

## Monday 10 January 2022

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Josh Garrels sings 'Fear Thou Not'.

Today's reading is from the Gospel of Mark.

Mark 1:14-20

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As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the lake—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.' And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

In today's reading, it seems we hear the whole of Jesus' message of salvation, in one sentence. How does this proclamation speak to you?

The calling, by Jesus, needs no other qualification. Jesus does not go to the religious or the obviously holy, but to the everyday and the ordinary. Have you felt this calling? What were the circumstances?

As you listen to the reading again, place yourself with the fishermen, caught up in the routine and necessity of everyday life. What would be your response to the Lord's call, 'Follow me and I will make you fish for people.'

'Immediately he called them.' In a time of prayer consider this urgent appeal. The fishermen abandoned their boats so as to commit to Jesus' way. Is there something that stands in your

way? Bring this to the Lord now.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

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