

PRINCE OF PEACE

GOD
Holds
the world
in his hands



Welcome and Concerns of the Church

Introduction: As we continue through the time after Epiphany, accounts of the call to follow Jesus highlight our own baptismal call to show forth Christ to the world. Jesus begins to proclaim the good news and calling people to repent right after John the Baptist is arrested for preaching in a similar way. John was later executed, showing what can be the real cost of living as a disciple of Jesus. Even so, those two sets of brothers stand up to follow Jesus and fish for people. In the midst of life that sometimes feels as fleeting as breath, we put our trust in the One who, indeed, is holding our lives.

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.
You are forgiven. God is holding your life. In that gift of God's forgiveness
we are called to be the beloved community living our Christ's justice
and the Spirit's reconciling peace.
Amen.

May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

Prayer of the Day

Let us pray. 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.

Children's Moment

First Reading: Jonah 3.1-5,10 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

Conversion of Nineveh

3 The 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.” ³ 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. ⁴ Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, “Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!” ⁵ And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

¹⁰ 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.

Psalm: 62.5-12 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

⁵ For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.

**⁶He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.**

⁷ On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

**⁸Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us. *Selah***

⁹ 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.

**¹⁰Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.**

¹¹ Once God has spoken; twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,

**¹²and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all according to their work.**

Gospel: Mark 1.14-20 (*New Revised Standard Edition*)

The Beginning of the Galilean Ministry

¹⁴ Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news^[a] of God,^[b] ¹⁵ and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near;^[c] repent, and believe in the good news.”^[d]

Jesus Calls the First Disciples

¹⁶ 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. ¹⁷ And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” ¹⁸ And immediately they left their nets and followed him. ¹⁹ As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. ²⁰ Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Message

Song: “ You Have Come Down to the Lakeshore” 817 Cesareo Gabarain 1936-91;

Madeleine Forell Marshall b. 1946; Pescador De Hombres 8 10 10 and refrain

1. You have come down to the lakeshore
Seeking neither the wise nor the wealthy
But only asking for me to follow. **Ref.**

2. You know full well what I have Lord
neither treasure nor weapons for conquest
just these my fish nets and will for working. **Ref.**

3. You need my hands, my exhaustion
Working love for the rest of the weary,
A love that's willing to go on loving. **Ref.**

4. You who have fished other waters
you the longing of souls thar are yearning
O loving Friend, you have come to call me. **Ref.**

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.

Apostles Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.

**He was conceived by the power of the holy Spirit
and born of the virgin Mary.**

**He suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried.**

He descended into hell.

**On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.**

He will come again to judge the living and the dead

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

**the holy catholic Church the communion of saints,
the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body,
and the life everlasting.**

Amen.

The Peace

Announcements

In January and February you can watch our worship services on Facebook each Sunday at 9:30 AM. We hope to be able to gather together safely later in the New Year! In the meantime, stay home, stay warm and stay safe!

POP Annual meeting will take place January 31 at noon on Zoom. You will receive a link by email. Reports will be sent in pdf format by email or postal mail if you prefer. Thank you!

The 2021 POP envelopes are here! If you would like to receive yours by mail, please email the office with your preferred address Attention Donna at princeofpeacebrockton@gmail.com or dplouffe16@gmail.com thank you!

Bible study on Wednesday 10 am Live or taped on our facebook page.

“New” Thirsty Thursday video also on facebook. Send in your pics by Tuesday check in for the theme of the week.

Prayers of Intercession

Guided by Christ made known to the nations, let us offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all who are in need.

Sing Response: God is holding your life, God is holding your life, God is holding your life, we believe. (sing twice)

For the church throughout the world, for pastors and teachers, for deacons and deaconesses, and for musicians and servers, that all proclaim the good news of God's reconciling love,

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For skies and seas, for birds and fish, for favorable weather and clean water, and for the well-being of creation, that God raise up advocates and scientists to guide our care for all the earth,

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For those who are sick, distressed, or grieving; for the outcast and all who await relief (*especially*), that in the midst of suffering, God's peace and mercy surround them,

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

For our congregation and community, for families big and small, and for the organizations that meet here during the week, that God's steadfast love serve as a model for all relationships,

Let us pray. **Have mercy, O God.**

Merciful God, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the one who dwells among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.

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The Lord's Prayer

Blessing:

May God, the creator strengthen you;

Jesus the beloved fill you;

And the Holy Spirit, the comforter, keep you in peace.

Go in the knowledge that

God is holding your life

You are not alone.

You are loved. **Amen.**

Hymn: "We Are Called" 720 David Haas, b. 1957; We are Called Irregular ;copyright 1988 GIA Publications

1. 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. *Ref.*

2. 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. *Ref.*

3. Sing, Sing a new song
Sing of that great day
When all will be one
God will reign and we'll
Walk with each other
As sisters and brothers
.....united in love. *Ref.*

Refrain:

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.

Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God!

Thanks for joining us!

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