

# Singing Our Faith

## 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time – February 10, 2019

### Two Fishermen



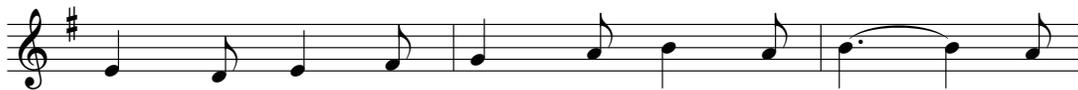
1. Two fish - er - men, who lived a - long The Sea of Gal - i -  
2. And as he walked a - long the shore, 'Twas James and John he'd  
3. O Si - mon Pe - ter, An - drew, James, And John, be - lov - ed  
4. And you, good Chris - tians, one and all, Who'd fol - low Je - sus'



lee, Stood by the shore to cast their nets In -  
find; And these two sons of Zeb - e - dee Would  
one, You heard Christ's call to speak good news Re -  
way, Come, leave be - hind what keeps you bound To



to an age - less sea. Now, Je - sus watched them  
leave their boats be - hind. Their work and all they  
vealed to God's own Son. Su - san - na, Mar - y,  
trap - pings of our day. And lis - ten as he



from a - far, Then called them each by name. It  
held so dear They left be - side their nets. Their  
Mag - da - lene, Who trav - eled with your Lord, You  
calls your name To come and fol - low near, For



changed their lives, these sim - ple men; They'd nev - er be the same.  
names they'd heard as Je - sus called; They came with - out re - gret.  
min - is - tered to him with joy For he is God a - dored.  
still he speaks in var - ied ways To those his call will hear.



Leave all things you have And come and fol - low



me, And come and fol - low me.

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The processional hymn “Two Fisherman” by Sr. Suzanne Toolan recounts the story in Sunday’s gospel. On a musical note, the hymn sounds a lot like “**sea shanty**” or “**work song**” given the setting of the gospel story. Expanding on the theme of discipleship, Sr. Toolan adds the names of some of Jesus’ female disciples in verse three. Verse four pivots from the gospel story to our own lives of discipleship...

**“And you, good Christians, one and all, who’d follow Jesus’ way,  
Come, leave behind what keeps you bound to trappings of our day.**

**And listen as he calls your name to come and follow near,  
For still he speaks in varied ways to those his call will hear.”**

The disciples were **bound** to their occupation of fishing. Since most of us aren’t fishermen, the phrase “**trappings of our day**” refers to things that hold us back from seeking a deeper relationship with Jesus – career obsessions, selfishness, sinful habits, excessive entertainment and leisure activities, etc. When we let those things go and spend more time in prayer, we will then see and hear how Jesus “speaks to us in varied ways.”

The familiar phrase, “God doesn’t call the qualified, he qualifies the called,” is echoed in all of the scripture readings for Sunday. In the first reading, Isaiah says, “*Woe is me, I am doomed! For I am a man of unclean lips, living among a people of unclean lips; yet my eyes have seen the King, the LORD of hosts!*” In the second reading, Paul reminds us of his sinful past, “*For I am the least of the apostles,*

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*not fit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God.”* And Peter says in the gospel, *“Depart from me, Lord, for I am a sinful man.”* We have likely experienced these feelings, yet, these scriptures remind us that even the prophets and apostles were far from perfect. We are being called today to build the Body of Christ—to cultivate discipleship in our hearts and in the hearts of others.

The recessional hymn **“Go Make of All Disciples”** is found below. Many of the direct scripture quotes from this hymn come from Matthew’s gospel account of Jesus’ ascension into Heaven. For the last few weeks, St. Paul has spoken to us in the second readings about living in love as members of the Body of Christ. Check out stanza three of “Go Make of All Disciples”...

**“...Until each life’s vocation shines forth your holy way.  
We cultivate the nature God plants in every heart,  
Revealing in our witness the Master Teacher’s art.”**

Here again, we’re reminded that our gifts and our vocation in life are for the benefit of the Body of Christ. In community life, we encourage one another in our respective vocations, we build up the Body of Christ with our gifts, we reveal Christ to the world, and we inspire others to follow him through our witness.

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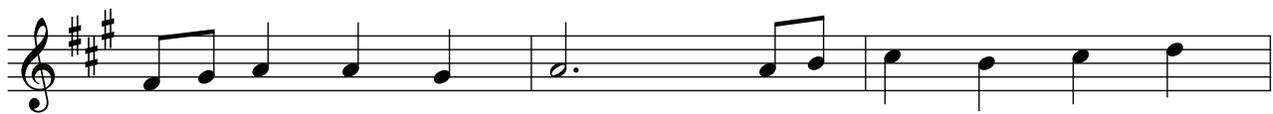
**Go Make of All Disciples**



1. “Go make of all dis - ci - ples.” We hear the call, O  
 2. “Go make of all dis - ci - ples,” Bap - tiz - ing in the  
 3. “Go make of all dis - ci - ples.” We at your feet would  
 4. “Go make of all dis - ci - ples.” We wel - come your com -



Lord, That comes from you, our Fa - ther, In  
 name Of Fa - ther, Son, and Spir - it— From  
 stay Un - til each life’s vo - ca - tion Shows  
 mand. “Lo, I am with you al - ways.” We



your e - ter - nal Word. In - spire our ways of  
 age to age the same. We call each new dis -  
 forth your ho - ly way. We cul - ti - vate the  
 take your guid - ing hand. The task looms large be -



learn - ing Through earn - est, fer - vent prayer, And  
 ci - ple To fol - low you, O Lord, Re -  
 na - ture God plants in ev - ’ry heart, Re -  
 fore us— We fol - low with - out fear. In



let our dai - ly liv - ing Re - veal you ev - ’ry - where.  
 deem - ing soul and bod - y By wa - ter and the Word.  
 veal - ing in our wit - ness The Mas - ter Teach - er’s art.  
 heav’n and earth your pow - er Shall bring God’s king - dom here.