



Third Sunday After the Epiphany - B
January 24, 2021

Key Scripture - Mark 1:14, 15

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**Time
to go**

Theme - Pivotal Time

Welcome and Announcements

† Newcomers please sign our guestbook



† Special requests may be made through Facebook



Contact Us

† Trinity is Welcoming, Open, Inclusive and Accessible.

- Trinity is an Affirming Congregation
- Our church building is closed during the Stay at Home Order except in the case of urgent requirement.
 - Pick up or delivery of packages or correspondence may be made at the Choir Door, corner of Market and Russell Streets on Tuesdays and Saturdays from 9:00 to 11:00 am. Please knock and somebody will be able to assist you.
 - Deliveries may be made at other times by special appointment.
 - Brown Bags and Blessings will continue as an Essential Service.
 - Church business will be conducted remotely
 - Worship will be recorded and posted to FaceBook



We are grateful for the Town of Smiths Falls and Lanark County. Take Away Meals are subsidized through the generosity of the Community Grant Program and through the kindness of individual benefactors.

Two Guys for Lunch are partners with us.

Acknowledging Traditional Territory

Smiths Falls is located on the traditional territory of the Algonquin peoples dating back countless generations. We are grateful for our neighbours and recognize the opportunity to exercise the Ministry of Reconciliation

Introit 958 "Halle, Halle"

Halle, halle, hallelujah!
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Halle, halle, hallelujah!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah!

This is Robbie Burns week, so all the music is from Scotland, except for "The King of Love My Shepherd Is." This tune is Saint Columba, an Irish Saint who founded the Iona monastery in Glasgow, in 563 A.D.

Call to Worship

We gather to respond to the call of God's love
Thankful that someone shared this good news with us.
May we share this divine presence with others.
Love, when shared, is not divided but multiplied.
Love, given away, is not diminished but expanded.
May our gathering beckon and welcome
those near and far to know the love of this divine presence.

Opening Prayer

From deep within us we know of a loving presence.

All around us we see glory, beauty, life and light.

We have no words for what we experience.

In this moment of worship may that loving presence grow deeper,

may our awareness of the divine presence around us grow more intense.

May we, gathered in this place, learn to pay attention to God, who loves us at all times and in all places.

God, of love and life, in this moment of prayer

be more and more in us

that we might live more and more in you. Amen.

Hymn 879 "The Race That Long in Darkness Pined" vs. 1,3,4

The race that long in darkness pined
have seen a glorious light;
the people dwell in day, who dwelt
in death's surrounding night.

To us a child of hope is born,
to us a Son is given;
him shall the people all obey,
him all the hosts of heaven.

His name shall be the Prince of Peace,
for evermore adored,
the Wonderful, the Counsellor,
the great and mighty Lord.

Learning with Children

Children's Prayer

Prayer of Confession

Holy One,

We share a blessing and privilege in this sacred space and among this loving community.

Like Jonah, we sometimes are jealous of what we share.

We know that others long and thirst for similar blessings.

Forgive us our reluctance to open our doors,

open our hearts to others; some like us, some not.

Help us turn away from our hesitations and unwillingness to witness to strangers or even enemies

for fear they just might become friends. **Amen.**

Assurance of Renewal

The one who calls us to this place

calls us to reconciliation through grace.

God will not deny a repentant heart or an open spirit.

Know that you are forgiven

and walk a new way in God's love. Amen

Scripture Jonah 3:1-5, 10;
 Psalm 62 (VU 779);
 Mark 1:14-20

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.

Psalm 62 (VU 779)

Refrain -

Rest in God alone;

rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.

How long will all of you set upon me and batter me,
as though I were a tottering wall or a leaning fence?

**Their purpose is to thrust me down from my eminence;
they delight in lies;**

they bless with their lips but curse me in their hearts.

Yet be still, my soul, and wait for God,

from whom comes my hope of deliverance.

Refrain -

Rest in God alone;

rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.

In God is my deliverance and my honour,
the rock of my strength and my place of refuge.

Put your trust in God always, you people;

pour out your hearts before the One who is our refuge.

Refrain -

Rest in God alone;

rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.

For we mortals are only a puff of wind;
the great among us are but illusion,
placed in the balance,
we weigh less than a breath.

Put no trust in extortion, set no vain hopes on plunder;
if riches increase, do not set your heart upon them.

Once God has spoken, and twice have I heard it said:
“Power belongs to you, O God. Steadfast love is yours.”
You reward us all according to our deeds.

Refrain -

Rest in God alone;

rest in God alone, my soul, my soul.

Mark 1:14-20

Now 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.

God bless our understanding of this reading.

Meditation "My Love is Like a Red, Red Rose" (Burns)

Reflection

Hymn 567 "Will You Come and Follow Me" vs. 1,2,3

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 yourself 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 let the blinded see if I but call your name?

Will you set the prisoners free and never be the same?

Will you kiss the leper clean, and do such as this unseen,

and admit to what I mean in you and you in me?

We Respond to God's Word Offering Ourselves For The Work And Witness Of The Church

Invitation to the Offering

Gestures of gratitude are a demonstration that a blessing or benefit has been received.

We heard a call, dropped our nets and came to this community to find new life.

The gifts we give today are tokens of the blessings of new life.

We bring our gifts with joy for they remind us of

how blessed we are to know this love

that flows so generously from the spirit of God.

Offering Prayer

May these gifts, given to these ministries of grace,
be a blessing to friends and strangers,
those like us and those not,
those deserving and those not,
for in this way the love of God reaches all of God's beloved.

Amen.

Hymn 273 "The King Of Love My Shepherd Is" vs. 1,2,5,6

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine for ever.

Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial
feedeth.

Thou spread'st a table in my sight; thy unction grace bestoweth;
and O what transport of delight from thy pure chalice floweth!

And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never:
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house for ever.

Prayers of the People

God of fishers and farmers and factory workers,
God of those serving in health care, hospitality and at home,
God of our offices and businesses, our stores and our streets,
our schools and recreation centres, of emergency services and
entertainers -

We thank you for the many ways we can serve your purposes.

You called Jesus' first followers to change their livelihoods
and so they did.

Today we pray for all those whose work has changed without their
choice because of COVID-19;

for those struggling with little or no work, whose businesses are
in jeopardy,

who fear for what this year may hold.

Assure them of their value to you and to us all.

Give them courage and perseverance as the future unfolds.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of the churches who bear your Son's name,

whatever denomination or perspective or tradition that shapes
us,

We thank you for the fellowship we share and the gifts of the Spirit
we receive.

We pray that differences which seem important to us

will not blunt our witness to Jesus and the healing and hope he
offers.

Teach us to value diversity in our discipleship

and honour what unites us more than what divides us,

so that the world may see Jesus reflected in all our lives.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of our cities and towns, of our villages and neighbourhoods,
God of all nations,

of all clans and tribes, cultures and families that shape our identities,

you created us for community,

to find enjoyment and support, collaboration and productivity together.

We pray for all those who suffer because others judge their identities, their language or religion, their orientation or ethnicity, their social standing or lack of resources.

Guide us all to appreciate our common humanity and find ways to learn from each other through our differences.

Help us to recognize the face of Christ in those who challenge our assumptions.

God, in your mercy,

Hear our prayer.

God of all times and situations,

We bear on our hearts concerns for many around us, people we know and situations we care about,

where suffering exerts its power and challenges seem overwhelming.

Hear us in this time of silence as we open our hearts and their needs to you:

Bind up the broken hearted.

Bring justice for the vulnerable.

Send your Spirit of healing and hope to embrace those who need you.

We remember Barb Byam

We dare to ask all this because we trust in the name of Jesus, your
Son

Prayers conclude with:

We experience God in a relationship from which we draw strength, courage and encouragement.

The ways of knowing God - as Creator, Redeemer, and Sustainer; Father, Mother, Friend; may be expressed in the prayer Jesus taught us -

The Lord's Prayer

We Depart to Serve with Joy

Hymn 704 "God Give Us Life" vs. 1,2,3

God give us life when all around
spells death and some have died;
and none are clear that hope is near
or fate can be defied.

God give us love in heart and hand
to hold the hurting one,
to free the anger, meet the need
and wait till waiting's done.

God give us skill, insight and will
to find, where none are sure,
new threads to mend the web of life,
new means to heal and cure.

Benediction

Now may the One who is faithful to all
be with us all as we continue where we are.
May we be a blessing in every place we are,
until we gather again. **Amen.**

Choral Amen

Postlude "On A Lammas Evening" (Burns)

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