

St. Luke's Lutheran Church
Second Sunday after Epiphany

January 16, 2022

8:30 AM

GATHERING

Prélude sur l'Introit de l'Épiphanie by Maurice Durufle

20th century French composer Maurice Durufle composed a series of preludes, each of which is based on a plainsong introit and reflects the style of Gregorian chant. Listen for the chant melody in the sound of the trumpet. This prelude is based on the text for Epiphany: "Behold the Lord, the Ruler, hath come; and the kingdom, and the power, and the glory are in his hand. Give the King thy judgments, O God; and thy righteousness unto the King's Son".

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: The coming of Christ was not, and is not, widely welcomed. Wherever there is epiphany there will also be darkness: the darkness of old superstitions and dogmas which refuse to fade away easily; the darkness of pride in the half truths that have masqueraded as wisdom; the darkness of entrenched evil that hates the light and tries to dispose of it; the darkness of apathy that cannot be bothered to open the shutters;
(*Please take a moment of silent reflection.*)

L: Most holy and loving God,

C: please forgive the darkness and pain we have inflicted on others, and restore your light within our own souls. Trusting your grace, we humbly ask, "Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us." Through Christ Jesus our Saviour. Amen!

L: My friends, Epiphany is good news! The Light comes not to sear and blind us but to save us. Jesus came into this world to save sinners. In his name, I declare to you: Your sins are forgiven!

C: Thanks be to God!

+GATHERING HYMN

"Arise, Your Light Has Come"

ELW #314

Verse 1

Arise, your light has come!
The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God
Which shines on you today.

Verse 3

Arise, your light has come!
All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken hearted ones
And comfort those who mourn.

Verse 2

Arise, your light has come!
Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captive's liberty,
Good tidings to the poor.

Verse 4

Arise, your light has come!
The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing,
God's pow'r will make us strong.

+GREETING {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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

C: And also with you.

(*Assistant may be seated if not cantoring*)

+KYRIE (*cantor and congregation*)

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L: In peace let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord. **C: Lord, have mercy.**

L: 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. **C: Lord have mercy.**

L: For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

C: Lord have mercy.

L: Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

C: Amen.

C: Refrain:

This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.

1. Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to be people of God.

Refrain

2. Power, riches, wisdom, and strength, and honor, blessing, and glory are his.

Refrain

3. Sing with all the people of God, and join in the hymn of all creation: Blessing, honor, glory, and might be to God and the Lamb forever. Amen.

Refrain

4. For the Lamb who was slain has begun his reign. Alleluia.

Refrain

+PRAYER OF THE DAY {Front Center} (Britt Halaas)

L: You called many by name, asking them to follow Jesus and obey. Call us by name, and help us to follow and obey.

C: Amen.

WORD

FIRST READING (Bette Gamboni)

1 Corinthians 1:10-17

Now I appeal to you, brothers and sisters, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you be in agreement and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same purpose. For it has been reported to me by Chloe’s people that there are quarrels among you, my brothers and sisters. What I mean is that each of you says, “I belong to Paul,” or “I belong to Apollos,” or “I belong to Cephas,” or “I belong to Christ.” Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one can say that you were baptized in my name. (I did baptize also the household of Stephanas; beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else.) For Christ did not send me to baptize but to proclaim the gospel, and not with eloquent wisdom, so that the cross of Christ might not be emptied of its power.

L: The Word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Please stand as you are able.

+GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

“Alleluia”

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C: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. Alleluia. Alleluia.

+THE HOLY GOSPEL

John 1:35-51

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). The next day Jesus decided to go to Galilee. He found Philip and said to him, “Follow me.” Now Philip was from Bethsaida, the city of Andrew and Peter. Philip found Nathanael and said to him, “We have found him about whom Moses in the law and also the prophets wrote, Jesus son of Joseph from Nazareth.” Nathanael said to him, “Can anything good come out of Nazareth?” Philip said to him, “Come and see.” When Jesus saw Nathanael coming toward him, he said of him, “Here is truly an Israelite in whom there is no deceit!” Nathanael asked him, “Where did you get to know me?” Jesus answered, “I saw you under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Nathanael replied, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God! You are the King of Israel!” Jesus answered, “Do you believe because I told you that I saw you under the fig tree? You will see greater things than these.” And he said to him, “Very truly, I tell you, you will see heaven opened and the angels of God ascending and descending upon the Son of Man.”

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to You, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Rob Norris-Weber

Verse 1

Jesus keep me near the cross,
There's a precious fountain;
Free to all, a healing stream
Flows from Calv'ry's mountain.

Refrain

In the cross, in the cross
Be my glory ever;
Till my ransomed soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.

Verse 2

Near the cross, a trembling soul,
Love and mercy found me;
There the bright and morning star
Sheds its beams around me.

Refrain

Verse 3

Near the cross! O Lamb of God,
Bring its scenes before me;
Help me walk from day to day
With its shadow o'er me.

Refrain

Verse 4

Near the cross i'll watch and wait,
Hoping, trusting ever,
Till I reach the golden strand
Just beyond the river.

Refrain

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

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C: 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.

+THE PRAYERS {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

Screen

After each petition:

L: Lord in your mercy,

C: hear our prayer.

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: The peace of the Lord be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Please share of wave of peace with one another.

MEAL

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING (*Rob*)

DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*spoken*)

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L: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

L: Lift up your hearts.

C: We lift them to the Lord.

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.

C: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

L: 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; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

C: Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of pow’r and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION (*Rob*)

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*Rob*)

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C: 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.

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COMMUNION SONG

“Lamb of God”

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C: Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; have mercy on us. Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world; grant us peace.

COMMUNION HYMN

“By Your Hand You Feed Your People”

ELW #469

Verse 1

By your hand you feed your people,
Food of angels, heaven’s bread.
For these gifts we did not labor,
By your grace have we been fed:

Verse 2

In this meal we taste your sweetness,
Bread for hunger, wine of peace.
Holy word and holy wisdom
Satisfy our deepest needs.

Refrain

Christ’s own body, blessed and broken,
Cup o’erflowing, life outpoured,
Given us a living token
Of your world redeemed, restored.

Refrain

Verse 3

Send us now with faith and courage
To the hungry, lost, bereaved.
In our living and our dying,
We become what we received:

Refrain

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Rob*)

L: The body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.
C: Amen.

+CANTICLE

“Thankful Hearts and Voices Raise”

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+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Loving God, you have fed our spirits with your word of hope and your food of life. Empower us to go forth strengthened and renewed, to serve the world you love.
C: Amen.

SENDING

+BENEDICTION {*Front Center*} (*Pastor Rob*)

L: May the eternal light of God guide you in the way of the peace, through the power of Holy Spirit now and forevermore.
C: Amen.

+SENDING HYMN

“Shukuru Yaesu”

from South Sudan, arr. Greg Scheer

+DISMISSAL {*Front Center*} (*Britt Halaas*)

L: Let your light shine before others.
C: Glory be to God.

POSTLUDE