

Worship Leader Edition  
The Temptation of Christ

January 15, 2023

8:30 AM

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GATHERING

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PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS *{Front Center}* (Emily Schoeller)

+CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS *{Front Center}* (Jo Bauman)

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;

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!**

+OPENING HYMN

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

ELW # 807

**Verse 1**

Come, thou Fount of ev'ry blessing,  
tune my heart to sing thy grace;  
streams of mercy, never ceasing,  
call for songs of loudest praise.  
While the hope of endless glory  
fills my heart with joy and love,  
teach me ever to adore thee;  
may I still thy goodness prove.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,  
wand'ring from the fold of God;  
he, to rescue me from danger,  
interposed his precious blood.

**Verse 3**

Oh, to grace how great a debtor  
daily I'm constrained to be;  
let that grace now like a fetter  
bind my wand'ring heart to thee.  
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it;  
prone to leave the God I love.  
Here's my heart, oh, take and seal it;  
seal it for thy courts above.

**Verse 2**

Here I raise my Ebenezer:  
"Hither by thy help I'm come";  
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,  
safely to arrive at home.

+GREETING *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

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)*

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**

L Lord God, our strength, the struggle between good and evil rages within and around us, and the devil and all the forces that defy you tempt us with empty promises. Keep us steadfast in your word, and when we fall raise us again and restore us through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

**C: Amen.**

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WORD

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From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, “Give us water to drink.” Moses said to them, “Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?” But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, “Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?” So Moses cried out to the Lord, “What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me.” The Lord said to Moses, “Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink.” Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of Israel.

L: The Word of the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

*Please stand as you are able.*

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

+THE HOLY GOSPEL {Pulpit} (*Jo Bauman*)

Matthew 4:1-17

Then Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But he answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.'" Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.'" Jesus said to him, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.'" Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me." Jesus said to him, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only him.'" Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to proclaim, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near."

L: The Gospel of the Lord.

C: **Praise to You, O Christ.**

SERMON

*Jo Bauman*

+HYMN OF THE DAY

"O Blessed Spring"

ELW #447

**Verse 1**

O blessed spring, where word and sign  
embrace us into Christ the vine:  
here Christ enjoins each one to be  
a branch of this life giving Tree.

**Verse 2**

Through summer heat of youthful years,  
uncertain faith rebellious tears,  
sustained by Christ's infusing rain,  
the boughs will shout for joy again.

**Verse 3**

When autumn cools and youth is cold,  
when limbs their heavy harvest hold,

then through us, warm, the Christ will move  
with gifts of beauty, wisdom, love.

**Verse 4**

As winter comes, as winters must,  
we breath our last, return to dust;  
still held in Christ our souls take wing  
and trust the promise of the spring.

**Verse 5**

Christ, holy Vine, Christ, living tree,  
be praised for this blest mystery:  
that word water thus revive  
and join us to your Tree of Life.

+THE APOSTLES' CREED {*Front Center*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

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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*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

*Screen*

*After each petition:*

L: Hear us, O God,

C: **Your mercy is great.**

+SHARING OF THE PEACE {*Front Center*} (*Greg Hornicke*)

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

**C: And also with you.**

*Please share of wave of peace with one another.*

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## MEAL

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### INVITATION TO THE TABLE

+THE GREAT THANKSGIVING/DIALOGUE AND PREFACE (*Jo Bauman*)

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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 in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ. In the wonder and mystery of the Word made flesh you have opened the eyes of faith to a new and radiant vision of your glory, that beholding the God made visible, we may be drawn to love the God whom we cannot see. 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:

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (*brief intro*)

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**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 (*Jo Bauman*)

THE LORD'S PRAYER (*Jo Bauman*)

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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.**

### COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION/ALL ARE WELCOME

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 ANTHEM

"At The Name of Jesus"

arr. James Kirkby

St. Luke's Choir

### TIME OF REFLECTION AND RESPONSE

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L: In this time of reflection and response you are invited to fill out your welcome card. Share any reflections, questions, or prayers on the back. Also, take this time to prepare your offering. For those gathered the collection plates are in the front and back. For those online please go to our website [stlukesbloomington.org](http://stlukesbloomington.org) and there is a link to give at the bottom of every page. Enjoy this time.

*Please stand as you are able.*

+POST-COMMUNION BLESSING (*Jo Bauman*)

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"

ELW #207/*Screen*

Thankful hearts and voices raise;  
tell everyone what God has done.  
Let everyone who seeks the Lord  
rejoice and bear the name of Christ

Send us with your promises  
and lead your people forth in joy  
with shouts of thanksgiving  
Alleluia, alleluia.

+POST-COMMUNION PRAYER *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Lord God, we give you thanks that you have fed us even now with the banquet that is yet to come. Keep us alert for signs of your presence in the world around us. Send us as healing oil and sheltering comfort to those in need, and make us bold in testifying to the light of Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**C: Amen.**

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SENDING

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+BENEDICTION *{Front Center}* (Jo Bauman)

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

“O Jesus, Joy of Loving Hearts”

**ELW #658**

**Verse 1**

O Jesus, joy of loving hearts,  
the fount of life, the light of all:  
from ev'ry bliss that earth imparts  
we turn, unfilled, to hear your call.

**Verse 2**

We taste you, ever living bread,  
and long to feast upon you still;  
we drink of you, the fountainhead;  
our thirsting souls from you we fill.

**Verse 3**

For you our restless spirits yearn,  
where'er our changing lot is cast;  
glad, when your smile on us you turn,  
blest, when by faith we hold you fast.

**Verse 4**

O Jesus, ever with us stay!  
make all our moments fair and bright!  
Oh, chase the night of sin away!  
shed o'er the world your holy light.

+DISMISSAL *{Front Center}* (Greg Hornicke)

L: Let your light shine before others.

**C: Glory be to God.**

POSTLUDE

Lori Murray

***Altar Flowers Today***  
***Given by:***

Nancy Hudson  
In appreciation of  
Rob, Cheryl, Heather & Emily  
For teaching me to ask for help.