song in my mouth,
a song of praise to our God; *
many shall see, and stand in awe,
and put their trust in the LORD.

⁴**Happy are they who trust in the LORD! *
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.**

⁵Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!
how great your wonders and your plans for us! *
there is none who can be compared with you.

⁶**Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! *
but they are more than I can count.**

⁷In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure; *
(you have given me ears to hear you);

⁸**Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, *
and so I said, “Behold, I come.**

⁹In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: *
‘I love to do your will, O my God;
your law is deep in my heart.’”

¹⁰**I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; *
behold, I did not restrain my lips;
and that, O LORD, you know.**

¹¹Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;
 I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; *
 I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

¹²**You are the LORD;**
do not withhold your compassion from me; *
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Second Reading

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

A Reading from Paul's First letter to the Church in Corinth.

¹Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

²To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

³Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

⁴I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, ⁵for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind—⁶just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you—⁷so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁸He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. ⁹God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader The word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All stand as they are able.

Sequence Hymn

Hymnal 538

God of mercy, God of grace

1 God of mer - cy, God of grace, show the bright - ness of thy
 2 Let thy peo - ple praise thee, Lord; be by all that live a -

face. Shine up - on us, Sa - vior, shine, fill thy
dored. Let the na - tions shout and sing glo - ry

Church with light di - vine, and thy sav - ing health ex -
to their Sa - vior King; let all be, be - low, a -

tend un - to earth's re - mot - est end.
bove, one in joy, and light, and love.

All remain standing as they are able.

Holy Gospel

John 1:29-42

Gospeller The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

²⁹[John] saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, “Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world!³⁰This is he of whom I said, ‘After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.’ ³¹I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel.” ³²And John testified, “I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. ³³I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, ‘He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.’ ³⁴And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God.”

³⁵The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, ³⁶and as he watched

Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, “Look, here is the Lamb of God!” ³⁷The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. ³⁸When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, “What are you looking for?” They said to him, “Rabbi” (which translated



means Teacher), “where are you staying?” ³⁹He said to them, “Come and see.” They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o’clock in the afternoon. ⁴⁰One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter’s brother. ⁴¹He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). ⁴²He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

Gospeller The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

All sit.

Sermon

All stand as they are able.

Nicene Creed

Presider Let us affirm the faith of the Church using the words of the Nicene Creed.

**We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.**

**For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;**

**he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

**He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father [and the Son],
who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.**

**We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

All remain standing as they are able.

Prayers of the People

Presider Sisters and brothers, grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. I bid you to pray, "Come and see the great things God has done. Behold, we come."

Intercessor We pray for your Church. We pray for our Bishops Bonnie, Michael, Justin, Moises, Elizabeth, Donald and Craig. Bless all ministers, priests, deacons, ministry teams, those in formation; and our brothers and sisters worshipping at Canterbury MSU, East Lansing, St John's, Clinton; and Good Shepherd, San Pedro, in the Dominican Republic; and those in the Church of Nigeria, and for all the members of Christ's body. Give us as a light to the nations. Sanctify us in Christ Jesus; call us to be saints and strengthen us to follow Jesus to the end. Come and see the great things God has done. **Behold, we come.**

Silence is kept.

Intercessor We pray for this nation and the world. May your salvation, O God, reach to the ends of the earth. May all the peoples know of your faithfulness and your deliverance. Come and see the great things God has done. **Behold, we come.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for our local community. Make our footing sure. Show us where we are needed among our neighbors. May our future be secured by your love and faithfulness. Come and see the great things God has done. **Behold, we come.**

Silence is kept.

We pray for all of creation. Give us a sense of awe as we consider all of the works of your hands. We give you praise and thanks today for [_____ and] the blessings of this life. All that we are, and all that we have, is a gift from you.

Silence is kept.

We pray for all those in need of your healing and strength [especially_____]. Lift them out of the desolate pit. Put in their mouths a new song, a song of praise, a song of joy. May they know just how great for them are your wonders and your plans.

Silence is kept.

We pray for those who have died [especially_____]. In your great faithfulness, keep them blameless for the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. Honor them in your sight forever. Come and see the great things God has done. **Behold, we come.**

Silence is kept.

Presider O God, by the leading of a star you manifested your only Son to the Peoples of the earth: Lead us, who know you now by faith, to your presence, where we may see your glory face to face; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All then kneel as they are able

Confession of Sin

A Minister says

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept.

Minister and People

**Most merciful God,
we confess that we have sinned against you
in thought, word, and deed,
by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone.
We have not loved you with our whole heart;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.**

**We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.
For the sake of our Savior Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us and forgive us;
that we may delight in your will,
and walk in your ways,
to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

A Priest stands and 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.**

All stand as they are able

Peace

Priest The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Ministers and the People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

The People then are seated.

Announcements

Holy Communion

Presider Offer to God a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and make good your vows to the Most High. *Psalms 50:14*

Representatives of the congregation bring the people's offerings of bread and wine, and money or other gifts, to the Presider.

The people stand as they are able when the offerings are presented and placed on the Altar.

Offertory Hymn

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.**

The people remain standing as they are able

Great Thanksgiving

Presider The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Presider Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

The Presider proceeds

Blessed are you, Holy One on high, for you have made all things in your sacred womb,
and you have named and called forth all things according to your eternal purpose.

Praise upon praise is yours, for you created such goodness,
and it was too light a thing that you should stop there,
so you shaped your life through making a covenant with your people.
When that covenant foundered, it was too light a thing for you
to raise up only the tribes of Jacob, and restore only the survivors of your chosen
people, and so you gave your Son to be a light to all nations.

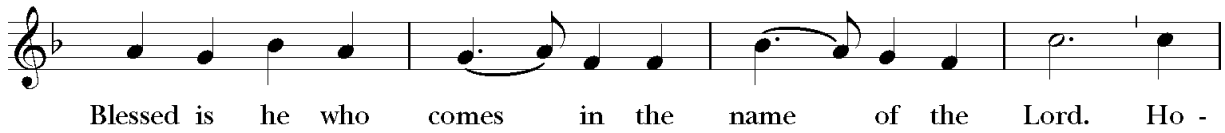
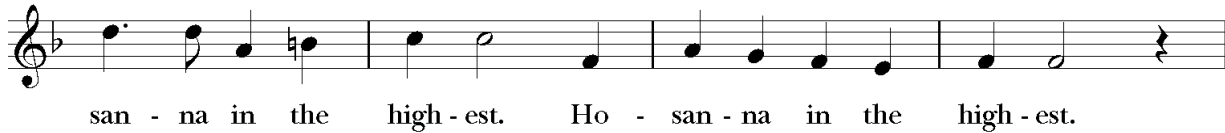
As your Son lived our life and died our death, you showed it was too light a thing
that your glory should be kept in heaven, and so in Jesus' resurrection and ascension
you made your glory known to the ends of the earth.

And so, with angels and archangels and the resounding company of saints we join in the
unending hymn.

Sanctus: *Holy, holy, holy*

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Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -



The Presider continues

Summoning God, you beckoned the first disciples to come and see your anointed Son,
and through him you anointed each new follower with purpose and power.

Bless us + as we come to be with you at this feast today.

Send your Holy Spirit and anoint us to be the body of our living Lord,
beckoning others to come and see the wonders of your love.

Send down your Spirit upon this breaking bread and this sharing cup,
that they may be for us the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ;
who, at supper with his disciples, took bread,
gave you thanks, broke the bread, and gave it to them, saying,
"Take, eat: this is my body which is given for you;
do this in remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup.

Again he gave you thanks, and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you: this is my blood of the new covenant,
which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins.
Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me."

Presider and People

Great is the mystery of faith.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Presider continues

Inviting God, who calls all creation to one perfect end,
give your people joyful hearts to receive the invitation
you offer each of us this very day.

When you ask us to take holy risks, deepen our faith.
When you call us to be faithful in small things, give us perseverance.
When you invite us to do beautiful things in the life of your kingdom,
inspire our imagination.

When you call us to forgiveness, lead us by the way of the cross,
until you bring every good work you have begun to its completion
and you gather heaven and earth into a kingdom that shall have no end;
where you reign for evermore as one God,
Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and forever. AMEN.

The Presider then continues

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to pray:

**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.
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.**

Breaking of the Bread

A period of silence is kept.

The Presider says

Community of saints, beloved of God,
we are invited to come and gather at the table of love and liberation,
to feast on the dreams of God,
to be nourished by a taste of what God desires to do among us.

Come, and love relentlessly; following Christ on paths of uncertainty,
taking risks for one another,
calling down unjust power from its throne
and lifting up the lowly, the impoverished, the burdened.

Blessed are those, Jesus said, who hunger and thirst for righteousness,
for they will be filled.

The Presider then says

And so let us come to the table, expectant, eager, open.
May we taste the rich blessings of heaven
born from unexpected places, and people, and experiences.

Give us the grace to remember that we are all one body, because we all share in Christ's
love and life. For all of us who cannot gather at this altar today, may we remember that
we are fully beloved, that God dwells in each of our hearts. For those of us who are
present at this altar, may we remember that we are connected far beyond this time and
place with all those who pray.

God's holy gifts, for God's holy people.

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

Remaining seated, the following is sung after all have received, and the table is being cleared.

Post-Communion Hymn

LEVAS 140

Lord, I want you to touch me

The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef and a bass clef, both in the key of B-flat major (two flats) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is primarily in the treble clef, with the piano accompaniment in the bass clef. The lyrics are: "Lord, I want you to touch me, _____ Touch me with". The melody includes a long note with a fermata over the word "me" in the first line.

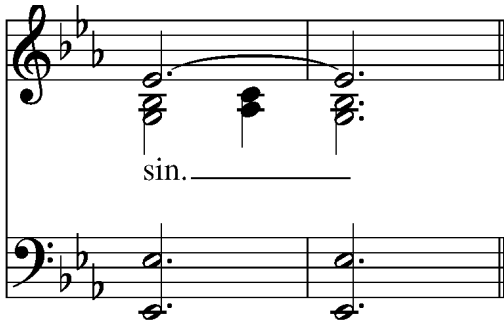
Thy ho - ly love. Lord, come down and

touch me. Come down from heav - en a - bove.

Lord, reach out and touch me.

Reach out and touch me with - in, Lord,

let good - ness touch me, Thy touch will cleanse me from



The Presider then says

Let us pray.

Presider and People

**God of abundance,
you have fed us
with the bread of life and cup of salvation;
you have united us
with Christ and one another;
and you have made us one
with all your people in heaven and on earth.
Now send us forth
in the power of your Spirit,
that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue for ever
in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.**

Dismissal and Blessing

A priest blesses the people, saying

Go forth into the world in peace. Be of good courage. Hold fast that which is good.
Render to no one evil for evil. Strengthen the fainthearted. Support the weak.
Help the afflicted. Show love to everyone.

And may the blessing † of the God of Abraham, Sarah and Hagar, and of Jesus Christ
born of our sister Mary, and of the Holy Spirit, who broods over the world as a mother
over her children, be upon you and remain with you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn

LEVAS 136

I have decided to follow Jesus

Unison C

1 I have de - cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de -
 2 The world be - hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be -
 3 Though none go with me, I still will fol - low, though none go
 4 Will you de - cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de -

cid - ed to fol - low Je - sus, I have de - cid - ed to fol - low
 hind me, the cross be - fore me, the world be - hind me, the cross be -
 with me, I still will fol - low, though none go with me, I still will
 cide now to fol - low Je - sus? Will you de - cide now to fol - low

Je - sus— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fore me— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 fol - low— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.
 Je - sus?— no turn - ing back, no turn - ing back.

C7

F C

C/G D9/A G7/B C

Dismissal

Minister Go forth to love and serve the Lord, rejoicing in the power of the Holy Spirit.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude

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Faith in Action provides leadership in collecting donations of food to support households in need in the Chelsea and Dexter areas. **If you bring food directly to FIA**, please let [Nancy](#) know, so she can continue to keep our records of donation. If you write a check, please make it to *Faith In Action*, with “St Barnabas” on the memo line. The **next Food In-Gathering is TODAY, January 15, 2023**. Please contribute as generously as you can.

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Upcoming Commemorations

- Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr., Civil Rights Leader and Martyr, 1968
- 17 Antony of Egypt, Monastic, 356
- 18 The Confession of St Peter
- 19 Wulfstan of Worcester, Bishop, 1095; Richard Rolle, Walter Hilton, and Margery Kempe, Mystics, 1349, 1396, and c. 1440
- 20 Fabian, Bishop and Martyr, 250
- 21 Agnes and Cecilia of Rome, Martyrs, 304 and c.230

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Please plan to attend the Annual Meeting of the congregation, on January 22. We will have our usual wonderful Potluck Lunch together, followed by this very *important* meeting. Put this one on your calendar, and join your brothers and sisters in Christ as we plan for the year ahead.

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**January 15, 2023 – Epiphany 2A
Religious Life Sunday**

Are you seeking to deepen your relationship with God and to center your life on Jesus Christ? Are you longing for companionship along the way? Episcopalians living under vows (monks, nuns, sisters, brothers, friars) provide guidance, community, and resources for the sacred journey. We invite you to celebrate Religious Life Sunday and to learn more about the spiritual support that we offer.

What is “Religious Life Sunday”?

The General Convention of The Episcopal Church approved resolution 2022-B004, “Foundation of Religious Life Sunday,” to be held each year on the 3rd Sunday of Epiphany. This Sunday focuses efforts to tell all Episcopalians that residential monastic and dispersed Christian communities exist, who we are, and how to connect with us.

What are the “religious” communities in The Episcopal Church?

Religious communities in The Episcopal Church include monastic communities, whose members live together under a rule of life and under vows such as poverty, chastity, and obedience. “Religious life” also includes dispersed Christian communities whose members are from all walks of life, who have jobs, who live in their own homes, some with families, and who live under religious vows.

What can religious life do for me and for my faith journey?

We have developed traditions and practices that assist in developing spiritual growth and discernment. We teach about prayer practices, lead retreats, give spiritual direction, assist in writing and living a rule of life, give presentations about the spiritual journey, and provide spiritual friendship. Many of our monastic communities offer hospitality for short visits or longer retreats. *Religiouslifesunday.org* includes resources, a video, a list of speakers, and much more.

You may perceive a call to a deeper commitment with one community, as an associate or oblate. Such commitments begin with discernment and preparation, followed by a formal service of commitment. Associates and oblates pray for the members of the community, as we also pray for them, and may offer financial support, commit to a rule of life, and attend retreats. You or someone you know may be experiencing a call to join a community; we welcome the opportunity to discern with you.

How can I connect with an Episcopal religious community?

Residential monastic communities: *caroa.net*.
Dispersed Christian communities: *naecc.net*.
More resources: *religiouslifesunday.org*.



Collect For Monastic Orders and Vocations

O Lord Jesus Christ, you became poor for our sake, that we might be made rich through your poverty: Guide and sanctify, we pray, those whom you call to follow you under the vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience, that by their prayer and service they may enrich your Church, and by their life and worship may glorify your Name; for you reign with the Father and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

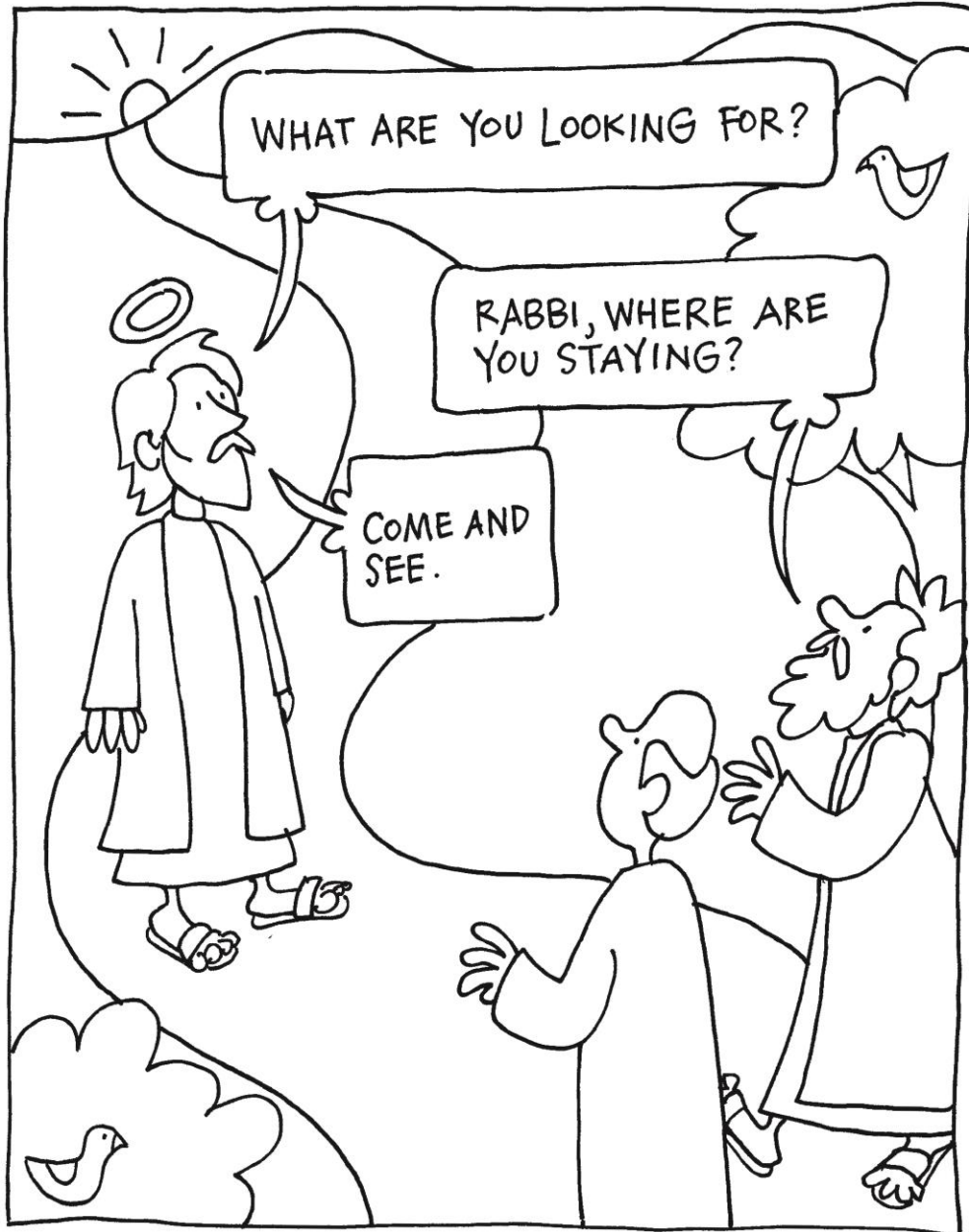
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Our Mission:

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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