

Order for the Public Worship of God
January 24, 2021
3rd Sunday after Epiphany
11:00 AM Worship Service

WE COME TO WORSHIP

OPENING VOLUNTARY

“Improvisation on ST. DENIO”
(based on the tune of the first hymn, #297)

Michael Burkhardt

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO WORSHIP

John L. Bell

*“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?”*

*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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PRAYER OF THE DAY

HYMN #297
(stanzas 1,3,4)

“In Christ Called to Baptize”

ST. DENIO

**In Christ called to baptize, we witness to grace
and gather a people from each land and race.
In deep flowing waters, we share in Christ’s death,
then, rising to new life, give thanks with each breath.**

**In Christ called to witness, by grace we will preach
a life giving gospel; God’s love we will teach.
By grace may our living give proof to our praise
in costly compassion reflecting Christ’s way.**

**Unite us, anoint us, O Spirit of love,
For you are within us, around us, above.
Equip us for service with gifts you bestow.
In Christ is our calling. In Christ may we grow.**

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(Together)*

Almighty and loving God, we praise You for everything You have done for us. Have mercy on our feeble efforts to make our lives match our beliefs. When we fail, in your grace pick us up and give us the commitment and courage to try again to live into your love and to live up to Your expectation of us. May the life and teaching of Jesus be-come the measure by which we assess each day’s events and opportunities. Strengthen our intention to live faithfully and responsibly as followers of Jesus in today’s anguished and divided world. And it means the world to us to know that you hear and accept our prayers, through Jesus Christ our risen Lord. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

GLORIA PATRI

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.**

SOLO

“Lord of the Dance”

arr. Mark Hayes

Stephanie Carson, Soloist

*I danced in the morning when the world was begun,
and I danced in the moon and the stars and the sun,
And I came down from heaven and I danced on the earth;
at Bethlehem I had my birth.*

Dance, then, wherever you may be; I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.

*And I'll lead you all, wherever you may be,
and I'll lead you all in the dance, said he.*

*I danced for the scribe and the Pharisee,
but they would not dance and they wouldn't follow me;
I danced for the fisherman, for James and John;
they came with me and the dance went on.*

*I danced on the Sabbath and I cured the lame,
the holy people said it was a shame;
They whipped and they stripped and they hung me high,
and they left me there on a cross to die.*

*I danced on a Friday when the sky turned black;
it's hard to dance with the devil on your back;
They buried my body and they thought I'd gone,
but I am the dance and I still go on.*

*They cut me down and I leapt up high, I am the life that'll never, never die;
I'll live in you if you'll live in me: I am the Lord of the Dance, said he.*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE & THE LORD'S PRAYER

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 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, forever. Amen.

CALL TO OFFERING

HYMN #720

“Jesus Calls Us”

GALILEE

(stanzas 1,4)

**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: by thy mercies, Savior, may we hear thy call,
Give our hearts to thy obedience, serve and love thee best of all.**

WE GROW IN THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 1:14-20 (NRSV)

SERMON

“Grace Responders”

Paul Means, Associate Pastor

WE GO OUT TO SERVE

HYMN #649

“Amazing Grace”

AMAZING GRACE

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.**

**‘Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed.**

**Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
‘Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.**

**The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.**

**When we’ve been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
We’ve no less days to sing God’s praise than when we’d first begun.**

BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

“Te Deum Laudamus”
(We Praise You, God)

Dietrich Buxtehude
(1637-1707)

Stephanie Carson, Music Director
Tom Huffman, Organist & Associate Music Director

In Christ Called to Baptize 297

1 In Christ called to bap - tize, we wit - ness to grace
 2 In Christ called to ban - quet, one ta - ble we share,
 3 In Christ called to wit - ness, by grace we will preach
 4 U - nite us, a - noint us, O Spir - it of love,

and gath - er a peo - ple from each land and race.
 a ha - ven of wel - come, a cir - cle of care.
 the life - giv - ing gos - pel; God's love we will teach.
 for you are with - in us, a - round us, a - bove.

In deep, flow - ing wa - ters, we share in Christ's death,
 Al - though we are man - y, we share in one bread.
 By grace may our liv - ing give proof to our praise
 E - quip us for ser - vice with gifts you be - stow.

then, ris - ing to new life, give thanks with each breath.
 One cup of thanks - giv - ing pro - claims Christ, our head.
 in cost - ly com - pas - sion re - flect - ing Christ's ways.
 In Christ is our call - ing. In Christ may we grow.

Written for use at the 1997 meeting of the Lutheran World Federation, this text about Christian vocation and ministry organizes the first three stanzas around verbs: baptize, banquet, witness. The final stanza is a prayer for the Spirit's gifts to empower all these callings.

TEXT: Ruth Duck, 1995

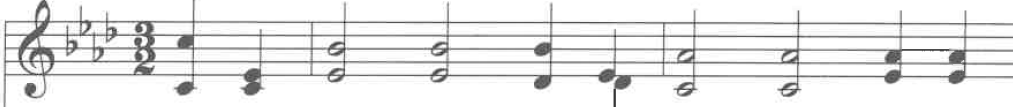
MUSIC: Welsh folk melody; adapt. in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

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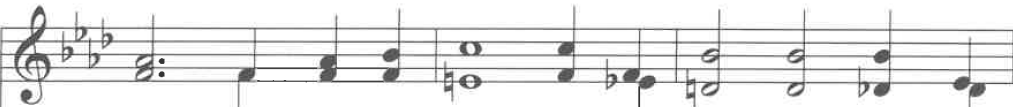
ST. DENIO
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Jesus Calls Us


720



1 Je - sus calls us: o'er the tu - mult of our
 2 Je - sus calls us from the wor - ship of the
 3 In our joys and in our sor - rows, days of
 4 Je - sus calls us: by thy mer - cies, Sav - ior,

life's wild, rest - less sea; day by day his sweet voice
 vain world's gold - en store, from each i - dol that would
 toil and hours of ease, still he calls, in cares and
 may we hear thy call, give our hearts to thy o -




sound - eth say - ing, "Chris - tian, fol - low me."
 keep us, say - ing, "Chris - tian, love me more."
 plea - sures, "Chris - tian, love me more than these."
 be - dience, serve and love thee best of all.



Like many hymns that adults have come to cherish, this text based on Jesus' calling of the disciple Andrew was written for a 19th-century collection of hymns for children. The popular tune used here was composed for these words more than a quarter of a century later.

649 Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound

1 A - maz - ing grace, how sweet the sound, that
 2 'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and
 3 Through man - y dan - gers, toils, and snares, I
 4 The Lord has prom - ised good to me; his
 5 When we've been there ten thou - sand years, bright

saved a wretch like me! I once was lost, but
 grace my fears re - lieved. How pre - cious did that
 have al - read - y come. 'Tis grace has brought me
 word my hope se - cures. He will my shield and
 shin - ing as the sun, we've no less days to

now am found, was blind, but now I see.
 grace ap - pear the hour I first be - lieved!
 safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.
 por - tion be as long as life en - dures.
 sing God's praise than when we'd first be - gun.

CHOCTAW

Shilombish holitopa ma!
 Ishmminti pulla cha
 hatak ilbusha pia ha
 is pi yukpalashke.

CREEK

Po ya fek cha he thlat ah tet
 ah non ah cha pa kas
 cha fee kee o funnan la kus
 um e ha ta la yus.

NAVAHO

Nizhónítgo joobá diits' a'
 yisdáshítínigítí,
 lah yóóiyá, k'ad
 shénáhoosdzin,
 doo eesh'íí da nt'ée.

As was his custom, the author wrote this hymn to accompany his sermon on 1 Chronicles 17:16-17, preached on January 1, 1773; he called it "Faith's Review and Expectation." Much of its current popularity comes from this now-familiar tune, an association that began in 1835.

TEXT: Stanzas 1-4, John Newton, 1772; stanza 5, *A Collection of Sacred Ballads*, 1790; Navaho, Albert Tsosie
 MUSIC: *Columbian Harmony*, 1829; arr. Edwin O. Excell, 1910, alt.

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