



ORDER OF WORSHIP
Third Sunday after Epiphany
Sunday, January 24, 2021

PRELUDE: Elevation
John Finney, organ

Félix-Alexandre Guilmant

WELCOME

CALL TO WORSHIP

O God, our teacher, we listen for your call to us.
Call us away from old routines that keep us from your path.
Call us to new insights and new ways of being.
Call us to grow as disciples of the way of Christ,
and may your strength give us strength.

HYMN: I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #436

Closer Walk

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

O merciful God,
We confess that we have too often stuck with the familiar instead of following your lead.
We have closed our ears to your call, not wanting to hear,
and hoping not to be stretched beyond our comfort.
Forgive us, and give us strength and wisdom to follow the way of Jesus,
in whose name we humbly pray. Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

PASSING THE PEACE

GOSPEL READING: Mark 1:14-20

HYMN: Called as Partners in Christ's Service
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #353

Beecher

SERMON: "Discipleship"

Matt Wooster

SOLO: The Church's One Foundation
Garrett Murphy, baritone

Samuel S. Wesley

SHARING OF CELEBRATIONS & CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OUR 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.**

HYMN: Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing
Hymns of Truth & Light (blue hymnal), #333

Sicilian Mariners

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Come, Holy Spirit

J. S. Bach

Preaching Rev. Matt Wooster
Liturgists Rev. Judy Swahnberg, Rev. Anne Marie Holloway
Soloists Laurie Stewart Otten, Shannon Lebrón,
 Christian Figueroa, Garrett Murphy

I Am Weak, but Thou Art Strong

(Just a Closer Walk with Thee)

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1. I am weak, but thou art strong; Je-sus, keep me from all wrong;
2. Through this world of toil and snares, if I fal-ter, Lord, who cares?
3. When my fee-ble life is o'er, time for me will be no more;
Refrain: Just a clos-er walk with thee, grant it, Je-sus, is my plea,



to Refrain
I'll be sat-is-fied as long as I walk, let me walk close to thee.
Who with me my bur-den shares? None but thee, dear Lord, none but thee.
guide me gent-ly, safe-ly o'er to thy shore, dear Lord, to thy shore.
dai-ly walk-ing close to thee: let it be, dear Lord, let it be.



WORDS and MUSIC: Anonymous

CLOSER WALK
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TRUST AND ASSURANCE

353 Called as Partners in Christ's Service



1. Called as part-ners in Christ's ser-vice, called to min-is-tries of grace,
 2. Christ's ex-am-ple, Christ's in-spir-ing, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
 3. Thus new pat-terns for Christ's mis-sion, in a small or glob-al sense,
 4. So God grant us for to-mor-row ways to or-der hu-man life



we re-pond with deep com-mit-ment fresh new lines of faith to trace.
 let us fol-low, nev-er fal-tering, rec-on-cil-ing folk on earth.
 help us bear each oth-er's bur-dens, break-ing down each wall or fence.
 that sur-round each per-son's sor-row with a calm that con-que-ers strife.



May we learn the art of shar-ing, side by side and friend with friend,
 Men and wom-en, rich-er, poor-er, all God's peo-ple, young and old,
 Words of com-fort, words of vi-sion, words of chal-lenge, said with care,
 Make us part-ners in our liv-ing, our com-pas-sion to in-crease,



e - qual part-ners in our car-ing to ful-fill God's cho-sen end.
 blend-ing hu-man skills to-gether gra-cious gifts from God un-fold.
 bring new pow'r and strength for ac-tion, make us part-ners, free and fair.
 mes-sen-gers of faith, thus giv-ing hope and con-fi-dence and peace.



WORDS: Jane Parker Huber, 1981, alt.
 MUSIC: John Zundel, 1855

BEECHER
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John Zundel, organist of Plymouth Congregational Church, Brooklyn NY,
 named this tune for his pastor, the celebrated preacher Henry Ward Beecher.
 Together they published the *Plymouth Hymnal* in 1855.

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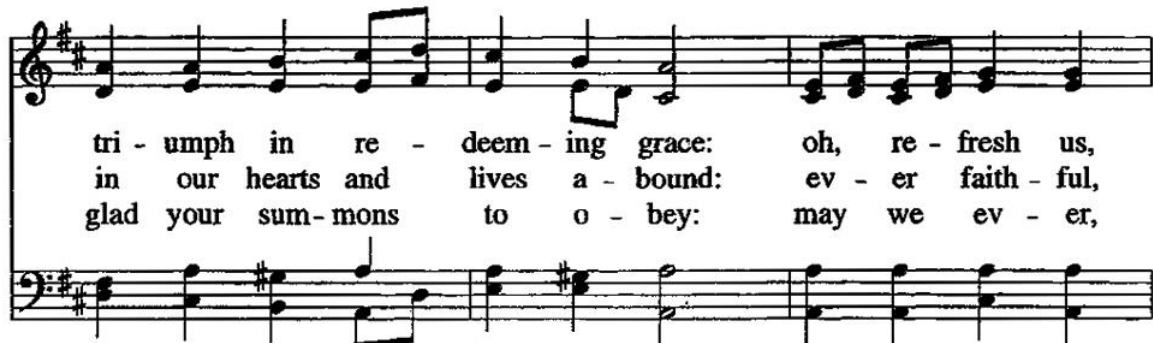
Lord, Dismiss Us with Your Blessing 333



1. Lord, dis - miss us with your bless - ing; fill our hearts with
2. Thanks we give and ad - o - 'ra - tion for the gos - pel's
3. So that when your love shall call us, Sav - ior, from the



joy and peace; let us each, your love pos - sess - ing,
joy - ful sound; may the fruits of your sal - va - tion
world a - way, fear of death shall not ap - pall us,



tri - umph in re - deem - ing grace: oh, re - fresh us,
in our hearts and lives a - bound: ev - er faith - ful,
glad your sum - mons to o - bey: may we ev - er,



oh, re - fresh us, trav - eling through this wil - der - ness.
ev - er faith - ful to the truth may we be found.
may we ev - er reign with you in end - less day.

WORDS: Attr. John Fawcett, 1773, alt.

MUSIC: Sicilian melody, 18th century; *The European Magazine and Review*, 1792

SICILIAN MARINERS

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Moved to commitment by a sermon of English evangelist George Whitefield, John Fawcett became a Baptist minister. He wrote over 160 hymns, including 'Blest Be the Tie That Binds.'