

Third Sunday after The Epiphany

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Fishers of Men - Rex R. Deloney

“My artwork is focused on storytelling, symbolism, and spirituality. My goal is to reach the you, the viewer emotionally and spiritually by creatively using color to awaken perceptual triggers in your memory. I like to employ visually thick words, phrases, or quotes to create imagery symbolizing the hopes, dreams, and struggles of the African American Culture.”



*Beloved companions in the Spirit -
Come as you are offering our lives
in the beautiful struggle of faith...*

Welcome to the AbbeyChurch

No matter who you are or what you are carrying today,
know you are beloved and so very welcome here!

At the AbbeyChurch, we tell stories of faith, encourage hope, share meals, care for each other and for God's creation – and strive to practice the teachings of Jesus.

We're at different places in our faith journey - but we share a guiding sacred Story as found in scripture (The Bible) and summarized in ancient Christian creeds.

We share a willingness to honestly wrestle with God, and with our questions and doubts.

We invite diversity in our community and our leadership; old, young, rich, poor, conservative, liberal, radical, single, married, LGBTQ2IA+, straight, evangelical, progressives, radicals, overeducated, undereducated, overhoused, underhoused, certain, doubting, hurting, thriving (to name a few). We believe that Christ's love binds our differences together in unity as we gather each week at Jesus' table of welcome.

We Gather

Opening Loop / Tolling of the Bells

**Announcements & Land Acknowledgement & Land
Welcome in łək'wəŋən from elder Butch Dick**

Opening Words

You call us, Wanderer of seashores and sidewalks,
**inviting us to sail out of our smug harbors into the
uncharted waters of faith to wander off from our
predictable paths to follow You into the unpredictable
footsteps of the kingdom;**

to leave the comfort of our homes and accompany
You into the uncomfortable neighborhoods we usually
avoid.

As we wait, in our simple, constantly uncertain lives,
**speak to us, Spirit of Grace: of that hope which is our
anchor; of that peace which is our rock;
of that grace which is our refuge. Amen.**

(Rev. Bob Gibson - London Conference of the United Church of Canada.)

Opening Song: Will You Come And Follow Me

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 leave your self behind
if I but call your name?
Will you care for cruel and kind
and never be the same?
Will you risk the hostile stare
should your life attract or scare,
will you let me answer prayer
in you and you in me?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?
Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?
Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

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.

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Poem: Fishing - A.E. Stallings

Read/selected by poet-in-residence

Rebecca Yeo

We Proclaim

The Psalm: *Psalm 27 Dominus illuminatio (1,5-13)*

The Lord is my light and my salvation; *
whom then shall I fear?

The Lord is the strength of my life; *
of whom then shall I be afraid?

For in the day of trouble, O God, you shall keep me safe in
your shelter; *

you shall hide me in the secrecy of your dwelling and set
me high upon a rock.

Even now you lift up my head *
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in your dwelling an oblation with
sounds of great gladness; *

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call; *
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say , “Seek my face.” *
Your face, Lord, will I seek.
Hide not your face from me, *
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.
You have been my helper; cast me not away; *
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.
Though my father and my mother forsake me, *
the Lord will sustain me.
Show me your way, O Lord; *
lead me on a level path, because of my enemies.
Deliver me not into the hand of my adversaries, *
for false witnesses have risen up against me, and also
those who speak malice.
What if I had not believed that I should see the goodness
of the Lord *
in the land of the living!
O tarry and await the pleasure of the Lord; be strong, and
God shall comfort your heart; *
wait patiently for the Lord.

The Hebrew Scripture

A reading from the Prophet Isaiah

But there will be no gloom for those who were in anguish.
In the former time he brought into contempt the land of
Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he
will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the
Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in
darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land
of deep darkness - on them light has shined. You have
multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they
rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people
exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden,
and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their
oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.
...The word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

*You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we prepare our
hearts to hear the Gospel.*

Gospel Acclamation:

fiddle

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? —

D G D A

[A] You are gra-cious and merc - i - ful. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? —

D G D A

[A] Slow to an - ger and a-bound-ing in love. [C] Lord, to whom shall we go? —

D G D A

[A] Lord, to whom shall we go? [C] Let us trust in your word. —

The Gospel

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

A reading from the gospel according to Matthew (4:12-23)

Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles - the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near." As Jesus walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea - for they were fisherfolk. And he said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fish for people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As Jesus went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him. Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the reign of God and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

Let us proclaim the gospel from the rooftops!

With our words and with our lives!

Gospel Acclamation:



The Sermon

Catherine Pate

Silence for meditation. Bell / Silence / Bell

You are invited to rise in body or in spirit as we proclaim the ancient story of our faith.

Credo

**I believe in God, the Maker Almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth;
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord.
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit
and born of the Virgin Mary.**

**He 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 heav'n,
and is seated at the right hand of the Maker.
He will come again 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.**

Ryan Flanigan/ Liturgical folk, alt./ CCLI

Our Prayers

Chivonne Graff

Confession and Assurance

Let us confess our sins before God, the source of freedom and forgiveness.

Bell. Silent prayer of confession. Bell.

Almighty God, **we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our siblings. Shine your light into our hearts. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.** Feasting on the Word)

Absolution / Assurance of Grace

The Peace

Beloved in Christ, the peace of the Lord be always with you.
And also with you!

We acknowledge the peace of Christ in each other.

During this next 'offertory' song, the table is set. We welcome you to place financial contributions to our common life in the record player in the back of the space. Cheques made out to 'The Emmaus Community'. Charitable receipts will be issued if you provide your address.

Offertory Song: Come Ye Sinners

Come, ye sinners, poor and needy
Weak and wounded, sick and sore
Jesus ready, stands to save you
Full of pity, love and power

Come, ye thirsty, come and welcome
God's free bounty glorify
True belief and true repentance
Every grace that brings you nigh

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Saviour
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

Come, ye weary, heavy-laden
Lost and ruined by the fall
If you tarry 'til you're better
You will never come at all

Let not conscience make you linger
Nor of fitness fondly dream.
All the fitness he requires
Is to feel your need of him.

I will arise and go to Jesus
He will embrace me in his arms
In the arms of my dear Saviour
Oh, there are ten thousand charms

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We Celebrate

Prayer Over The Gifts

We gather all we have to offer—money, resources, skills, time, and gifts—that together, all may have enough. We offer all, to co-create an alternate reality of shared abundance. Let us bring forth our gifts in resistance, hope and praise! **Amen.**
Enfleshed, Alt.

The Communion/Holy Eucharist

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

God of glory and truth, we praise your holy name.
You sent prophets to inscribe the story of creation, to recall the shaping of your covenant with Israel and to hold your people to account for their life in you. Those prophets told of a day when you would restore your covenant and open wide your arms to bring your people home to you.

In Jesus we see those promises fulfilled. In his death and resurrection we know our sins are forgiven and receive the promise of everlasting life with you. And so with the company of heaven and your creation, we sing

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth of your glory are full
Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest.
+Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. X2
Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

Heaven and earth of your glory are full Hosanna Hosanna Hosanna in the highest. X2

Steve bell / Signpost Music / CCLI

Jesus ate with friend and stranger, with devoted disciple and seasoned skeptic, with the one who would betray and the one who had denied. He made this meal a place of divine encounter, and, at supper with his disciples, he 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."

Great is the mystery of faith.

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

Send your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these gifts of bread and wine that they may be for us the body and blood of your Christ. Usher in the day when all may taste and see the riches of your grace, hear your call and enter into your arms of love. Triune God of all. **Amen.**

Joining the Angels' Song, Alt.

The Prayer of Jesus

As beloved children of a loving parent let us pray:

Our Father (Mother/Source) 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.

Silence is kept.

These are the gifts of God, for the people of God, given for the life of the world. **Thanks be to God! Amen.**

All are welcome to receive at Jesus' table! The bread is gluten-free. It may contain dairy and/or almond flour. If you'd like a dairy or nut free

option, please let the presider know. Juice is in the small cups. Wine is in the common cup, please do not dip the bread into the cup.

Communion Song: In Love You Summon

In love you summon,
in love I follow,
living today for your tomorrow.

Christ to release me,
Christ to enfold me,
Christ to restrain me,
Christ to uphold me.

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Communion Song: The Time is Fulfilled

The time is fulfilled
The kingdom of God has drawn near

Come let us repent
and believe in the Gospel

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We Are Sent

Prayer after Communion

Gracious God, in feeding us with this sacred meal, we taste the mystery of your life given for ours and are made whole.

In feeding us with this sacred meal, heaven and earth come together.

In feeding us with this sacred meal, you make us food for the world. We are in awe – and we give our lives to follow you.

Amen.

Blessing

+ May the grace of Christ who calls us go with you. May the power of the Holy Spirit who empowers us sustain you. May the salvation of God who loves us give you peace.

Closing Song: I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
I have decided to follow Jesus;
No turning back, no turning back.

Tho' none go with me, I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me I still will follow,
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow;
No turning back, no turning back.

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Sending

Go now as light into the world!

Thanks be to God! Alleluia!

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We would love to connect! Call, Text, Email.

