

Stir up your power, O Lord, and with great might come among us; and, because we are sorely hindered by our sins, let your bountiful grace and mercy speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ our Lord, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. **Amen.**

All are now seated for the readings.

FIRST LESSON

ISAIAH 61:1-4, 8-11

The spirit of the Lord God is upon me, because the Lord has anointed me; he has sent me to bring good news to the oppressed, to bind up the brokenhearted, to proclaim liberty to the captives, and release to the prisoners; to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor, and the day of vengeance of our God; to comfort all who mourn; to provide for those who mourn in Zion— to give them a garland instead of ashes, the oil of gladness instead of mourning, the mantle of praise instead of a faint spirit. They will be called oaks of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, to display his glory. They shall build up the ancient ruins, they shall raise up the former devastations; they shall repair the ruined cities, the devastations of many generations. For I the Lord love justice, I hate robbery and wrongdoing; I will faithfully give them their recompense, and I will make an everlasting covenant with them. Their descendants shall be known among the nations, and their offspring among the peoples; all who see them shall acknowledge that they are a people whom the Lord has blessed. I will greatly rejoice in the Lord, my whole being shall exult in my God; for he has clothed me with the garments of salvation, he has covered me with the robe of righteousness, as a bridegroom decks himself with a garland, and as a bride adorns herself with her jewels. For as the earth brings forth its shoots, and as a garden causes what is sown in it to spring up, so the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring up before all the nations.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 126

James Frazier
(b. 1947)



1 When the LORD restored the fortunes of / Zion, *
then were we like those who / dream.

2 Then was our mouth filled with / laughter, *
and our tongue with shouts of / joy.

3 Then they said among the / nations, *
"The LORD has done great things / for them."

4 The LORD has done great things / for us, *
and we are glad in/deed.

5 Restore our fortunes, O / LORD, *
like the watercourses of the / Negev.

6 Those who sowed with / tears *
will reap with songs of / joy.

(second half of chant)

7 Those who go out weeping, carrying the / seed, *
will come again with joy, shouldering their / sheaves.

SECOND LESSON

1 THESSALONIANS 5:16-24

Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, give thanks in all circumstances; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you. Do not quench the Spirit. Do not despise the words of prophets, but test everything; hold fast to what is good; abstain from every form of evil. May the God of peace himself sanctify you entirely; and may your spirit and soul and body be kept sound and blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. The one who calls you is faithful, and he will do this.

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

All now stand. At the 8:45 am service children ages 3 to 5 are invited to follow the Children's Chapel Leaders to the Chapel.

SEQUENCE HYMN H-1982 #64 O Heavenly Word, Eternal Light O HEILAND, REISS

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to John.

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

GOSPEL

JOHN 1:6-8,19-28

There was a man sent from God, whose name was John. He came as a witness to testify to the light, so that all might believe through him. He himself was not the light, but he came to testify to the light. This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, "Who are you?" He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, "I am not the Messiah." And they asked him, "What then? Are you Elijah?" He said, "I am not." "Are you the prophet?" He answered, "No." Then they said to him, "Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?" He said, "I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, 'Make straight the way of the Lord,'" as the prophet Isaiah said. Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, "Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?" John answered them, "I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal." This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon The Gospel of Christ.

People **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

SERMON

The Reverend Jennifer Deaton, Canon for Pastoral Care

A moment of silent reflection is observed. At the invitation of the Presider, all stand as able. The Nicene Creed is the official ecumenical statement of the faith of the universal church. It was adopted in 325 AD. Recitation is an affirmation of Christian faith and unity, not necessarily a statement of individual orthodoxy.

NICENE CREED

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, FORM II

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The Prayers call to mind the needs, concerns, and hopes of the congregation and of the world. As members one of another in the Body of Christ, everyone is invited to offer petitions, intercessions, and thanksgivings. The Deacon bids the prayers, which are then led by an Intercessor. In the pauses, all are welcome to speak aloud those persons or situations for which they pray.

CONFESSION OF SINS

The people may stand or kneel and the Deacon invites the people to confess their sins.

The Deacon and People together

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

The Presider then stands and pronounces

ABSOLUTION

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

THE PEACE

Presider The peace of Christ be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

MINISTRY OF THE TABLE

OFFERTORY ANTHEM *My Soul Doth Magnify the Lord*

Michael Praetorius

*My soul doth magnify the Lord, God, my Savior shall rejoice;
He raises me from low estate, gives a hundred blessings voice.*

*All generations call me blest, Yes, God has done great things for me;
And Holy is his righteous name, To those who know his majesty.*

*His arm is strong to all who fear, The proud he scatters in their greed;
He casts the mighty from their thrones, lifts the lowly from their need.*

*He fills the hungry with good things, The rich he sends away in shame;
The humble he has lifted high, To magnify his Holy Name.*

*Remembering His mercy sure, servants, Israel, embrace;
As prophesied in days of old, Abraham and all his race.*

At this time the children will process into the service with their gifts and sit at the altar for the Celebration of Holy Eucharist. Children will return to their parents at the beginning of Communion.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING, Enriching Our Worship, Prayer II

The people remain standing. This Eucharistic Prayer is taken from our supplementary worship materials and is used during Advent, as the language is particularly appropriate for the images and themes of this holy season. The Presider begins

The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Lift up your hearts.
 People **We lift them to the Lord.**
 Presider Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
 People **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Then, the Presider proceeds

We praise you and we bless you, holy and gracious God, source of life abundant... And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we sing:

SANCTUS, H-1982 #S-129 Robert Powell

The people may now stand or kneel. The Presider continues

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God...Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever. AMEN.

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Presider breaks the consecrated Bread to be shared with the congregation. A period of silence is kept. The following anthem is then sung.

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HOLY COMMUNION

The table of bread and wine is the table of company with Jesus, and all those who love him. So come to this table, you who have much faith, and you who would like to have more; you who have been to this Sacrament often, and you who have not been for a long time; you who have tried to follow Jesus in the world, and you who have failed; come. It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

For Holy Communion, receive the bread in the open palms. The wine may be taken from the common cup by drinking, placing your hand gently on the base of the chalice to guide it, or by carefully dipping the bread in the chalice. If you'd prefer not to receive Holy Communion but would instead like a blessing, please come forward and indicate that by crossing your arms over your chest. Gluten free bread is available upon request.

MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

H-1982 #54 *Savior of the Nations, Come* NUN KOMM, DER HEIDEN HEILAND
 H-1982 #60 *Creator of the Stars of Night* CONDITOR ALME SIDERUM



DOXOLOGY

DISMISSAL OF THE LAY EUCHARISTIC VISITORS (8:45 only)

In the Name of this congregation, we send you forth bearing these Holy gifts, that those to whom you go may share with us in the Communion of Christ's body and blood. We who are many share one bread, one cup, because we are one body in Christ Jesus. Amen.

PRAYER OF CHRISTIAN DISCIPLESHIP

The Presider and People, together

God of abundance, you have fed us with the bread of life and cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue for ever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

FINAL BLESSING

The Presider now blesses the people to be sent out into the world in God's service. As the procession passes down the aisle, the people turn and face the doors of the Cathedral.

CLOSING HYMN Wonder, Love and Praise #724 *People Look East* BESANCON CAROL

DISMISSAL

People **Thanks be to God.**

POSTLUDE *Nun komm, der Heiden Heiland, BWV 599* J.S. Bach



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PRELUDE *Prière à Notre-Dame* Léon Boëllmann

From the back of the Nave, with the people seated, the following is read.

ADVENT INTROIT

Reader Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
 People **And all people shall see it together.**

A shoot shall come out from the stump of Jesse, and a branch shall grow out of his roots. The spirit of the Lord shall rest on him, the spirit of wisdom and understanding, the spirit of counsel and might, the spirit of knowledge and the fear of the Lord. His delight shall be in the fear of the Lord. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide by what his ears hear; but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. Righteousness shall be the belt around his waist, and faithfulness the belt around his loins. The wolf shall live with the lamb, the leopard shall lie down with the kid, the calf and the lion and the fatling together, and a little child shall lead them. The cow and the bear shall graze, their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. The nursing child shall play over the hole of the asp, and the weaned child shall put its hand on the adder's den. They will not hurt or destroy on all my holy mountain; for the earth will be full of the knowledge of the Lord as the waters cover the sea. *Isaiah 11:1-9*

Reader Then the glory of the Lord shall be revealed;
 People **And all people shall see it together.**

All stand at the chiming of the bells.

HYMN H-1982 #616 *Hail to the Lord's Anointed* ES FLOG EIN KLEINS WALDVÖGELEIN

OPENING ACCLAMATION

Presider Blessed are you, holy and living One.
 People **You come to your people and set them free.**

The Presider says the Collect for Purity, preparing all for faithful and honest engagement in prayer; it is found in the red Book of Common Prayer (BCP) on page 355.

COLLECT FOR PURITY

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.

THE TRISAGION, H-1982 #S-102 Alexander Archangelsky

COLLECT OF THE DAY

Presider The Lord be with you.
 People **And also with you.**
 Presider Let us pray.