

## January 24<sup>th</sup> – Worship outline

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**Reflections:** Rev. Canon Susan Wells  
**Lay reader:** **Nancy Wood**  
**Moderator:** Peter Carr

### Welcome

**Opening hymn: #273 Sing of Andrew, John's Disciple** (v 2,3) (Powerpoint)

Sing of Andrew, called by Jesus  
from the shores of Galilee,  
leaving boats and nets and kindred,  
trusting in that "Follow me."  
When a lad's small meal fed thousands,  
when inquiring Greeks found care,  
when the Spirit came in blessing,  
Andrew faithfully was there.

Sing of Andrew, bold apostle,  
sent to make the gospel known,  
faithful to his Lord's example,  
called to make a cross his own.  
So may we who prize his memory  
honour Christ in our own day,  
bearing witness to our neighbours,  
living what we sing and pray.

### Call to Worship

Let us start this service well, by reminding ourselves: That it is not we who chose Christ,  
**but Christ who chose us,**

That we are not here because of our goodness

**but because of Christ's grace,**

That we are not here to enlighten ourselves,

**but to allow Christ to enlighten us,**

That we have not come to be entertained

**but to worship God with heart, soul, mind and strength.**

*~ written by Bruce Prewer, and posted on Bruce Prewer's Home page. <http://www.bruceprewer.com/>*

Holy One, God of all Creation, you call us to be your people, to carry your vision in this time and place, to go where you send us to help welcome your amazing good news. As we gather in the presence of the risen Christ to spread the news that your realm is near, fill us with your Holy Spirit, O God of all Creation. Fill us with your glorious Spirit, that we may share your good news with a world in need. **Amen.**

## **The Peace**

The Peace of Christ be always with you. And also with you.

Let us exchange a greeting of peace.

## **Collect**

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~ from "The Abingdon Worship Annual 2012" edited by Mary J. Scifres and B.J. Beu. Posted on the Worship Elements page of the Ministry Matters website. <http://www.ministrymatters.com/>

## **First reading: 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.

Hear what the spirit is saying to the people of God

Thanks be to God

## **Psalm 62:5-12**

For God alone my soul waits in silence, for my hope is from him. He alone is my rock and my salvation, my fortress; I shall not be shaken.

On God rests my deliverance and my honor; my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people; pour out your heart before him;

God is a refuge for us. Selah Those of low estate are but a breath, those of high estate are a delusion; in the balances they go up; they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion, and set no vain hopes on robbery; if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this: that power belongs to God, and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord. For you repay to all according to their work.

## **Gospel:**

The Lord be with you

And also with you

The holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark (1:14-20)

Glory to you Lord Jesus Christ

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.

The Gospel of Christ

Praise to you Lord Jesus Christ

**Reflections:** Rev. Canon Susan Wells

**Hymn: #430 Will You Come and Follow Me**

(Powerpoint)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GiXnbOORTAU>

### **Affirmation of Faith**

We are not alone, we live in God's world. We believe in God: who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new, who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the Church: to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in Creation, to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil, to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope. In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us. We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

*The United Church of Canada's Affirmation of Faith*

### **Prayers of the People**

**Bidding:** Direct us, Lord      **Response:** and we will follow

**Those in need:** Margaret, David, Wendy, Barbara, Alex, Michelle, Anne, George, Stephen, Jane, Sari, Paul, Marion, Gregg, Logan, Dianne, Ken, Bill, Pam, Ardene, Don, June, Rick C, Pearl, Karen, Dorothy, Patti, Steve, Nick, Jim, Judy, Karl.

**Those in our parish:** Linda & Mitch Banks, Beryl Batt, Kim Baylis, Barbara Beattie

**In the Niagara Diocese:** St. Paul, Caledonia, our parish of St. Elizabeth, our rector Susan, and our Bishop Susan Bell.

**In the World Wide Anglican Communion:** The Church of Bangladesh

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# THIRD SUNDAY OF EPIPHANY

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*Signs of glory lead us to believe  
in Jesus as Lord and Saviour.*

Drawn here by God,  
let us bring to him our concerns  
for the Church and the world.

We pray that the Church may be  
a vibrant sign of God's life  
in every generation and locality,  
serving, listening and loving,  
with the human face of ordinary people  
lit with the brightness of God.

*Silence*

Direct us, Lord:  
**and we will follow.**

We pray that the world's attention  
may be refocused on what is of lasting value;  
that in humility, all in authority  
may hear the real needs,  
honour them and act on them.

*Silence*

Direct us, Lord:  
**and we will follow.**

We pray that all the households  
and neighbourhoods represented here  
may be alerted to the signs of glory around them  
in the ordinary, daily miracles,  
and come to welcome Jesus as Lord.

*Silence*

Direct us, Lord:  
**and we will follow.**

We pray that all who are searching for God  
may realise his closeness to them;  
that wrong lives may be courageously righted,  
and damaged lives and attitudes mended.

*Silence*

Direct us, Lord:  
**and we will follow.**

We pray that the dying may turn to you  
and be safely led through that last journey  
to the peace and joy of eternal life.  
We pray that we may all one day experience God's heaven.

*Silence*

Direct us, Lord:  
**and we will follow.**

We pray that we may become increasingly aware  
of God's amazing love for each of us,  
until our hearts are overflowing  
with thankfulness and praise.

Merciful Father,  
accept these prayers  
for the sake of your Son,  
our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen.

### Lord's Prayer

**Our Father 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.**

### Children's Focus

**Hymn: Sent out in Jesus' Name**

(Powerpoint)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=dFukG02ABOI>

## **Blessing**

**Closing hymn: #432 Jesus Calls Us! O'er the Tumult (1,3,5) (Powerpoint)**

Jesus calls us! O'er the tumult  
of our life's wild restless sea,  
day by day his sweet voice soundeth,  
saying, "Christian, follow me!"

Jesus calls us from the worship  
of the vain world's golden store,  
from each idol that would keep us,  
saying "Christian, love me more."

Jesus calls us! By thy mercies,  
Saviour, may we hear thy call,  
give our hearts to thine obedience,  
serve and love thee best of all.

## **Dismissal**

**Jesus calls us to be fishers of people, to reach out and share the Gospel.**

We go to share the love we have shared here with others. Alleluia.