



Third Sunday after Epiphany Sunday, January 24, 2021

We hope that you received your star words in the mail. If not, know that your star word is coming. If you have your star word, we invite you to place it near you for the Gathering liturgy. If you do not, use the word “follow” as an intentional star word today.

Introduction to the day

As we continue through the time after Epiphany, stories of the call to discipleship show us the implications of our baptismal calling to show Christ to the world. Jesus begins proclaiming the good news and calling people to repentance right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. Knowing that John was later executed, we see at the very outset the cost of discipleship. Still, the two sets of brothers leave everything they have known and worked for all their lives to follow Jesus and fish for people.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God

Epiphany Star Word Liturgy

P: When extraordinary things happen in the sky, we stop and notice.

We look for comets, shooting stars, full moons. We watch for rocket launches, satellites drifting in space, and the space station circling our orbit.

The Magi were paying close attention to the sky when they saw something different—a star that shone so brightly, they were compelled to follow it.

Just as the Christmas star once shined for all people to see, the light of Christ still shines for all people.

May we use these star words as reminders of the Christmas star we invite into our lives so that we might be led toward Jesus Christ.

Epiphany Prayer

P: Let us center ourselves in prayer.

We are seekers—just like the Magi.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: We are looking for hope, peace, joy, love and so much more that Christ brings.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: We long for the abundant life God promises.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: May this star word be one of encouragement.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: May this word guide our intentions in the days to come.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: May we pay attention to where God is present.

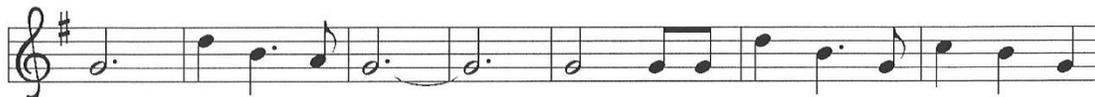
C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you.

P: May God use these words to show us how to live and love in the world.

C: Light our paths and lead us closer to you. Amen.

GATHERING SONG – ELW 720

We Are Called



1 Come! Live in the light! Shine with the joy and the love of the
 2 Come! O - pen your heart! Show your . . mer - cy to all those in
 3 Sing! Sing a new song! Sing of that great day when all will be



Lord! We are called to be light for the king - dom, to
 fear! We are called to be hope for the hope - less, so
 one! God will reign, and we'll walk with each oth - er as



live in the free - dom of the cit - y of God.
 ha - tred and blind - ness . . . will be . . . no more.
 sis - ters and broth - ers . . . u - nit - ed in love.



We are called to act with jus - tice, we are called to



love ten - der - ly; we are called to serve one an -



oth - er, to walk hum - bly with God.

Text: David Haas, b. 1957

Music: WE ARE CALLED, David Haas

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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.**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: 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.

C: **Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching, and song.

First Reading: Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The book of Jonah is a comedy starring a reluctant prophet who is given a one-sentence message: Nineveh will be destroyed in forty days. Much to Jonah's dismay, the people of Nineveh repent. The point of the story is to get the reader to wrestle with the question "On whom should God have mercy?"

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.

L: The Word of the Lord. C: **Thanks be to God.**

Gospel: Mark 1: 14-20

Before Jesus calls his first disciples, he proclaims a message that becomes known as “the gospel” or good news from God. God is ready to rule our lives. Those who realize this will respond with repentance and faith.

The Holy Gospel, according to Mark.
Glory to you, O Lord.

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.

P: The Gospel of the Lord. C: **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON The Rev. Stacey-Kyle Rea

HYMN OF THE DAY – ELW 768

Lead Me, Guide Me

Refrain

Musical notation for the Refrain, consisting of three staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the final measure of each line.

Lead me, guide me, a-long the way, For if you
 lead me, I can - not stray. Lord, let me walk each
 day with thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

Verses

Musical notation for the Verses, consisting of three staves of music in 3/4 time with a key signature of two flats. The melody features a triplet of eighth notes in the first measure of the first line.

1. I am weak and I need thy strength and pow'r to
 2. Help me tread in the paths of right - eous-ness, Be my
 3. I am lost if you take your hand from me, I am
 help me o - ver my weak - est hour. Help me through the
 aid when Sa - tan and sin op - press. I am put - ting
 blind with - out thy Light to see, Lord, just al - ways
 dark-ness thy face to see, Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 all my trust in thee. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.
 let me thy ser - vant be. Lead me, oh Lord, lead me.

D.C.

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

A brief silence.

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Gracious God, we pray for our public servants, that they do their work in a spirit of wisdom, charity, and justice. Inspire them to use their authority to serve faithfully and to promote our common life. Guide our leaders to govern in such a way that all people enjoy a peaceful and just society, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving;
for those affected by COVID-19;
for the outcast and all who await relief;
for those on our prayer list and those beloved ones we name before you now.....

A brief silence

....we ask that in the midst of suffering, your holy peace and mercy surround them, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, that God's steadfast love serves as a model for all relationships, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

In thanksgiving for our ancestors in the faith whose lives serve as an example of gospel living, that they point us to salvation through Christ, let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

Amen.

OFFERING

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LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

**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;
and 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,
forever and ever. Amen.**

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

SENDING PRAYER

P: God of all power and love, we give thanks for your unfailing presence and the hope you provide in times of uncertainty and loss. Send your Holy Spirit to enkindle in us your holy fire.

Revive us to live as Christ's body in the world:
a people who pray, worship, learn, break bread, share life, heal neighbors, bear good news, seek justice, rest and grow in the Spirit.

Wherever and however we gather,
unite us in common prayer and send us in common mission,
that we and the whole creation might be restored and renewed,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. C: **Amen.**

BLESSING

God the creator strengthen you;
 Jesus the beloved fill you;
 and the Holy Spirit the comforter † keep you in peace. **C: Amen.**

SENDING SONG – ELW 774

What a Fellowship, What a Joy Divine *Leaning on the Everlasting Arms*



1 What a fel - low-ship, what a joy di - vine, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 2 Oh, how sweet to walk in this pil - grim way, lean - ing on the ev - er -
 3 What have I to dread, what have I to fear, lean - ing on the ev - er -



last - ing arms; what a bless - ed - ness, what a peace is mine,
 last - ing arms; oh, how bright the path grows from day to day,
 last - ing arms? I have bless - ed peace with my Lord so near,

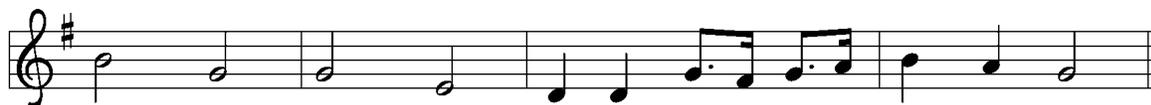


lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.
 lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Refrain



Lean - ing, lean - ing, safe and se - cure from all a - larms;



lean - ing, lean - ing, lean - ing on the ev - er - last - ing arms.

Text: Elisha A. Hoffman, 1839–1929
 Music: SHOWALTER, Anthony J. Showalter, 1858–1924

DISMISSAL

The Sending into Mission for the World

P: Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God.



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