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Third Sunday after Epiphany

January 21, 2024

*"My house is a house of prayer for all people." (Isaiah 56:7)*

**Plymouth is A Just Peace Church and An Open and Affirming Congregation**

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### **Our Approach to God**

*Music calls us to worship so we may listen for God speaking to us.*

*When the service begins, please silence your voices and devices.*

*\*All are invited to rise in body or spirit*

**Preparation Music**    Prelude, Fugue and Chaconne ..... Dietrich Buxtehude  
Thomas Clark-Jones, organ

### **Welcome**

#### **\*Call to Worship**

ONE: Praise the God of all Creation.

**ALL: We follow the One who calls us by name.**

ONE: Jesus speaks with a different voice,

**ALL: and he offers an unexpected invitation.**

ONE: Celebrate the presence of our loving God.

**ALL: Rejoice, for the realm of God is near!**

**\*Hymn #35** (Red hymnal) When Morning Gilds the Skies ..... *Laudes Domini*  
(Verses 1-4)

#### **Prayer of Confession**

God of all creation, your light has filled our lives, but we have not shared it with others. You have marked us as your own in baptism, but we have not always lived as your faithful people. You have called us to be a light to the nations, but we have sometimes hidden that light from those around us. Forgive us, and transform us by the power of your Holy Spirit, so that we may follow you where you call us, never afraid to shine our light and share our love for all to see and know. Amen.

#### **Silent Reflection**

##### **Words of Assurance**

ONE: Lift up your hearts!

**ALL: We lift them up to God!**

**\*Hymn of Praise** ..... *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

Still shining through the deepest night,  
No shadow can put out the light.

Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Let all that is within us praise,  
God's grace and peace and truth always!  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!

**\*Passing of the Peace**

ONE: The peace of Christ be with you!

**ALL: And also with you!**

*Children in pre-school through 6<sup>th</sup> grade are invited to depart for Sunday School.*

## **The Proclamation of God's Word**

**Choral Anthem**

God of Grace and God of Glory ..... arr. David N. Johnson  
The Plymouth Choir

God of grace and God of glory, on Thy people pour Thy power; Crown Thine ancient Church's story;  
Bring her bud to glorious flower. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the facing of this hour. Lo! the  
hosts of evil round us scorn Thy Christ, assail His ways! From the fears that long have bound us; Free  
our hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, for the living of these days. Cure  
Thy children's warring madness, bend our pride to Thy control; Shame our wanton, selfish gladness,  
rich in things and poor in soul. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, lest we miss Thy kingdom's goal.  
Set our feet on lofty places gird our lives that they may be armored with all Christ-like graces in the  
fight to set men free. Grant us wisdom, grant us courage, that we fail not man nor thee. Amen.

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 1:14-20

**Sermon**

Will You Come and Follow Me?

Pastor Dillon Shipman

**\*Hymn** (Insert) Will You Come and Follow Me? ..... *Kelvingrove*

**Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer** (debts/debtors)

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.

**Choral Response**

Listen, Lord ..... Iona Community

## **Living Out the Word of God**

**Announcements of Church Life**

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory** Jesus, My All, To Heaven Is Gone ..... Traditional Spiritual, arr. K. Lee Scot  
Lia Bendix, soloist

Jesus, my all, to heaven is gone, I'll never turn back no more; He whom I fix my hopes upon, I'll never  
turn back no more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. His path I see,  
and I'll pursue, I'll never turn back no more; The narrow way, till him I view, I'll never turn back no  
more. No more, no more, no more, my Lord; I'll never turn back no more. Jesus, my all, to heaven is  
gone, I'll never turn back no more.

**\*Doxology.....Old 100<sup>th</sup>**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God, all creatures here below;  
Praise God above, you heavenly host:  
Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

**\*Prayer of Dedication**

Holy God, change our hearts and our lives. Renew us by your good news. Use the gifts we bring for your holy work of transformation, as we seek to follow where Jesus leads us. Amen.

**\*Hymn #172** (Black hymnal) Jesus Call Us, o'er the Tumult ..... *Galilee*

**\*Commission and Benediction**

**\*Congregational Response**                      Send Me, Lord ..... *Trad. South African song*  
Send me, Jesus, send me Jesus, send me, Jesus, send me, Lord.  
*(Sung once by leader, three times by all.)*

**Voluntary**    Fantasie on "How Lovely Shines the Morningstar", part 2..... Dietrich Buxtehude

*Many in the congregation wish to remain seated for the Voluntary. If you choose to leave, please be aware of those still participating in this part of the service. The Voluntary is music for worship and we ask that all be respectful of one another's worship practices, including those participating via livestream. Following the Voluntary, you may greet the ministers.*

***Please scroll down for Hymns***

## When Morning Gilds the Skies

German: anon., 1828

Tr. Edward Caswall, 1814-1878, alt.

LAUDES DOMINI 6.6.6.6.6.6.

Joseph Barnby, 1838-1896

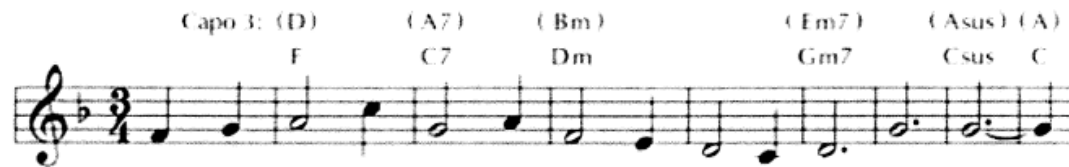
1 When morn-ing gilds the skies, My heart a-wak-ing cries,  
 2 The night be-comes as day, When from the heart we say,  
 3 Ye na-tions of man-kind, In this your con-cord find,  
 4 To God, the Word, on high, The hosts of an-gels cry,

May Je-sus Christ be praised! A-like at work and prayer,  
 May Je-sus Christ be praised! The powers of dark-ness fear,  
 May Je-sus Christ be praised! Let all the earth a-round  
 May Je-sus Christ be praised! Let mor-tals, too, up-raise

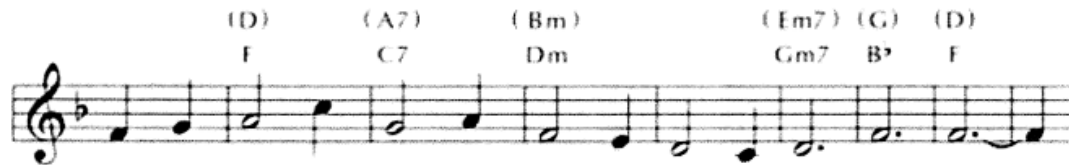
To Je-sus I re-pair; May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
 When this sweet chant they hear, May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
 Ring joy-ous with the sound, May Je-sus Christ be praised!  
 Their voice in hymns of praise, May Je-sus Christ be praised! A-men.

5 In heaven's eternal bliss  
 The loveliest strain is this,  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Let air, and sea, and sky  
 From depth to height reply  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!

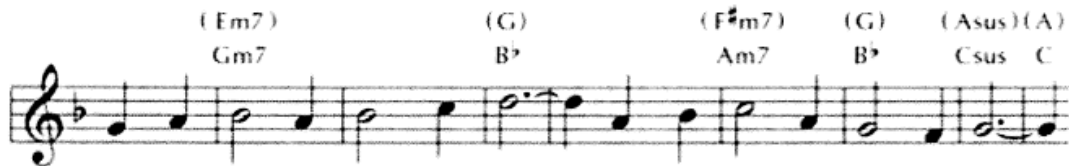
6 Be this, while life is mine,  
 My canticle divine,  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!  
 Be this the eternal song  
 Through all the ages long,  
 May Jesus Christ be praised!



1 "Will you come and fol - low me if I but call your name?  
2 "Will you leave your-self be-hind if I but call your name?  
3 "Will you let the blind-ed see if I but call your name?  
4 "Will you love the 'you' you hide if I but call your name?  
5 Lord, your sum-mons ech - oes true when you but call my name.



Will you go where you don't know and nev - er be the same?  
Will you care for cruel and kind and nev - er be the same?  
Will you set the pris-oners free and nev - er be the same?  
Will you quell the fear in - side and nev - er be the same?  
Let me turn and fol - low you and nev - er be the same.



Will you let my love be shown; will you let my name be known;  
Will you risk the hos - tile stare should your life at-tract or scare?  
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as this un - seen,  
Will you use the faith you've found to re-shape the world a - round,  
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and foot-steps show.



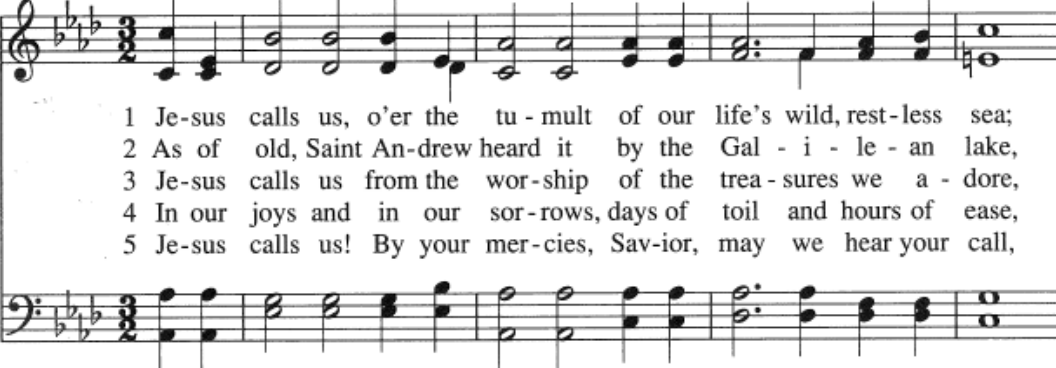
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?"  
Will you let me an - swer prayer in you and you in me?"  
and ad - mit to what I mean in you and you in me?"  
through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?"  
Thus I'll move and live and grow in you and you in me.

# Jesus Calls Us, o'er the Tumult

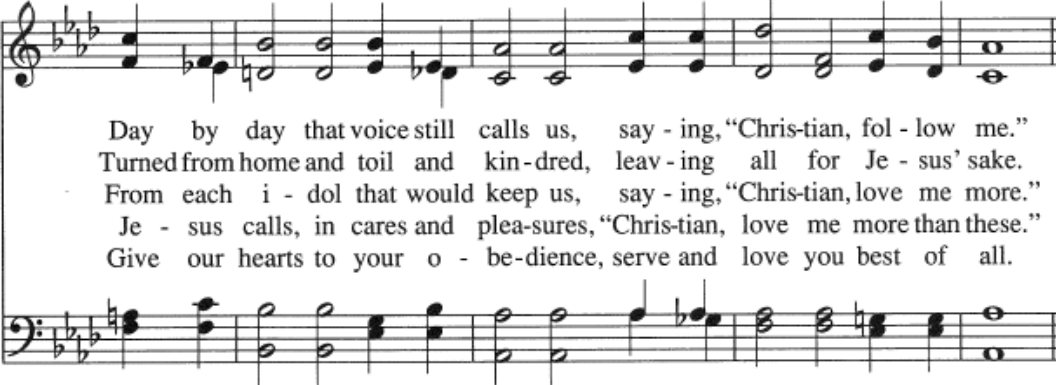
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Cecil F. Alexander, 1852; alt.

Matt. 4:18-22; Mark 1:16-20; John 21:15



1 Je-sus calls us, o'er the tu - mult of our life's wild, rest-less sea;  
 2 As of old, Saint An-drew heard it by the Gal - i - le - an lake,  
 3 Je-sus calls us from the wor-ship of the trea - sures we a - dore,  
 4 In our joys and in our sor-rows, days of toil and hours of ease,  
 5 Je-sus calls us! By your mer-cies, Sav-ior, may we hear your call,



Day by day that voice still calls us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, fol - low me."  
 Turned from home and toil and kin-dred, leav - ing all for Je - sus' sake.  
 From each i - dol that would keep us, say - ing, "Chris-tian, love me more."  
 Je - sus calls, in cares and plea-sures, "Chris-tian, love me more than these."  
 Give our hearts to your o - be-dience, serve and love you best of all.

*Cecil Alexander, who in Ireland wrote sacred verse to teach children the meaning of the catechism and liturgy, designated this poem for St. Andrew's Day. Many years later Galilee was composed for this text by an English organist, William Jude.*

Tune: GALILEE 8.7.8.7.  
 William H. Jude, 1887  
 Alternate setting: ST. ANDREW