**SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP**

**NOVEMBER 13, 2022**

**PRELUDE: CARSON**

**PROCESSIONAL HYMN**: Christ Whose Glory Fills the Skies #7

**WELCOME: Pastor Beverly Collinsworth**

Priest: Blessed be God, Father, Son and the Holy Spirit.

**Everyone**: **And Blessed be his Kingdom, now and forever. Amen**

Priest: Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Everyone**: **Come let us sing to the Lord: Let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation. Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

**For the Lord is a great God, and a great king above all gods. In his hands are the caverns of the earth, and the heights of the hills are his also.**

**The sea is his, for he made it, and his hands have molded the dry land. Come let us bow down, and bend the knee, and kneel before the Lord our maker. For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand. Oh, that today you would harken to his voice!**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Priest: Let us Pray:

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen*.

**People: Amen**

**LESSONS**: *Please be seated for the readings of the lessons*.

### 1st LESSON: **Isaiah 65:17-25**

For I am about to create new heavens and a new earth; the former things shall not be remembered or come to mind.

But be glad and rejoice forever in what I am creating; for I am about to create Jerusalem as a joy, and its people as a delight.

I will rejoice in Jerusalem, and delight in my people; no more shall the sound of weeping be heard in it,  
or the cry of distress.

No more shall there be in it an infant that lives but a few days, or an old person who does not live out a lifetime; for one who dies at a hundred years will be considered a youth, and one who falls short of a hundred will be considered accursed.

They shall build houses and inhabit them; they shall plant vineyards and eat their fruit.

They shall not build and another inhabit; they shall not plant and another eat; for like the days of a tree shall the days of my people be, and my chosen shall long enjoy the work of their hands.

They shall not labor in vain, or bear children for calamity; for they shall be offspring blessed by the Lord-- and their descendants as well.

Before they call I will answer, while they are yet speaking I will hear.

The wolf and the lamb shall feed together, the lion shall eat straw like the ox; but the serpent-- its food shall be dust!

They shall not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain, says the Lord.

Reader: Here ends the reading of the Old Testament Lesson.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

#### The First Song of Isaiah   Isaiah 12:2-6

**Let us read it responsively by full verse.**

Reader: Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust in him and not be afraid.

**Response: For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense, and he will be my Savior.**

Reader: Therefore you shall draw water with rejoicing from the springs of salvation.

**Response: And on that day you shall say, Give thanks to the Lord and call upon his Name;**

Reader: Make his deeds known among the peoples; see that they remember that his Name is exalted.

**Response: Sing the praises of the Lord, for he has done great things, and this is known in all the world.**

Reader: Cry aloud, inhabitants of Zion, ring out your joy, for the great one in the midst of you is the Holy One of Israel.

**Response: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit: as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

### Reader: Here ends the reading of the First Song of Isaiah

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### EPISTLE**:** **2 Thessalonians 3:6-13**

Now we command you, beloved, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, to keep away from believers who are living in idleness and not according to the tradition that they received from us. For you yourselves know how you ought to imitate us; we were not idle when we were with you, and we did not eat anyone's bread without paying for it; but with toil and labor we worked night and day, so that we might not burden any of you. This was not because we do not have that right, but in order to give you an example to imitate. For even when we were with you, we gave you this command: Anyone unwilling to work should not eat. For we hear that some of you are living in idleness, mere busybodies, not doing any work. Now such persons we command and exhort in the Lord Jesus Christ to do their work quietly and to earn their own living. Brothers and sisters, do not be weary in doing what is right.

Reader: Here ends the reading of the New Testament Lesson.

**Response: Thanks be to God.**

### **GOSPEL HYMN**: O Christ, The Word Incarnate: #632

Priest: *Please stand for the reading of the Gospel*.

Priest/Deacon: The Holy Gospel of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ according to St. Luke.

### **Response: Glory to you Lord Christ**.

### Luke 21:5-19

When some were speaking about the temple, how it was adorned with beautiful stones and gifts dedicated to God, Jesus said, "As for these things that you see, the days will come when not one stone will be left upon another; all will be thrown down."

They asked him, "Teacher, when will this be, and what will be the sign that this is about to take place?" And he said, "Beware that you are not led astray; for many will come in my name and say, `I am he!' and, `The time is near!' Do not go after them.

"When you hear of wars and insurrections, do not be terrified; for these things must take place first, but the end will not follow immediately." Then he said to them, "Nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be great earthquakes, and in various places famines and plagues; and there will be dreadful portents and great signs from heaven.

"But before all this occurs, they will arrest you and persecute you; they will hand you over to synagogues and prisons, and you will be brought before kings and governors because of my name. This will give you an opportunity to testify. So make up your minds not to prepare your defense in advance; for I will give you words and a wisdom that none of your opponents will be able to withstand or contradict. You will be betrayed even by parents and brothers, by relatives and friends; and they will put some of you to death. You will be hated by all because of my name. But not a hair of your head will perish. By your endurance you will gain your souls."

### **SERMON**

**SERMON RESPONSE: CARSON**

**NICENE CREED**

Priest: Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

**Everyone: We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.**

**We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father.**

**Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man.**

**For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.**

**We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son, he is worshiped and glorified.**

**He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE:

Reader: Father, we pray for your holy Catholic Church;  
Response: That we all may be one.

Reader: Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you;  
Response: That your Name may be glorified by all people.

Reader: We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons;  
Response: That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.

Reader: We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world;  
Response: That there may be justice and peace on the earth.

Reader: Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake;  
Response: That our works may find favor in your sight.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble;  
Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.

Reader: Give to the departed eternal rest.  
Response: Let light perpetual shine upon them.

Reader: We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy;  
Response; May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.

Reader: Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; especially **Alex**, **Bill, Dawn, Nick, Elanor, Tina, Chris, Tyler S. , Bob, Diane, Nana Jo, Patricia K., Sharron, Terrie, Judy, Tim Scott, Fr. John, Alec, Debby, David, Michael, Janna, Marty, and Gus:**

**Response: That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Reader: We pray for the men and women serving in our armed forces, especially: **Fr. Tony, Mitchell, Emily, Steven, Chris and Chelsey, the 200th Red Horse Squadron, the 983rd, Army Combat Engineer Battalion and the 393rd Air Force Bomb Squadron.**

**Response: Protect, guide and comfort them and bring them home safely when their work is done.**

Reader: In the communion of St. Thomas and of all the saints, let us commend ourselves, and one another, and all our life, to Christ our God.

**Response: To thee, O Lord our God.**

Priest/Deacon: Let us confess our sins against God and one another:

Everyone: **Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

Priest: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

**OFFERTORY: CARSON**

**Music:** While the Table is Set

**COMMUNION:**

Priest: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also, with you.**

Priest: Lift up your hearts

**People: We lift them to the Lord.**

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**People: It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Priest: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and every-where to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**People: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself, and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."  
  
Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Everyone: Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

Priest: We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.  
  
Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him.

Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ: By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. AMEN.

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

Priest: And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say:

**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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Priest: Alleluia, Christ our Passover Lamb is sacrificed for us.

**People:** **Therefore, let us keep the feast. Alleluia**

**Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia, Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Priest: The Gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ dies for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Priest: Let us pray with those who are unable to receive the Eucharist with us this morning:

**EVERYONE: Dear Jesus, I believe that you are present in the most Holy Sacrament, but since I cannot at this moment receive you sacramentally, I ask that you come spiritually into my heart.**

**Unite me with you and never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.**

Priest: St. Thomas practices open communion which means that all baptized Christians are welcome at the Lord’s Table.

**In light of the presence still of the Covid virus, I am asking you to receive communion by intinction only. Intinction is the dipping of the wafer into the chalice instead of drinking from the chalice.**

Priest: The Body of Christ, the bread of heaven.

LEM/Deacon: The Blood of Christ, the cup of salvation.

**MUSIC:** During communion and w*hile the table is cleared.*

Priest: Let us Pray:

**Everyone: Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us spiritually with the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.**

**Send us now into the world in peace and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart, through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**People: Amen**

Priest: May the Lord bless you and keep you, May the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious unto you, May the Lord look upon you with favor and bring you peace.

**RECESSIONAL HYMN**: Thou Whose Almighty Word: #371

LEM/Deacon: Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

**People: Thanks be to God.**

**THANKS: Pastor Beverly Collinsworth**

**POSTLUDE: CARSON**

**ANNOUNCEMENTS:**