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OPENING SONG SUGGESTIONS

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

Reading I — JON 3:1-5, 10

The word of God came a second time to Jonah: "Get up! Go to the great city of Nineveh and preach to them as I told you to do."

Jonah set out and went to Nineveh in obedience to the word of God. Nineveh was a large city beyond compare; it took three days to cross it. Jonah moved on into the city, making a day's journey. He proclaimed, "Only forty days more, and Nineveh is going to be destroyed."

So the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and dressed in sackcloth, from the greatest to the least.

God saw their efforts to renounce their evil behavior. And God relented by not inflicting on them the disaster that threatened them.

Responsorial Psalm — PS 25:4-5, 6-7, 8-9

R. Teach me Your Ways, O God.

Show me your ways, God!

Teach me your paths!

Lead me in your truth and teach me,
for you are the God of my salvation.

I wait all the day long for you.

R. Teach me Your Ways, O God.

Remember your mercies, God, your love –
your ancient and unwavering love!

Pardon the sins of my youth
and my rebellious ways;
Remember me because of your love,
because of your goodness, God.

R. Teach me Your Ways, O God.

And how good and upright you are, God!
You instruct sinners in the path,
you guide the humble in what is right,
and teach them your way.

R. Teach me Your Ways, O God.

Reading II — 1 COR 7:29-31

I tell you, sisters and brothers, the time is short. From now on, those with spouses should live as though they had none. Those who mourn should live as though they had nothing to mourn for, and those who rejoice should live as though they had nothing to laugh about. Buyers should conduct themselves as though they owned nothing, and those who have to deal with the world should live as if all their dealings meant nothing – for the world as we know it is passing away.

Gospel Acclamation — MK 1:15

R. Alleluia, alleluia.

“This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand!
Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!”

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Gospel Reading — MK 1:14-20

After John’s arrest, Jesus appeared in Galilee, proclaiming the Good News of God:

“This is the time of fulfillment. The reign of God is at hand! Change your hearts and minds, and believe this Good News!”

While walking by the Sea of Galilee, Jesus saw the brothers Simon and Andrew casting their nets into the sea, since they fished by trade. Jesus said to them: “Follow me; I will make you fishers of humankind.” They immediately abandoned their nets and followed Jesus.

Proceeding a little further along, Jesus saw the brothers James and John Bar-Zebedee. They, too, were in their boat, putting their nets in order. Immediately Jesus called them, and they left

their father Zebedee standing in the boat with the hired help, and went off in the company of Jesus.

HOMILY

In solidarity with the millions of women, and of all peoples, whose voices have been silenced, the homily will consist of a 5-minute period of silence.

During this time, consider praying for the wisdom to become aware of those women, and others in your life and community, whose voices could be louder. Pray for the courage to make room for the voices that are missing.

During the silence, look around at all the people surrounding you. If they are holding a sign, read the sign. Realize and trust that we are moving forward in the company of Jesus.

PRAYERS OF THE FAITHFUL

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray in gratitude for all the women of the Church who have come before us as prophets and teachers. May their legacies inspire us to make known the ways God is speaking to us today through women.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for the women of our parish, that all of our gifts may be welcomed, received, and put to work for God's greatest good. May our parish be a place of inclusion and affirmation.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for Pope Francis, that he may continue to be guided by the Spirit of Sophia Wisdom and remain increasingly committed to creating a Church that welcomes all women as God's equally beloved children.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to poverty and homelessness, which disproportionately affect women, children, and oppressed populations around the globe. May we who have resources and influence work to create security and sustainability for our sisters and brothers.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for an end to violence against all human beings, and especially against women. May we who are safe protect those in danger.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for Church dialogue that is inclusive and welcoming. May we who seek justice have the patience to lead with love.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for our priests and bishops, that they might have the courage to work with women as equal partners in teaching and sharing the faith of the Gospel.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for those called to Catholic priesthood and ordained by God, who have been rejected by the institution or denied by us because of gender, sexual orientation, or other unjust disqualifiers. May we become a Church that recognizes the work of the Holy Spirit in all of God's people and strives to create the pathways that allow the fullness of God's plan to manifest.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for those who have suffered emotional or physical abuse at the hands of someone they trust or persons of authority. May our hearts overflow with compassion as we accompany the wounded in their journey for healing and call for change.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

We pray for those whose voices we do not hear in our parishes, workplaces, and communities. May the Spirit of Discipleship awaken in us the desire to seek the lost and forsaken and return them to the fold of God's love.

R. God of mercy and compassion, hear our prayer.

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REFLECTIONS AFTER COMMUNION

Consider inviting a Catholic woman from your parish community to offer reflections on today's readings.

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**ALTERNATE READINGS FROM THE INCLUSIVE CATHOLIC LECTIONARY
SUNDAY, JANUARY 21, 2018**

A Reading from the Book of Jonah, A Satire on Prophecy 3:1-10

The Word of God came to Jonah again: "Get up and go into the great city of Nineveh and proclaim to it the words that I give you." So, this time, Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of God. Now, Nineveh was an enormously large city. It took three days to walk across it. Jonah began by going a day's journey into the city, proclaiming, "Only forty days more and Nineveh will be overthrown."

And the people of Nineveh believed God. They declared a fast and dressed in sackcloth, everyone from the greatest to the least.

The news reached the ruler of Nineveh who rose from the throne, laid aside the royal robes, dressed in sackcloth and sat in ashes. Then, it was proclaimed throughout the nation of Babylon: "No human being or beast, cattle nor sheep, shall taste anything. They shall neither eat nor drink. Human beings and beasts shall be covered in sackcloth and ashes and call out loudly to God. Everyone shall turn from their evil ways and the violence at hand. Who knows? God may repent and forgive, withholding wrath, so that we will not perish."

God saw by their actions that they had turned from their evil ways, and God repented from the destruction God had promised to bring upon them. God did not carry it out.

The Word of an Ancient Story Teller.
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 25:4-5; 6-7; 8-9

R: Show me your ways, O God.

Show me how you work, O God.
School me in your ways.
Take me by the hand.
Lead me along the path of truth,
for You are the God who mends my soul.

R: Show me your ways, O God.

Mark the milestones of your mercy and love.
Rebuild ancient landmarks,
but take away the ruins of my offences.
Mark me with your sign of love.

R: Show me your ways, O God.

Integrity and goodness are marks of our God,

who shows us the way to go.
God leads those who are humble,
and is with them step-by-step.
R: Show me your ways, O God.

Alternate Psalm — Jonah 2:1-9

Prayer/psalm attributed to Jonah from the belly of the “big fish.”

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

In my distress I called out to God, who answered me.
From the belly of the grave; I called for help,
and You listened to my cry.

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

You hurled me into the depths,
into the very heart of the seas,
and the currents swirled about me.
Your breakers and billows swept over me.

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

I said, ‘I have been banished from your sight;
yet, I will look again toward your holy temple.’
The engulfing waters threatened me, the deep surrounded me.
Seaweed was wrapped around my head.
To the roots of the mountains I sank down.
The earth beneath barred me in forever.

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

But You, Holy One, my God,
brought my life up from the ancient Abyss.
When my life was ebbing away, I remembered you, O God,
and my prayer rose to You, to Your holy temple.

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

Those who cling to worthless idols
turn away from God’s love for them.
But I, with shouts of grateful praise, worship you.
What I have vowed I will make good.
I will say, “Liberation comes from our God.”

R: Liberate us, O God. Raise us up.

A Reading from Paul’s First Letter to the Corinthians, 7:17-20, 36

The only rule is that everyone, each one of us, should live as we were when God called us, as we were when we came to believe. I give this rule in all the churches. If someone is called after he was circumcised, he should not try to undo his circumcision. If an uncircumcised person is called, he should not be circumcised. Circumcision means nothing! Uncircumcision means nothing! What matters is keeping God's commandments.

Everyone should remain in the state in which we were when we were called.

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However, if anyone has strong passions toward their beloved, marry as you wish. It is no sin. Let lovers marry.

The Word of the Apostle Paul.

Thanks be to God.

A Reading from the Good News attributed to Mark, 1:14-20; 2:13-17

Glory to you, O God.

After John had been arrested, Jesus went into Galilee. There he proclaimed the good news from God saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the reign of God is at hand. Repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus was walking along by the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew on the shore casting a net into the sea – for they were fishers. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me, and I will make you fishers of people." Immediately they left their nets and followed him.

Going a little farther, he saw James, son of Zebedee, and his brother John, who were in their boat mending nets. Immediately, he called them. And leaving their father, Zebedee, in the boat with the hired workers, they followed Jesus.

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Another day, Jesus saw Levi, son of Alphaeus, sitting at the customs post and said to Levi, "Follow me." Levi got up and followed Jesus. While he was at table in his house, many tax collectors and sinners sat with Jesus and his disciples. There were many who followed him. Some scribes, who were Pharisees, saw Jesus eating with sinners and tax collectors and said to his disciples, "Why does he eat with tax collectors and sinners?" Jesus overheard their question and said to them, "Those who are well don't need a physician, but the sick do. I didn't come to call the righteous, but sinners.

The Gospel of Our God.

Praise to you, Jesus the Christ.