

Sunday Worship - January 17, 2021

(Announcements)

Candle Lighting

We light a candle as a symbol of God's presence with us.

Opening Hymn: "Praise the Lord with the Sound of Trumpet" (CP 309)

1. Praise the Lord with the sound of trumpet, praise the Lord with the harp and lute, praise the Lord with the gentle-sounding flute.

Praise the Lord in the field and forest, praise the Lord in the city square, praise the Lord anytime and anywhere.

Praise the Lord in the wind and sunshine, praise the Lord in the dark of night, praise the Lord in the rain or snow or in the morning light.

Praise the Lord in the deepest valley, praise the Lord on the highest hill, praise the Lord; never let your voice be still.

2. Praise the Lord with the crashing cymbal, praise the Lord with the pipe and string, praise the Lord with the joyful songs you sing.

Praise the Lord on a weekday morning, praise the Lord on a Sunday noon, praise the Lord by the light of sun or moon.

Praise the Lord in the time of sorrow, praise the Lord in the time of joy, praise the Lord every moment; nothing let your praise destroy.

Praise the Lord in the peace and quiet, praise the Lord in your work or play, praise the Lord everywhere in every way.

Opening

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

And also with you.

Almighty God,

to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden.

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.

Sung Gloria (CP 376)

Gloria, gloria, in excelsis Deo! Gloria, gloria, alleluia, alleluia! *(repeat)*

Children's Focus

Song: "I Am the Light of the World" (VU 87)

Refrain: I am the light of the world! You people come and follow me!

If you follow and love you'll learn the mystery of what you were meant to do and be.

3. To free the prisoner from all chains, to make the powerful care, to rebuild the nations with strength of good will, to see God's children everywhere! *Refrain*

The Collect

Persevering God,
**by your sure voice you rouse us from our slumber
and call us to discipleship and mission in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The First Reading: 1 Samuel 3:1-10 (11-20) *(Susan Parsons)*

Psalm 139:1-5, 12-17 *(Wan Li Zhang)*

Lord, you have searched me out
and known me.
You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.
You trace my journeys and my resting-places
and are acquainted with all my ways.
Indeed, there is not a word on my lips,
but you, O Lord, know it altogether.
You press upon me behind and before
and lay your hand upon me.
Darkness is not dark to you; the night is as bright as the day;
darkness and light to you are both alike.
For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.
I will thank you because I am marvellously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.
My body was not hidden from you,
**while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.**
Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb;
all of them were written in your book;
they were fashioned day by day,
when as yet there was none of them.
How deep I find your thoughts, O God!
How great is the sum of them!
Glory to God,
**Source of all being, Eternal Word and Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be for ever. Amen.**

The Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 6:12-20 *(Don Paul)*

Gradual Hymn: "I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say" (CP 508)

**1. I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
lay down, thou weary one, lay down thy head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn, and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.**

3. **I heard the voice of Jesus say, “I am this dark world’s light; look unto me, thy morn shall rise, and all thy day be bright.” I looked to Jesus and I found in him my star, my sun; and in that light of life I’ll walk till travelling days are done.**

The Holy Gospel *(Bob McGall)*

May God be with you.

And also with you

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

Glory to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

John 1:43-51

The Gospel of Christ.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

The Sermon: The Rev. Roberta Fraser

~ A minute of silence for reflection & prayer ~

Affirmation of Faith

You, O God, are supreme and holy.

You create our world and give us life. Your purpose overarches everything we do.

You have always been with us. You are God. You, O God, are infinitely generous, good beyond all measure. You came to us before we came to you. You have revealed and proved your love for us in Jesus Christ, who lived and died and rose again. You are with us now. You are God.

You, O God, are Holy Spirit. You empower us to be your gospel in the world.

You reconcile and heal; you overcome death. You are our God. We worship you.

Prayers of the People *(Julie Halfnights)*

Confession & Absolution

Dear friends in Christ, God is steadfast in love and infinite in mercy, welcoming sinners and inviting us to share the abundance of divine love. Let us confess our sins, confident in God’s forgiveness.

(short silence for reflection)

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 neighbours 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.**

Almighty God have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and keep you in eternal life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Peace

The Peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

(Please un-mute your own mic to share in greeting one another with a blessing of peace)

The Offering

With grateful hearts, let us give what we have. With joyful hope, let us give for what can be.

*~A moment of silence to reflect on your gratitude for what you have received
or to make your weekly pledge online.~*

Offertory Hymn: “O Jesus, I Have Promised” (CP 438)

**1. O Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end;
be thou forever near me, my Master and my Friend.
I shall not fear the battle if thou art by my side,
nor wander from the pathway if thou wilt be my guide.**

**3. O Jesus, thou hast promised to all who follow thee,
that where thou art in glory there shall thy servant be;
and, Jesus, I have promised to serve thee to the end!
O give me grace to follow, my Master and my Friend.**

Blessing Over the Gifts

Abundant God, **you made us in your image and breathed in us a spirit of generosity that is both gift and response. Move us, we pray, to give as we have received — abundantly, generously, and joyfully that our common ministry may ever bear witness to your unfailing grace.**

In the name of the Three in whom we are One, Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

As our Saviour taught us, let us sing, **Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and for ever.**

The Blessing

Closing Hymn: “I, the Lord of Sea and Sky” (VU 509)

**1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in deepest sin my hand will save.
I who made the stars of night, I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?**

Refrain: **Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?**

I have heard you calling in the night.

I will go, Lord, if you lead me. I will hold your people in my heart.

**3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame,
I will set a feast for them; my hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send? *Refrain***

The Dismissal (*Bob McGall*)

Go into the world in peace, loving and serving God in all you do.
Thanks be to God.