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January 24, 2021 Third Sunday after Epiphany

GATHERING

PRELUDE

This is the Day of New Beginnings

arr. Mark Hayes

BLESSING OF THE QUILTS, BLANKETS, SHAWLS & HATS

The quilts, blankets, and hats are given to different outreach groups in the community to help those in need. The Prayer Shawls and Children's Comfort Clothes are given to those in need of comfort in our congregation.

Gracious God, as we place our hands on these quilts, blankets, shawls hats, and comfort clothes, we join giver and receiver, recognizing the unity of all your people in the body of Christ.

We give thanks for the variety of gifts that compose these handmade gifts: donations of fabric, thread and yarn. The faithful hands who cut the squares, design the patterns, sew the tops, iron the fabric, make backs and fillers, tie and stitch the bindings, crochet and knit the stiches, all through love and generosity.

We send all of these gifts as a sign of God's love and blessing for each person who receives one, trusting that they will be a source of comfort and hope in the midst of disaster and fear, a symbol of Christ's love to those who suffer, a reminder that each recipient is a beloved child of God.

We pray that they will serve a useful purpose in the life of the recipient; that they will bring warmth in the cold, shelter from the sun and heat, a wall for a home, or a carrier for a few precious belongings, love in a time of grief. May it be a step in recovering one's life and a message of care from someone they may never meet.

We remember those who have received these in the past and pray that their lives have returned to stability.

We celebrate the gift of life.

We ask that you bless the fruits of our labor and the whole mission of your church that together we may minister to our neighbors in need. Bless all who give and all who receive, as we are sewn together in the unity of your Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

Will You Come and Follow Me (The Summons)

John L. Bell

Will you come and follow Me, If I but call your name
Will you go where you don't know, And never be the same
Will you let My love be shown
Will you let My name be known
Will you let My life be grown
In you and you in Me

Will you leave yourself behind, If I but call your name
Will you care for cruel and kind, And never be the same
Will you risk the hostile stare
Should your life attract or scare
Will you let Me answer prayer
In you and you in Me

Will you let the blinded see, If I but call your name
Will you set the prisoners free, And never be the same
Will you kiss the leper clean
And do such as this unseen
And admit to what I mean
In you and you in Me

Will you love the you you hide, If I but call your name
Will you quell the fear inside, And never be the same
Will you use the faith you've found
To reshape the world around
Through My sight and touch and sound
In you and you in Me

Lord Your summons echoes true, When You but call my name
Let me turn and follow You, And never be the same
In Your company I'll go
Where Your love and footsteps show
Thus I'll move and live and grow
In You and You in me

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Graham Maule | John L. Bell

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GREETING

As we gather for worship today
I greet you in the name of our God
who is always being revealed to us –
in a manger, in a river, at a wedding.
We gather now in the expectation
that God will once again show up in food, in water, and in community.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE

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In peace, let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,

and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mer - cy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

let us pray to the Lord. Lord, have mer - cy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gra - cious Lord. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

This is the Feast

Refrain S 140

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 1 Wor - thy is Christ, the Lamb

who was slain, whose blood set us free to be peo - ple of God.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and

strength, and hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are his.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of

God, and join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: Bless - ing, hon - or,

glo - ry, and might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.

Refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia,

al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. 4 For the Lamb who was

slain has be - gun his reign. Al - le - lu - ia.

Final refrain

This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.

Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, by grace alone you call us and accept us in your service. Strengthen us by your Spirit, and make us worthy of your call, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

This Little Light

This little light of mine.

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine.

I'm gonna let it shine.

This little light of mine.

I'm gonna let it shine.

Let it shine. Let it shine. Let it shine.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong

FIRST LESSON

Jonah 3: 1-10

The reading is from the book of Jonah.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!"

And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth. When the news reached the king of Nineveh, he rose from his throne, removed his robe, covered himself with sackcloth, and sat in ashes. Then he had a proclamation made in Nineveh: "By the decree of the king and his nobles: No human being or animal, no herd or flock, shall taste anything. They shall not feed, nor shall they drink water. Human beings and animals shall be covered with sackcloth, and they shall cry mightily to God. All shall turn from their evil ways and from the violence that is in their hands. Who knows? God may relent and change his mind; he may turn from his fierce anger, so that we do not perish." When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.

We hear God's word full of grace and truth.

PSALM

The reading is from the book of Psalms.

For God alone my soul waits in silence,
for my hope is from him.
He alone is my rock and my salvation,
my fortress; I shall not be shaken.
On God rests my deliverance and my honor;
my mighty rock, my refuge is in God.

Trust in him at all times, O people;
pour out your heart before him;
God is a refuge for us.

Those of low estate are but a breath,
those of high estate are a delusion;
in the balances they go up;
they are together lighter than a breath.

Put no confidence in extortion,
and set no vain hopes on robbery;
if riches increase, do not set your heart on them.

Once God has spoken;
twice have I heard this:
that power belongs to God,
and steadfast love belongs to you, O Lord.
For you repay to all
according to their work.

The Word was made flesh and dwelt among us.
We hear God's word full of grace and truth.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

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Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1: 14-20

The Gospel according to Mark, the 1st chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Now after John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.” As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—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.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

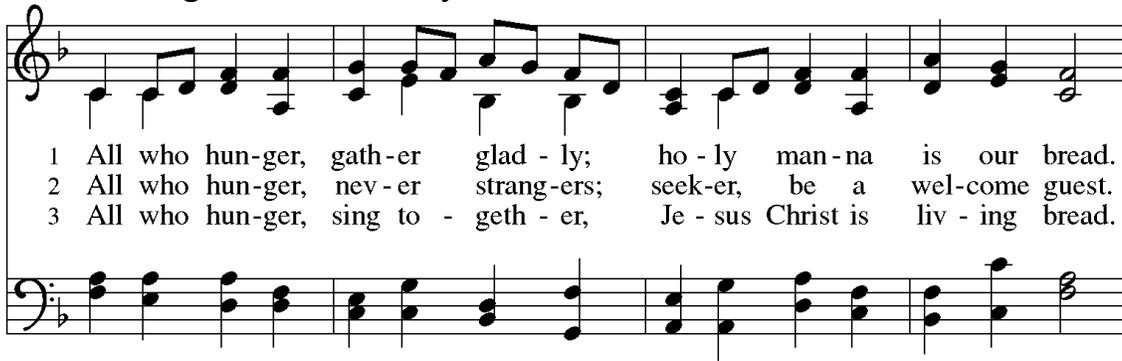
SERMON

Pastor Kathleen Armstrong



HYMN OF THE DAY

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly



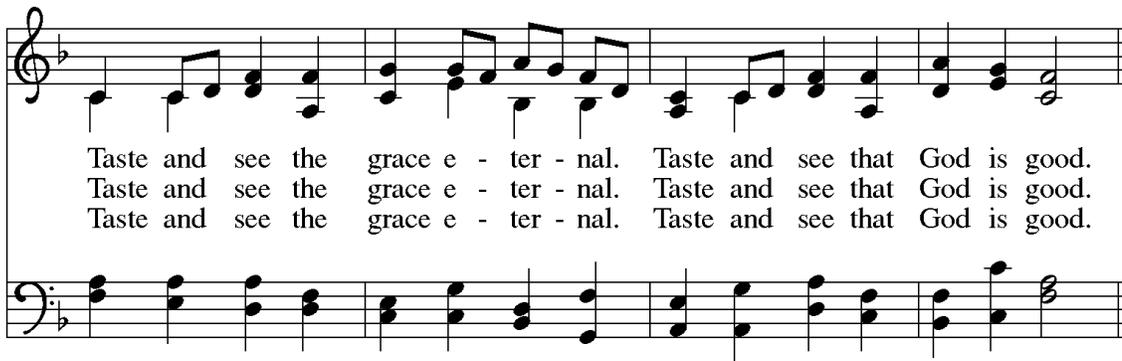
1 All who hun-ger, gath-er glad - ly; ho - ly man-na is our bread.
2 All who hun-ger, nev - er strang-ers; seek-er, be a wel-come guest.
3 All who hun-ger, sing to - geth - er, Je - sus Christ is liv - ing bread.



Come from wil-der - ness and wan - d'ring. Here in truth we will be fed.
Come from rest-less - ness and roam-ing. Here in joy we keep the feast.
Come from lone - li - ness and long - ing. Here in peace we have been fed.



You that yearn for days of full-ness, all a - round us is our food.
We that once were lost and scat-tered in com - mu - nion's love have stood.
Blest are those who from this ta - ble live their days in grat-i - tude.



Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.
Taste and see the grace e - ter - nal. Taste and see that God is good.

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APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,
Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
Born of the virgin Mary,
Suffered under Pontius Pilate,
Was crucified, died, and was buried;
He descended to the dead.
On the third day he rose again;
He ascended into heaven,
He is seated at the right hand of the Father,
And he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,
The holy catholic church,
The communion of saints,
The forgiveness of sins,
The resurrection of the body,
And the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Prayer Response

Let us pray.

Have mercy, O God.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND MUSIC

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OFFERING MUSIC

Let Us Go Now to the Banquet

Soli Dei

Guillermo Cuéllar, arr. Andrew Halladay

Refrain:

Let us go now to the banquet,
To the feast of the universe.
The table's set and a place is waiting
Come, everyone, with your gifts to share

On this morn, I rise very early;
My community's counting on me.
I climb up to the gathering gladly,
And I seek your camaraderie

God invites all the poor and the hungry
To the banquet of justice and good.
Where the harvest will not be hoarded,
So that no one will lack for food.

May we build such a place among us
Where all people are equal in love.
God has called us to work together
And to share everything we have.

tr. Bret Hesla and William Dexheimer Pharris, except v. 1 by Andrew Halladay

OFFERTORY PRAYER

O God,
receive these gifts as you receive us:
like a mother receives her child,
with arms open wide.
Nourish us anew in your tender care,
and empower us in faithful service
to tend to others with this same love,
through Jesus Christ, our Saving grace.
Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. By the leading of a star he was shown forth to all nations; in the waters of the Jordan you proclaimed him your beloved Son, and in the miracle of water turned to wine he revealed your glory.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

All are welcome at Jesus' table. He gives of himself in the bread and wine, and invites us to receive it for the forgiveness of sin. We invite you to share in your homes the sacrament of the Lord's table.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples saying, "Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying: "This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin. Do this for the remembrance of me."

THE LORD'S PRAYER

**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,
Forever and ever. Amen**

WORDS OF DISTRIBUTION

Give to one another the bread, "Body of Christ given for you."
Give to one another the wine, "Blood of Christ shed for you."

COMMUNION MUSIC

Here at your Table, Lord

Mark Hayes

BLESSING

The body and blood of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ bless you and keep you always in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER

Christ Jesus,
at this table we have feasted on your very life
and are strengthened for our journey.
Send us forth from this banquet
nourished in body and in spirit
to proclaim your good news
and serve others in your name.
Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;
Jesus the beloved fill you;
and the Holy Spirit the comforter + keep you in peace.
Amen.

CLOSING HYMN

I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

1 I want to walk as a child of the light. I want to
2 I want to see . . . the bright-ness of God. I want to
3 I'm look - ing for . . . the com - ing of Christ. I want to

fol - low Je - sus. God set the stars to give
look at Je - sus. Clear Sun of righ - teous - ness,
be with Je - sus. When we have run . . . with

light to the world. The star of my life is Je - sus.
shine on my path, and show me the way to the Fa - ther.
pa - tience the race, we shall know the joy of Je - sus.

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Refrain

In him there is no dark-ness at all. The night and the

day are both a - like. The Lamb is the light of the

cit - y of God. Shine in my heart, Lord Je - sus.

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Dismissal

Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.

Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

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