**St. Mark’s Worship Sunday January 24, 2021**

**Welcome to our Online Worship**

**Prelude**

**Welcome and Call To Worship**

***Opening Song – We Are Called Verse 1-3 ELW 720***

Come! Live in the light!

Shine with the joy and the love of the Lord!

We are called to be light for the kingdom,

to live in the freedom of the city of God.

We are called to act with justice,

we are called to love tenderly;

we are called to serve one another,

to walk humbly with God.

Come! Open your heart!

Show your mercy to all those in fear!

We are called to be hope for the hopeless

So hatred and blindness will be no more.

**Mission Statement**

**“**Celebrating God’s Love and Forgiveness, We serve others”

**Confession and Forgiveness**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, ☩ one God,

whose voice is upon the waters,

whose mercy is poured out upon all people,

whose goodness cascades over all creation.

**Amen.**

Let us confess our sin, trusting in the abundant grace of God.

*Silence is kept for reflection.*

Holy God,

**you search us and know us.**

**You are acquainted with all our ways.**

**We confess that our hearts are burdened by sin—**

**our own sins and the broken systems that bind us.**

**We turn inward, failing to follow**

**your outward way of love.**

**We distrust those who are not like us.**

**We exploit the earth and its resources**

**and fail to consider generations to come.**

**Forgive us, gracious God,**

**for all we have done and left undone.**

**Even before the words are on our tongues,**

**you know them;**

**receive them in your divine mercy.**

**Amen.**

How vast is God’s grace!

Through the power and promise of ☩ Christ Jesus,

our sins are washed away

and we are claimed as God’s own beloved.

Indeed, we are forgiven.

In the wake of God’s forgiveness,

we are called to be the beloved community

living out Christ’s justice

and the Spirit’s reconciling peace.

**Amen.**

**Greeting**

From the one who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty; grace, light, and peace be with you all.

**And also with you.**

***Hymn of Praise – Heaven Is Singing for Joy Verse 1-3 ELW 664***

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,

For in your life and mine

Is shining the glory of God.

*Refrain*

Alleluia, alleluia!

Alleluia, alleluia!

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,

For your life and mine

Unite in the love of our God. Refrain

Heaven is singing for joy, alleluia,

For your life and mine

Will always bear witness to God. *Refrain*

**Prayer of the Day**

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.

**Amen.**

**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.

***Hymn of the Day – You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Verse 1, 2 ELW 817***

### You have come down to the lakeshore

### Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy,

### But only asking for me to follow.

### *Refrain*

### *Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;*

### *Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.*

### *On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;*

### *Now with you, I will seek other seas.*

### You know full well what I have, Lord:

### Neither treasure nor weapons for conquest,

### Just these my fish nets and will for working. *Refrain*

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### Psalm 62: 5-12

God alone is my rock and my salvation. (Ps. 62:6)

5For God alone I wait in silence;

 truly, my hope is in God.

6God alone is my rock and my salvation,

 my stronghold, so that I shall never be shaken.

7In God is my deliverance and my honor;

 God is my strong rock and my refuge.

8Put your trust in God always, O people,

 pour out your hearts before the one who is our refuge. R

9Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath; those of low estate cannot be trusted.

 Placed on the scales together they weigh even less than a breath.

10Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride;

 though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

11God has spoken once, twice have I heard it,

 that power belongs to God.

12Steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord,

 for you repay all according to their deeds.

 **“Alleluia”**

**Alleluia. Lord to whom shall we go?**

**You have the words of eternal life.**

**Alleluia.**

The Holy Gospel according to Mark.

**Glory to you, O Lord.**

**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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

**Praise to you, O Christ**

**Sermon** Pastor Karla Halvorson

***Hymn of the Day Cont’d – You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore Verse 3-4 ELW 817***

You need my hands, my exhaustion,

Working love for the rest of the weary--

A love that's willing to go on loving. *Refrain*

### *Refrain*

### *Sweet Lord, you have looked into my eyes;*

### *Kindly smiling, you've called out my name.*

### *On the sand I have abandoned my small boat;*

### *Now with you, I will seek other seas.*

You who have fished other waters;

You, the longing of souls that are yearning:

O loving Friend, you have come to call me. *Refrain*

**Prayers of Intercession**

Leader: Let us pray.

**Congregation: Have mercy, O God.**

**Blessing of prayer quilts**

**Offering**

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***Offering Song – Praise and Thanksgiving Verse 1 ELW 689***

Praise and thanksgiving, God, we would offer

For all things living, you have made good:

Harvest of sown fields, fruits of the orchard,

Hay from the mown fields, blossom and wood.

**OFFERING PRAYER**

O God, receive these gifts as you receive us: like a mother receives her child, with arms open wide. Nourish us anew in your tender care, and empower us in faithful service to tend to others with this same love, through Jesus Christ, our saving grace. **Amen.**

**The 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.**

**Community Time**

**Blessing**

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

***Sending Song – We Are Marching in the Light Verse 1-2 ELW 866***

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching in the light of God,

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

We are marching in the light of God.

We are marching, (marching, we are marching, marching,)

We are marching in the light of God.

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

**Thanks be to God.**

**Share the Peace of the Lord in the comments below!**