

***Worship Alive Plus!***

**Third Sunday after the Epiphany**

**Series A**

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Contemporary, blended, and “fresh traditional” worship.

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**Theme – “First Follow Jesus” (Matthew 4:12-23)**

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**✝ We Lift Our Hearts in Worship ✝**

[Preservice options include video countdowns, worship song videos, welcomes), CDs, or live music.]

**Welcome & Time of Greeting**

**Time of Praise and Worship**

**Forever Reign**

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**God of Miracles**

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**[Traditional Options]**

**Rise, Shine, You People**

ELW 665; HS 98 871; LBW 393; LSB 825; UMH 187; WAR 89

**Hail to the Lord's Anointed**

CHH 140; EH 616; ELW 311;LBW 87; LSB 398; LW 82; NCH 104; UMH 203

**Light of Light, O Sole Begotten**

LSB 914

**Invocation**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*The Lord is my light and my salvation.*

**Worshipers**

**Whom shall I fear? No one! For the Lord is the stronghold of my life. I shall not be afraid.**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*Though wars and rumors of wars surround us, we shall not fear.*

**Worshipers**

**May we dwell with Jesus forever and ever. May He shelter us from the storms of this life. May we follow Him ruthlessly put our faith in Him.**

**Opening Prayer / Theme Introduction**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*Jesus, You are the lover of our souls. We seek Your face, and we ask that You’d draw near to us now. Please don’t hide Your face from us, rather show us Your glory. This world leaves us forsaken, but You will never. Teach us Your ways as we learn to follow You.*

**Worshipers**

**In Jesus’ name we ask, amen.**

**Time of Confession and Forgiveness**

*[Alternate location: following Message]*

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*Who is faithful? Who is just?*

**Worshipers**

**The Lord is faithful and just. He is the only one.**

*Pastor/ Worship Leader*

*Who cleanses us from unrighteousness?*

**Worshipers**

**The Lord Jesus Christ washes us white as snow.**

*Pastor/ Worship Leader*

*Who are the sinners’ turned saints by the blood of Jesus?*

**Worshipers**

**We are! We are saved by grace through faith in Jesus, the forgiver of our sins, and the leader of our lives. We embrace His sacrifice, His redemption, and His faithfulness. Amen.**

**✝ We Hear God’s Word ✝**

[Read aloud both the introduction and Scripture]

**First Reading Isaiah 9:1-4**

*Jesus is the great light that shines in the darkness. He is the reason we rejoice as He carries our burdens for us.*

Nevertheless, there will be no more gloom for those who were in distress. In the past he humbled the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the future he will honor Galilee of the nations, by the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan—**2**The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of deep darkness a light has dawned. **3**You have enlarged the nation and increased their joy;  
they rejoice before you as people rejoice at the harvest, as warriors rejoice when dividing the plunder.  
**4**For as in the day of Midian’s defeat, you have shattered the yoke that burdens them, the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor.

**Second Reading 1 Corinthians 1:10-18**

*Division and strife within a church tear down and apart; unity in heart and mind brings the church together in fellowship with Jesus. Paul encouraged the church in Corinth to put away quarreling and to put on Christ.*

**10**I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree with one another in what you say and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be perfectly united in mind and thought. **11**My brothers and sisters, some from Chloe’s household have informed me that there are quarrels among you. **12**What I mean is this: One of you says, “I follow Paul”; another, “I follow Apollos”; another, “I follow Cephas”; still another, “I follow Christ.” **13**Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Were you baptized in the name of Paul? **14**I thank God that I did not baptize any of you except Crispus and Gaius, **15**so no one can say that you were baptized in my name. **16**(Yes, I also baptized the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I don’t remember if I baptized anyone else.) **17**For Christ did not send me to baptize, but to preach the gospel—not with wisdom and eloquence, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. **18**For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**Gospel Matthew 4:12-23**

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When Jesus heard that John had been put in prison, he withdrew to Galilee. **13**Leaving Nazareth, he went and lived in Capernaum, which was by the lake in the area of Zebulun and Naphtali— **14**to fulfill what was said through the prophet Isaiah: **15**“Land of Zebulun and land of Naphtali, the Way of the Sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—**16**the people living in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned.” **17**From that time on Jesus began to preach, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.” **18**As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew. They were casting a net into the lake, for they were fishermen. **19**“Come, follow me,” Jesus said, “and I will send you out to fish for people.” **20**At once they left their nets and followed him. **21**Going on from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John. They were in a boat with their father Zebedee, preparing their nets. Jesus called them, **22**and immediately they left the boat and their father and followed him. **23**Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, proclaiming the good news of the kingdom, and healing every disease and sickness among the people.

**Response Songs**

*[Alternate location: following Message]*

**I Will Follow**

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**If We Are The Body**

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**I Give You My Heart**

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**[Traditional Options]**

**O Christ Who Called the Twelve**

LSB 856

**Come Follow Me, The Savior Spoke**

ELW 799; LBW 455; LSB 688; LW 379

**In The Cross Of Christ I Glory**

BH 91 554; CH 328; CW 345; ELW 324;HFG 251; LBW 104; LSB 427; LW 101; NCH 193; PH 84; WC 209

**Message**

**“First Follow Jesus”**

*“Sermon Seasonings” provided at the end of this service*

**✝ We Respond to God’s Word ✝**

[Optional location for Confession/Absolution]

**Affirmation of Faith**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*With great joy, we proclaim our faith in God.*

**Worshipers**

**God is the Creator, Maker, Designer, and Architect of this universe. He fashioned and formed humankind in His image- we are His image bearers. He has always existed and will always exit. He has no beginning nor ending.**

**Jesus is our Lord and Savior who is both divine and human. He was sent by God to this earth to be born as a baby to a virgin named Mary. He was anointed by the Holy Spirit and was the Lamb of God led to the slaughter to pay for our sins. He died, resurrected, and will return again.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit of God who breathes out, “Come! Even so come, Lord Jesus!” We trust the Holy Spirit to guide us to the Father and the Son in all things. He makes the name of Jesus known and we worship Him in truth.**

*[Alternate Suggestions]*

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***-OR-***

*Speak the historic* **Apostles’ Creed***or***Nicene Creed**

**Offerings**

*[Choose an unused song from elsewhere in the service, or program Special Music by worship team, choir, or soloist]*

**✝ We Pray ✝**

**Prayers**

*[Worshipers appreciate the sincerity of informal, heartfelt prayer, in a simple prayer language they can use in daily life. These starters are offered to help facilitate spontaneity.]*

**Prayer Topic Starters**

* Peace and settlement for those in wars
* Prayer for salvation for the lost
* Pray for your city’s leaders to know Jesus and follow Him
* Pray for your pastors to live transparent, pure lives
* Ask the Lord His will for a certain area in your life

**The Lord’s Prayer**

*[Consider singing the Lord’s Prayer on occasion, acapella or with accompaniment]*

**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.**

*[A Communion option is provided for churches celebrating the Lord’s Supper]*

**✝ We Celebrate the Lord’s Supper ✝**

*Here our Lord gives to us His own Body and Blood for the forgiveness of all our sins.*

**We Prepare**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*Beloved, we rejoice in this holy celebration and remember that Jesus gave His life for us in our place on the cross. It should have been us hanging there on the tree, suffering for our own sins, but instead it was Christ. It was His love that put Him there, and it is His love that wraps us up in His arms and reminds us that we are free.*

**Worshipers**

**Through the broken body and shed blood of Jesus Christ, this meal nourishes our souls.**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*We thank you, Holy Jesus, for your provision and the redemption found in You. For on the night He was betrayed…*

**Words of Institution**

**Music During Communion**

**Well Done**

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**In Christ Alone**

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**[Traditional Options]**

**Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness**

CH 293; ELW 843; HS 98 881; LSB 849; STTL 214; WAR 93

**Your Hand, O Lord, In Days Of Old**

LBW 431; LSB 846;LW 399

**I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light**

CH 579; HS91 816; LSB 411; UMH 206; WC 539; WOV 649; WAR 248

**Dismissal Blessing**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*May knowing that the Lord has called you to follow Him put a fire in your soul.*

**Worshipers**

**Spur us on, Holy Spirit!**

**✝ We Depart in Peace ✝**

**Benediction**

*Pastor / Worship Leader*

*As Christ leads, may you follow and follow wholeheartedly.*

**Worshipers**

**Lead us, Jesus! Amen.**

**Closing Song**

**Jesus Saves**

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**[Traditional Options]**

**The People That In Darkness Sat**

LSB 412; LW 77

**Sing, My Tongue, the Glorious Battle**

EH 165; ELW 356; LBW 118; LSB 454; LW 117; NCH 220; RS 573; UMH 296; WC 228

**Lift High The Cross**

BH 91 594; CH 450; CHH 108; EH 473; ELW 660; HWC 304; HLC 141; LBW 377; LSB 837; LW 311; NCH 198; PH 371; STTL 237; WC 229; UMH 159; WAR 28; WHM 221

***SSS* – *S*ERMON *S*TARTERS & *S*EASONINGS**

*These ideas are intended to provide material and stimulus for your own creativity*

**“First Follow Jesus”**

**Matthew 4:12-23**

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**Theological Reflections and Practical Applications**

For the third time in Matthew, Jesus finds himself embracing a new hometown.

Jesus was born in Bethlehem. In doing so, prophecy was fulfilled (2:5-6).

The first move finds the family fleeing Bethlehem and Herod’s furor and arriving in Egypt.  In doing so, Jesus’ life emulates Moses’ journeys.

The second move allows the family to return to Israel after Herod’s demise.  However, the reign of his progeny leads the family to resettle in Nazareth.  In doing so, prophecy was fulfilled (2:23).

A third move brings Jesus to Capernaum.  In doing so, prophecy was fulfilled (4:14-16).

In other words, never are these moves rooted in human will.  Instead, Matthew argues, God has carefully orchestrated these geographical dislocations and thus imbued them with great significance.  What is that significance?

Perhaps here we get a glimpse of Jesus’ peripatetic existence.  From his earliest days through his adult life and ministry, Matthew’s Jesus is an itinerant preacher, a constant wanderer.  Jesus does not opt for the comforts of the familiar but embraces God’s call to find those who are in need of a word of God wherever they might live.

After all, this is the message of the prophecy.  God has promised to reach all the nations.  Light has reached those who formerly dwelled in darkness and death.  Jesus has come to them and, in a sense, become one of them by becoming their neighbor.  Moreover, Jesus’ first ministry locale is known as “Galilee of the Gentiles.”  Thus, from the first and in consonance with prophetic promise, Jesus ministers in an ethnically diverse land.

In an ever more mobile and diverse culture, Jesus’ moves are in some sense familiar to many of us.  The dislocation of a new place and new neighbors can be both thrilling and intimidating.  New surroundings can provide us a new start, a nearly blank slate that might allow us to recreate how others perceive and how we perceive ourselves.  New surroundings also can cause us to question every dimension of our selves.  Moving causes us to ask anew, “Who am I?”  The richness of diverse communities can help us understand others better but also ourselves.  In Matthew, Jesus’ peripatetic experiences must have shaped his perspective, helping him understand a community as both insider and outsider.

In Capernaum, Jesus picks up the proclamation of John.  John’s arrest in 4:12 marks a critical transition but not an entirely new path.  The basic proclamation of both is identical: “Repent for the kingdom of heaven is near” (3:2 and 4:17).  Later (10:7), Jesus will send his disciples to preach the same message.  At the same time, John himself promised that Jesus would be a more powerful and important figure in this story.  What is the shape of this reign of God?  How is Jesus uniquely bringing it about?

The power of Jesus’ call becomes quickly evident.  The call of his first followers is profoundly inspired.  Jesus doesn’t have to pitch the idea to these individuals, nor does he need to persuade them.  After all, each has little reason to leave their current way of life.  Each seemingly has a steady job and, more importantly, familial ties to their vocations as is emphasized in both call narratives.

At the same time, these are unlikely to be individuals of great social power or individual wealth.  These fishers are not among the elite of ancient culture.  Though Jesus’ disciples will play a vital function in the earliest days of the church, on this day they are utterly ordinary individuals called to an extraordinary task.  I imagine that they would not have completely understood what it would mean to become fishers of people at the moment, yet they follow without hesitation.  Many *came* to John *seeking* his baptism; here Jesus *calls* a small cadre to *follow* his itinerant path of preaching and healing.

Having begun to assemble his disciples, Jesus turns to his work.  He teaches in the synagogues.  He pronounces “the good news of the kingdom.”  He makes the sick and infirmed whole.  These will be the defining characteristics of Jesus’ daily labors in Matthew.  Teaching, proclaiming the kingdom, and healing are integrated components of his ministry, not discrete pieces.

“Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”  Spoken nearly two millennia ago, how does this promise now to function for us today?  Is the kingdom of heaven still drawing near even today?  It is vital to observe the close connection of preaching, teaching, and healing in Jesus’ ministry.  The proclamation of the kingdom is not solely verbal, not just a teaching but a series of actions designed to bring wholeness to individuals and communities.

The reign of God has dawned not only because Jesus spoke it into existence but also because he was willing to heal the sick and make whole the broken.  Thus, it is not a point of embarrassment for us that Jesus proclaimed the dawning of God’s direct rule over the world so very long ago, for he believed deeply and enacted powerfully God’s reshaping of the world.

Two millennia hence, we too can announce that the kingdom has arisen.  The work of proclamation, teaching, and healing that Jesus inaugurates in this ethnic hotbed called Galilee has continued throughout the centuries.  In fact, Jesus’ closing word in Matthew commands the continuation of this life-giving work.

How then are we to proclaim today, “Repent for the kingdom of heaven has come near”?  Unfortunately, for many people today, such utterance is characteristic of the wild-eyed preacher who has lost contact with reality.  Perhaps, these few verses proclaimed this Sunday can help remind us of Jesus’ life-giving words and deeds.  Perhaps, these few verses proclaimed this Sunday can help remind us to proclaim the drawing near of God’s reign not as a threat but a life-giving promise.

**Source:** Eric Barreto, <https://www.workingpreacher.org/commentaries/revised-common-lectionary/third-sunday-after-epiphany/commentary-on-matthew-412-23>

**Quotations**

“A true Christian lives and labors on earth not for himself but for his neighbor. Therefore the whole spirit of his life impels him to do even that which he needs not do, but which is profitable and necessary for his neighbor.” -Martin Luther

“We are never short on opportunities to answer the call to assist the widows, support the homeless, stand up for justice, and to preach Christ crucified and resurrected. That is the true calling of ever believer.” -Andrena Sawyer

“It’s important to understand that at every point of opposition to who we are or to what God has called us to do, we are presented with the options of either conforming and giving in, or standing our ground and becoming stronger in who God has made us to be.” -Gabriel Wilson

“A disciple of Jesus Christ is a visible verbal follower of Jesus Christ at the expense of the ones and things that they hold dear. It’s that serious.” -Kingsley Opuwari Manuel

“Radical obedience to Christ may risk your position, profession, and possession. All the risk we take and all the sufferings we go through are nothing, when we consider the reward which God has kept for us.” -Prasanth Jonathan

**Illustrations**

Mark Batterson said in his book: “All In” – “Most people in most churches think they are following Jesus, but I’m not so sure. They may think they are following Jesus, but the reality is this: they have invited Jesus to follow them.”

Too many times I want Jesus to follow me, to serve my purposes, to do my will. But I want you to join me in saying: “God, I want you to revive my life. I want to follow you. Help me to get out of the way. Navigate my life into following your will.”

**Source: David Simpson,** [**https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/84259/following-jesus-by-david-simpson**](https://www.sermoncentral.com/sermon-illustrations/84259/following-jesus-by-david-simpson)

FOLLOWING GARIBALDI AND FOLLOWING JESUS

Garibaldi, the great Italian military hero from the 19th century, raised an incredibly committed volunteer army. His appeal for recruits was rather unique as he offered only these terms: "I offer neither pay, nor quarters, nor provisions; I offer hunger, thirst, forced marches, battles and death. Let him who loves his country with his heart and not with his lips only, follow me!"

Garibaldi is NOT the first make such an offer! The Son of God came to earth, to bring salvation and train up disciples to carry the Gospel of Salvation to the world. Jesus invites you to be His disciple, but His invitation is for YOU to join HIM! It is NOT a request by Him to join you where you are... Jesus lets us know up front that there is a disciplined commitment that is going to cost you everything. The road walking with Jesus IS not going to be easy. To paraphrase Garibaldi, "Let him who loves the Lord with his heart and not with his lips only, be Jesus' disciple!"

(From a sermon by Bobby Stults, Followship - The Essence of TRUE Fellowship, 11/6/2010)

**Video Resources**

The 10-Second Rule: Following Jesus Made Simple

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=4H93KSW2u0U>

The Chosen: Jesus Calls Peter

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**HYMNAL CODES**

**BH75** Baptist Hymnal *(1975)*

**BH91** Baptist Hymnal *(1991)*

**CH** Celebration Hymnal *(Word)*

**CHH** Chalice Hymnal *(Chalice)*

**EH** Episcopal Hymnal *(1982)*

**ELW** Evangelical Lutheran Worship *(Augsburg)*

**HPW** Hymns for Praise and Worship *(Word)*

**HFG** Hymns for the Family of God *(Paragon)*

**HLC** Hymns for the Living Church *(Hope)*

**HGP** Hymns of Glorious Praise *(Gospel Pub House)*

**HSP** Hymns of the Spirit *(Pathway)*

**HS98** Hymnal Supplement 1998 *(Concordia)*

**HWC**Hymnal for Worship & Celebration *(Word)*

**LBW** Lutheran Book of Worship *(Augsburg)*

**LSB** Lutheran Service Book *(Concordia)*

**LW** Lutheran Worship *(Concordia)*

**NCH** New Century Hymnal *(Pilgrim Press)*

**PH** Presbyterian Hymnal *(1990)*

**RH** Rejoice Hymnal *(Tempo)*

**RS** Ritual Song *(G.I.A.)*

**STTL** Sing To The Lord *(Lillenas)*

**TFWS** The Faith We Sing *(Methodist supplement)*

**UMH** United Methodist Hymnal *(1989)*

**WC** The Worshipping Church *(Hope)*

**WOV** With One Voice *(Augsburg)*

**WAR** *Worship and Rejoice (Hope)*

**WHM** *Worship His Majesty (Gaither)*

**WIS** *Worship in Song (Lillenas)*