

# Third Sunday after the Epiphany, Year B

**Color:** Green

**Scriptures:** [Scripture linked to NRSV at Oremus Bible Browser]

[Jonah 3:1-5, 10](#) (God sends Jonah to preach repentance, forgiveness)

[Psalm 62:5-12](#) (God, our rock and salvation)

[1 Corinthians 7:29-31](#) (Living with the end in sight)

[Mark 1:14-20](#) (The calling of the disciples at the sea)

**Themes:** Listening, Calling, Rock of Salvation, Preparation, Discipleship

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## HYMN SUGGESTIONS

Hymn Suggestions link to [Hymnary.org](http://Hymnary.org), a searchable resource with a wealth of information. The tunes listed here are the ones most commonly associated with the texts, and the biblical/thematic references suggest the hymn's association with the morning's scriptures or themes.

<a href="#">Be Thou My Vision</a> (SLANE) .....	1 Corinthians
<a href="#">Come, Ye Sinners, Poor and Needy</a> (RESTORATION) .....	Jonah, 1 Corinthians, Mark
<a href="#">Give Me Jesus</a> (GIVE ME JESUS) .....	1 Corinthians
<a href="#">Go Tell the World!</a> (SINE NOMINE) .....	Jonah, Mark
<a href="#">Here I Am, Lord</a> (HERE I AM, LORD).....	Jonah, Mark
<a href="#">How Can I Keep From Singing</a> (ENDLESS SONG) .....	Psalms
<a href="#">How Firm a Foundation</a> (FOUNDATION).....	Psalms
<a href="#">I Have Decided to Follow Jesus</a> (ASSAM).....	Mark
<a href="#">I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light</a> (HOUSTON) .....	Mark
<a href="#">Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult</a> (GALILEE) .....	Mark
<a href="#">Jesus, Lover of My Soul</a> (ABERYSTWYTH).....	Psalms
<a href="#">Jesus Shall Reign</a> (DUKE STREET).....	Jonah, Mark
<a href="#">Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore</a> (PESCADOR DE HOMBRES) .....	Jonah, Mark
<a href="#">The Solid Rock</a> (SOLID ROCK) .....	Psalms
<a href="#">We Have Heard the Joyful Sound</a> (JESUS SAVES; LIMPSFIELD).....	Jonah, Mark
<a href="#">Will You Come and Follow Me</a> (KELVINGROVE).....	John

# ANTHEMS

*E = Easy, M = Moderate, D = Difficult*

**All My Hope On God Is Founded** – ME ..... Psalms  
*MICHAEL*, Herbert Howells/John Rutter, ed.  
© 2017, Oxford University Press, 9780193415942  
SATB, Organ

**The Call (Two Fishermen)** – E..... Mark  
Suzanne Toolan  
© 1971, GIA Publications, G-5326  
SATB, Keyboard

**Come Follow Me Forever** – E ..... Mark  
Johann Michael Haydn/Patrick Liebergen, arr.  
© 2001, GIA Publications, G-5387  
2-Part Mixed, Organ, Flute

**For You Alone, O God, I Wait** – ME..... Psalms  
*DETROIT* and *BROTHER JAMES' AIR*/Andrew Birling, arr.  
© 2018, Augsburg Fortress, 978-1-5064-4716-2  
SAB, Piano

**Go Forth and Preach the Gospel** – E..... Jonah, Mark  
*ELLACOMBE*/James Chepponis, arr.  
© 2009, MorningStar Music, 50-6005  
Unison (or SATB), Organ, Brass (4)

**How Lovely Are the Messengers** – MD... Jonah, Mark  
Felix Mendelssohn (from *St. Paul*)  
Various publishers, CPDL #06824  
SATB, Keyboard

**Jesus Calls Us O'er the Tumult** – E ..... Mark  
Deborah Holden-Holloway  
© 1996, Selah Publishing, 410-304  
SAB, Drum, Recorder, Tambourine

**Lead Me, Lord** – E..... Psalms, Mark  
Samuel Sabastian Wesley/Fred Bock, arr.  
© 1982, Fred Bock Music, B-G0191  
SATB, Keyboard

**Lord, You Call Us** – E..... Mark  
Marty Haugen/Michael Burkhardt, arr.  
© 2012, MorningStar Music, 50-7800  
SATB (or SSA), Organ, opt. Handbells (12 bells)

**Plenty Good Room** – E ..... Jonah, Mark  
Negro Spiritual/Rob Glover, arr.  
© 2004, GIA Publications, G-6087  
SATB, a cappella (opt. Piano)

– YOUTH and CHILDREN –

**Elijah Rock** – MD..... Psalms  
Negro Spiritual/Victor C. Johnson, arr.  
© 2020, Choristers Guild, CGA 384  
SAB, a cappella

**Halle, Hallelujah** – E ..... Psalms  
Trad. Caribbean Tune/John Michniewicz, arr.  
© 1995, Choristers Guild, CGA 711  
Unison/opt. 2-Part, Piano, opt. Percussion

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## ADDITIONAL MATERIAL (Prayers, Poems, Quotes & Liturgies)

*Dear God,*

*We want to find, to be, a stillness that isn't worried about "wasting" time, that is simple-minded enough to believe that if we sit still and listen, you will speak.*

— MADELEINE L'ENGLE, *A Prayerbook for Spiritual Friends*

*It certainly is a descending road that Jesus asks you to follow, but it seems very important that you do not focus on results, accomplishments or success but first of all on the Lord, who wants you to be faithful even when darkness surrounds you.*

— HENRI J.M. NOUWEN, *Dear Henri: Letters On the Spiritual Life*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(Based on Psalm 62)*

For God alone our souls wait in silence.

**Our hope comes from God.**

God is our rock and our salvation; we shall not be shaken.

**Our mighty rock, our refuge is in God.**

Trust in God at all times, pour out your heart before the Lord.

**God is a refuge for us.**

Power belongs to God.

**And steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.**

— Kory Wilcoxson\*

OPENING PRAYER

Holy God, we know you as our Creator and our Sustainer. We come before you to give you thanks for all the ways you bless our lives. Thank you for providing a sanctuary for us; we are grateful for this safe space. Receive this worship as our way of praising and honoring your holy name. Amen.

— KW

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*The object of our discipleship is not to “do right,” but to love God.*

— SISTER JANE, SLG, *Loving God Whatever*

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Inclusive God, you have given your word of grace and salvation to everyone who listens, and yet we think we know who is worthy and who is not. We have spoken your word to those we love, but we withhold it from the Ninevites among us. Our selfishness has betrayed the radical grace you have extended and we have spurned your call to go to those whom we don't deem fit to receive it. Amen.

— KW

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*The place God calls you to is the place where your deep gladness and the world's deep hunger meet.*

— FREDERICK BUECHNER, *Wishful Thinking: A Theological ABC*

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God extends grace each and every day, giving us a chance to redeem ourselves from our own mistakes. God's call is renewed every time we open our eyes. We are grateful that God accepts us for who we are and offers us the opportunity to be more faithful today than we were yesterday. Know that you are loved and forgiven by our most gracious God.

— KW

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### HYMN: "I HEARD THE VOICE OF JESUS SAY"

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;  
Lay down, O weary one, lay down your head upon my breast."  
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;  
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give  
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down, and drink, and live."  
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;  
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's light;  
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."  
I looked to Jesus, and I found in him my star, my sun;  
And in that light of life I'll walk till trav'ling days are done.

— HORATIUS BONAR, *Hymns Original and Selected*, 1846

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## CHARGE AND BEDICTION

Go from this place listening. Listen for the call of God in the voice of stranger, neighbor, and friend. Listen for the call of God in your home, work, or marketplace. Be listening anyplace and anytime for the call of God. And may your ears be blest to hear it, and in hearing it, to answer: Yes, Lord, here am I. God be with you this time forth and forever more. Amen.

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\*Thanks to Rev. Kory Wilcoxson for his contributions to this week's prayers and liturgies.

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