

SUNDAY MORNING WORSHIP

JANUARY 15, 2023

PRELUDE: CARSON

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: Christ Whose Glory Fills The Skies: #7

1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only light,
Sun of Righteousness, arise, triumph o'er the shades of night;
Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.
2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see;
till they inward light impart, glad my eyes and warm my heart.
3. Visit then this soul of mine; pierce the gloom of sin and grief;
fill me, Radiance divine, scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself
display, shining to the perfect day.

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:

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. *Amen.*

People: **Amen**

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

1st LESSON: **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, pay attention, you peoples from far away!
The LORD called me before I was born, while I was in my mother's womb he named me.

He made my mouth like a sharp sword, in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow, in his quiver he hid me away.

And he said to me, “You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified.” But I said, “I have labored in vain, I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my cause is with the LORD, and my reward with my God.”

And now the LORD says, who formed me in the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him, and that Israel might be gathered to him, for I am honored in the sight of the LORD, and my God has become my strength--

he says, “It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to restore the survivors of Israel; I will give you as a light to the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth.”

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nations, the slave of rulers, “Kings shall see and stand up, princes, and they shall prostrate themselves, because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you.”

Reader: Here ends the reading from the prophet Isaiah.

Response: Thanks be to God.

PSALM: **Psalm 40:1-12** *Let us read it responsively by full verse:*

Reader: I waited patiently upon the LORD; he stooped to me and heard my cry.

Response: **He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay; he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.**

Reader: He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God; many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.

Response: Happy are they who trust in the LORD! they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.

Reader: Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God! how great your wonders and your plans for us! there is none who can be compared with you.

Response: Oh, that I could make them known and tell them! but they are more than I can count.

Reader: In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure (you have given me ears to hear you);

Response: Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have not required, and so I said, "Behold, I come.

Reader: In the roll of the book it is written concerning me: 'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'

Response: I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation; behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.

Reader: Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart; I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance; I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.

Response: You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me; let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

Reader: The LORD shall give strength to his people; the LORD shall give his people the blessing of peace.

Reader: Here ends the reading of Psalm 40

Response: Thanks be to God.

EPISTLE: 1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Paul, called to be an apostle of Christ Jesus by the will of God, and our brother Sosthenes,

To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those who are sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints, together with all those who in every place call on the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours:

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that has been given you in Christ Jesus, for in every way you have been enriched in him, in speech and knowledge of every kind-- just as the testimony of Christ has been strengthened among you-- so that you are not lacking in any spiritual gift as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ. He will also strengthen you to the end, so that you may be blameless on the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful; by him you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Reader: Here ends Paul's Letter to the Corinthians.

Response: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL HYMN: Blessed Jesus At Thy Word: #440

1. Blessed Jesus, at your word we are gathered all to hear thee.
Let our hearts and souls be stirred now to seek and love and fear thee.
By thy teachings pure and holy, drawn from earth to love thee solely.
2. All our knowledge, sense, and sight lie in deepest darkness shrouded,
till your Spirit breaks our night with the beams of truth unclouded.
Thou alone to God canst win us; thou must work all good within us.

3. Glorious Lord, thyself impart; Light of Light, from God proceeding, open thou our ears and heart; help us by your Spirit's pleading. Hear the cry thy church upraises; hear and bless our prayers and praises.

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

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

Response: Glory to you Lord Christ.

John 1:29-42

John saw Jesus coming toward him and declared, "Here is the Lamb of God who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks ahead of me because he was before me.' I myself did not know him; but I came baptizing with water for this reason, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John testified, "I saw the Spirit descending from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but the one who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain is the one who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I myself have seen and have testified that this is the Son of God."

The next day John again was standing with two of his disciples, and as he watched Jesus walk by, he exclaimed, "Look, here is the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. When Jesus turned and saw them following, he said to them, "What are you looking for?" They said to him, "Rabbi" (which translated means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and see." They came and saw where he was staying, and they remained with him that day. It was about four o'clock in the afternoon. One of the two who heard John speak and followed him was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother.

He first found his brother Simon and said to him, “We have found the Messiah” (which is translated Anointed). He brought Simon to Jesus, who looked at him and said, “You are Simon son of John. You are to be called Cephas” (which is translated Peter).

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:

Priest/Deacon: Let us pray for the Church and for the whole world.

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, 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 *while 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: Songs of Thankfulness and Praise: #135

1. Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise;
manifested by the star to the sages from afar, branch of royal David's stem
in thy birth at Bethlehem: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh
made manifest.

2. Manifest at Jordan's stream, prophet, priest, and king supreme;
and at Cana wedding guest in your God-head manifest; manifest in pow'r
divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in
flesh made manifest.

3. Manifest in making whole palsied limbs and fainting soul; manifest in valiant fight, quelling all the devil's might; manifest in gracious will, ever bringing good from ill: anthems be to thee addressed, God in flesh made manifest.

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

People: Thanks be to God.

THANKS: Pastor Beverly Collinsworth

POSTLUDE: CARSON

ANNOUNCEMENTS: