

Sunday 22nd. January, 2023 11.00 am

The Third Sunday after Epiphany

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Welcome & Intimations

Introit

Call to Worship

Hymn 533 Will you come and follow me

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?

Will you love the 'you' you hide
if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside
and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found
to reshape the world around
through my sight and touch and sound
in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true
when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you
and never be the same.

In your company I'll go
where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and live and grow
in you and you in me.

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Call to Prayer

Prayer of Approach and Confession

Children's Address

Hymn 340 When Jesus saw the fishermen

1 When Jesus saw the fishermen
in boats upon the sea,
he called to them, 'Come, leave your nets
and follow, follow me'.

They followed where he healed the sick
and gave the hungry bread,
and others joined then as they went
wherever Jesus led.

2 And now his friends are everywhere;
the circle once so small
extends around the whole wide world,
for Jesus calls us all.
In this great circle we belong,
wherever we may be,
if we will answer when he calls,
Come, follow, follow me'.

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Isaiah 9:1-4

Hymn 721 We lay our broken world

1. We lay our broken world
in sorrow at your feet,
haunted by hunger, war and fear,
oppressed by power and hate.
2. Here human life seems less
than profit, might and pride,
though to unite us all in you,
you lived and loved and died.
3. We bring our broken towns,
our neighbours hurt and bruised;
you show us how old pain and wounds
for new life can be used.
4. We bring our broken loves,
friends parted, families torn;
then in your life and death we see
that love must be reborn.

5. We bring our broken selves,
confused and closed and tired;
then through your gift of healing grace
new purpose is inspired.

6. Come Spirit, on us breathe,
with life and strength anew;
find in us love, and hope, and trust,
and lift us up to you.
Anna Briggs(b.1947)

1 Corinthians 1:10-18

St. Matthew 4:12-23

Anthem

Sermon

The Offering (& Sung Doxology: Hymn 807)

Prayer of Intercession & The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father which art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy Name.
Thy Kingdom come.
Thy will be done in earth, as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:
For thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for
ever. Amen.**

Hymn 459 Crown him with many crowns,

- 1 Crown him with many crowns,
 the Lamb upon his throne;
Hark! how the heavenly anthem drowns
 all music but its own:
 Awake, my soul, and sing
 of him who died for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless King
 through all eternity.

- 2 Crown him the Lord of life,
 who triumphed o'er the grave,
 who rose victorious in the strife,
 for those he came to save:
 his glories now we sing,
 who died and rose on high,
 who died eternal life to bring,
 and lives that death may die.

- 3 Crown him the Lord of Love!
 Behold his hands and side,
 rich wounds yet visible above
 in beauty glorified:
 All hail, Redeemer, hail!
 for thou hast died for me:
thy praise shall never, never fail
 throughout eternity.

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Benediction

Choral Amen (3-fold)