



ORDER FOR WORSHIP

3rd Sunday after Epiphany

January 24, 2021

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.

*The Holy Spirit
calls us together
as the people of
God.*

WELCOME

PRAYER

PRELUDE

"You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore"

ELW 817

BIBLE BUNCH THEATRE

"Jesus Calls Peter"

GATHERING

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

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.

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.

WORD



SERMON

“Follow, Follow...”

HYMN OF THE DAY

“Christ Be Our Light”

ELW 715



1 Long - ing for light, we wait in dark - ness. Long - ing for
 2 Long - ing for peace, our world is trou - bled. Long - ing for
 3 Long - ing for food, man - y are hun - gry. Long - ing for
 4 Long - ing for shel - ter, man - y are home - less. Long - ing for
 5 Man - y the gifts, man - y the peo - ple, man - y the



truth, we turn to you. Make us your own,
 hope, man - y de - spair. Your word a - lone
 wa - ter, man - y still thirst. Make us your bread,
 warmth, man - y are cold. Make us your build - ing,
 hearts that yearn to be - long. Let us be ser - vants



your ho - ly peo - ple, light for the world to see.
 has pow'r to save us. Make us your liv - ing voice.
 bro - ken for oth - ers, shared un - til all are fed.
 shel - ter - ing oth - ers, walls made of liv - ing stone.
 to one an - oth - er, signs of your king - dom come.

Refrain



Christ, be our light! Shine in our hearts. Shine through the



dark - ness. Christ, be our light! Shine in your



church gath - ered to - day.

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THANKSGIVING

*In everything
Give
Thanks.
1 Thessalonians 5:18*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Join your voice to this Week of Prayer for Christian Unity.

LORD'S PRAYER

SHARING OF THE PEACE

OFFERING

SENDING

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

BLESSING

DISMISSAL

POSTLUDE

"They Cast Their Nets"

SENDING

LBW 449



ST. PHILIP'S LUTHERAN CHURCH

SERVING TODAY

The Rev. Tuula Van Gaasbeek	Pastor
Chris Ritcey-Conrad	Music Director
Dave Pascoe	Videographer
Aline Kouhi-Klemencic	Reader
No Fixed Address House Band	Hymn of the Day
Central Etobicoke Clergy	Prayers of the People
Julia & Andrew Taylor	The Lord's Prayer
Lauren Voorpostel	Additional Music, Ukulele
Congregational Council	Sending

IN OUR PRAYERS

Gus Berndt, Rodney Erlandson, Mary Hanslep, Al Jacksteit, Mark Kieswetter, Fran Moore, Marion Morningstar, Pat Penney, Julie Potocny, Lesley Powell, Sydney Ross, Helen Scollnik, and Elga Smidt.

PASS THE OFFERING PLATE PLEASE

Thanks for giving your offering regularly. Even while our doors are closed, our hearts and hands are open and busy. Our ministries need your support. Details for how to give are on stphilipstoronto.com/donate-now/.

WAYS TO BE INVOLVED

While we can't be in the building, there are still ways to stay involved and in community with others. Here are a few:

- Add your name to the readers for worship services: contact Pastor Tuula.
- Tuesday Bible Study via Zoom @ 7:00 pm
- Participate in the Virtual Worship: play an instrument or sing, read the Gospel, provide a Children's Message, lead the prayers, or tell a Faith Story. Or something else? Please contact Pastor Tuula.
- Join in the Virtual Coffee Hour @ 11:00 am on Sunday mornings.
- 50+ connecting in new ways in 2021! Watch for the next event. Contact Doris Pascoe for details.
- Starting in February: deliver Good Food Boxes for 6 weeks to 45 families and 25 seniors.