

# Third Sunday after Epiphany

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## Focus on the Season: *The Third Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 3 B*

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In today's Gospel, Jesus turns the common experience of fishing upside down. Each baptized Christian, born in the waters of God's gracious sea, is called to fish for people. We are given the net of God's mercy and the gift of the Holy Spirit's presence as we go forth and invite others to join us in our communal journey of discipleship.

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## Centering and Gathering

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*Light your candle. [Start the video by clicking here](#); it will continue through the Postlude.*

PRELUDE: Adagio César Franck (1822-1890)  
*Recorded on Lectionary 12A, June 25, 2017.*

HYMN: ELW 799, "Come, Follow Me, the Savior Spake"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on Lectionary 23C, September 4, 2016*

## Word

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### GREETING

**P** The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

**C** **And also with you.**

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Glory to God in the Highest" (ELW setting 4)  
*Sung at Mount Olive on the Fifth Sunday after Epiphany, Lect. 5 A, February 9, 2020.*

### 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; *reader – Louise Lystig Fritchie, lector*

<sup>1</sup> The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, <sup>2</sup> "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." <sup>3</sup> 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. <sup>4</sup> Jonah began to go into the city,

going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" <sup>5</sup> And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

<sup>10</sup> 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.

#### PSALMODY: Psalm 19

<sup>5</sup>For God alone I | wait in silence; \* truly, my hope | is in God.

<sup>6</sup>God alone is my rock and | my salvation, \* my stronghold, so that I shall nev- | er be shaken.

<sup>7</sup>In God is my deliverance | and my honor; \* God is my strong rock | and my refuge.

<sup>8</sup>Put your trust in God al- | ways, O people, \* pour out your hearts before the one who | is our refuge.

<sup>9</sup>Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate can- | not be trusted.

\* Placed on the scales together they weigh even less | than a breath.

<sup>10</sup>Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no | empty pride; \* though wealth increase, set not your | heart upon it.

<sup>11</sup>God has spoken once, twice | have I heard it, \* that power be- | longs to God.

<sup>12</sup>Steadfast love belongs to | you, O Lord, \* for you repay all according | to their deeds.

*Recorded on Thursday evening, January 21, 2021 by singers of the Cantorei,*

*Cantor David Cherwien, organist.*

#### SECOND READING: I Corinthians 7:29-31; reader – David Engen, assisting minister

*Paul writes:* <sup>29</sup> "I 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, <sup>30</sup> 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, <sup>31</sup> 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.

#### GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW page 142, "Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Twenty-third Sunday after Pentecost, Lect. 30 C, October 23, 2016.*

#### HOLY GOSPEL: Mark 1:14-20

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

<sup>16</sup> 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. <sup>17</sup> And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." <sup>18</sup> And immediately they left their nets and followed him. <sup>19</sup> As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. <sup>20</sup> Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

#### SERMON

**"Now is the Time"**

Vicar Andrea Bonneville

*Silence for reflection.*

#### HYMN: ELW 306 "Come, Beloved of the Maker"

*Sung at Mount Olive on the Baptism of Our Lord A, January 8, 2017.*

#### INTERCESSORY PRAYERS

*Our Assisting Minister for today, David Engen, has prepared intercessory prayers for us to pray this morning. As our prayers rise up from all over the metro area and beyond, once more we are joined together in Christ. (Our weekly prayer list is on the last page.) Response: Hear our prayer.*

PEACE *Please greet one another with Christ's peace.*

OFFERING: ELW 817 "You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on Epiphany 5C, February 10, 2019*

*There are ways to continue to give of your gifts to our shared work at Mount Olive during this time apart. The Olive Branch has suggested ways both electronic and by mail.*

*See: <https://www.mountolivechurch.org/resources/olive-branch-newsletter/>*

## *Sending*



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LORD'S PRAYER *Pray the Lord's Prayer together.*

BLESSING *Response: Amen*

HYMN: "He is the Way"  
*Sung at Mount Olive on Lent 1B, February 18, 2018.*

DISMISSAL *The assisting minister leads the dismissal.*

-  Go in peace to love and serve as Christ.
-  Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: Praeludium in e minor ("Kleiner") Nicolaus Bruhns (1665-1697)  
*Recorded on Lectionary 23C, September 8, 2019*



## *In Our Prayers*

- **Please pray throughout the week for the following persons:** Michael Brady; Julia Adams; Elizabeth Beissel, Charlotte Erlandson; Nancy Flatgard; Leila Froehlich; Leanna Kloempken; Mary Lee; Kandi Jo Nelson; Jerry Ostlund; Pariann Schenk; Christine Walberg; James Wilkes; Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Jodi Royce, daughter of Julia Adams and daughter-in-law of Evelyn Royce; Kjell Thompson, relative of Nancy Anderson; Tommie and Susie Hunter, Danna Nelson, Jacques, friends of Jim Bargmann; Tom McCarr, friend of Keith Bartz; Arthur Kaemmer, friend of David Bryce; Randy Caverly and Nancy Stelling, nephew and friend of Marcia & Dan Burow; Lela Frazier, sister of Irene Campbell; Klarrisa Ramirez, friend of Gretchen Campbell-Johnson; Greg Eklund, son of Harry & Jeanette Eklund; Susan Bary, friend of Judy Graves; Dolores & David G. Gutierrez, Sr., Chris and David Gutierrez, Jr., parents and brothers of Consuelo Gutierrez-Crosby; Carol Halter (missionary in Hong Kong), friend of Eunice Hafemeister; Lynn Kernkamp, friend of Peggy Hoeft; Tami Huisinga, relative of Wes Huisinga; Craig Cunningham, brother-in-law of Brian Jacobs; Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson; Bob Adamson, relative of Jerry Jones & Robbie Ross; Nicole Sanders, Ann Clark, James Alexander, and Susan Douglass, daughter, friends, and relative of Mary Rose Kaliher; Danielle Pitzen, friend of Ellen Kormanik; Barbara Dahl, sister of Carla Manuel; Dani Olson, Harper Linqvist, Steve Camper, relatives and friend of Julie Manuel; Jan McCuen, mother of Matt McCuen; Martha Johnson, sister of Rhoda Nelson and aunt of Sherry Nelson; Janet Freeburg, friend of Lisa Nordeen; Michael Waechter, friend of Rod & Connie Olson; Kathleen Austad, sister of Jerry Ostlund; Jay Heffern, friend of Gary Pagel; Jerry Baack and Todd Erickson, friends of Jean & Doug Parish; Steve

Swanson, friend of Dwight Penas & Kathy Thurston; Rudd Rayfield, Jolie Meshbesh Hassler, Katelyn Bowden, Cindy Williams, father and friends of Robin Rayfield; Leila Jeffers, mother of Lynn and Lisa Ruff; Miranda Alvis, niece of Tim Sneer; Carrie, friend of Paul & Melissa Stone; Jennifer Kobylinski, cousin of Kathy Thurston; David Duran, friend of Kevin Vazquez; Andrew Wiechman, son of Grace Wiechman; BJ Wilkes, Joshua Wilkes, LaTrell Wilke, Julius Underwood, and Lonnell Wilkes, son, nephews, grandson and brother of James Wilkes; Sandra Dycus, Becky Groska, Diane Ristrom, Cathy Reid, Karen Swanson, Patrick Clark, Annie Hose-Ryan, Marcia Van Gorden, friends of Sue Ellen Zagrabelny; Anne-Marie Lundberg, cousin of Eric Zander; Judy Bonnes and family, Tommie & Susie Hunter; Barbara C. Johnson, friends of Mount Olive. **At the death of:** Donald Johnson, father of Nicholas Johnson.

- **For those celebrating their baptism anniversaries this week:** David Olson, Marlys Oelfke, and Connie Olson.
- **Prayers for all in the health care system here and around the world** who put their lives at risk to care for those infected with COVID 19 and caring for all others who are ill as well.
- **Our continual prayers are offered for peace:** We pray for all of the world's governments, leaders and peoples, especially for those who work overseas toward peace: Solveig & Philip, daughter and son-in-law of Karen Johnson; and Tyson Crosby, relative of the Crosby family.
- **We remember the saints who have gone before us:**

**January 25:** Conversion of St. Paul — The week of prayer begun by the remembrance of St. Peter's confession now comes to an end as we recall the pivotal moment in the life of the other pillar of the early church, the apostle Paul. His encounter with the risen Christ turned him from persecutor of the followers of Christ to one of their leaders.

**January 26:** St. Timothy, St. Titus, and St. Silas, missionaries — These three early Christian men were missionary companions of the apostle Paul. Timothy became bishop of Ephesus, Titus bishop of Crete, and Silas was imprisoned with Paul at Philippi until they were delivered by an earthquake.

**January 27:** St. Lydia, St. Dorcas, and St. Phoebe, witnesses to the faith — Women as well as men were important Christian leaders from the beginning, as demonstrated by these coworkers of the apostle Paul. Lydia, a seller of purple goods, lent her home for a church; Dorcas was known for charitable works; and Phoebe was a deacon in the church at Cenchrae.

**January 28:** St. Thomas Aquinas, teacher, died 1274 — One of the most brilliant and creative theologians in the church's history, Aquinas worked to bring together scripture and the philosophy of Aristotle. A member of the Order of Preachers (Dominicans), Aquinas was also a hymnwriter.