

3RD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—JANUARY 23, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“Psalm 19: The Heavens Declare the Glory of God”

—Benedetto Marcello

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

***INVOCATION**

In the name of the Father, and of ✝ the Son,
and of the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***CONFESSION & FORGIVENESS**

Blessed be the holy Trinity, one God, who creates us,
redeems us, and calls us by name.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Most merciful God,

**we confess that we have sinned against you
and your beloved children.**

**We have turned our faces away from your glory
when it did not appear as we expected.**

**We have rejected your word
when it made us confront ourselves.**

**We have failed to show hospitality
to those you called us to welcome.**

**Accept our repentance for the things we have done
and the things we have left undone.**

For the sake of Jesus Christ, have mercy on us.

**Forgive us and lead us, that we may bathe
in the glory of your Son born among us,
and reflect your love for all creation.**

Amen.

Rejoice in this good news:
In † Christ Jesus, your sins are forgiven.
You are descendants of the Most High,
adopted into the household of Christ,
and inheritors of eternal life.
Live as freed and forgiven children of God.

Amen.

***GATHERING SONG**

“Oh, for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Text: Charles Wesley, 1707-1788, alt.; Public Domain

ELW # 886; st. 1, 3-5

**Oh, for a thousand tongues to sing
my great Redeemer's praise,
the glories of my God and King,
the triumphs of his grace!**

**The name of Jesus charms our fears
and bids our sorrows cease,
sings music in the sinner's ears,
brings life and health and peace.**

**He speaks, and list'ning to his voice,
new life the dead receive;
the mournful, broken hearts rejoice,
the humble poor believe.**

**Look unto him, your Savior own,
O fallen human race!
Look and be saved through faith alone,
be justified by grace!**

***GREETING**

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.

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Let us pray. Blessed Lord God,

you have caused the holy scriptures to be written for the nourishment of your people. Grant that we may hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that, comforted by your promises, we may embrace and forever hold fast to the hope of eternal life, through your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

PSALM: Psalm 19 *(read responsively)*

¹The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the sky proclaims its maker's handiwork.

**²One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.**

³Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

**⁴their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world,
where God has pitched a tent for the sun.**

⁵It comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

**⁶It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.**

⁷The teaching of the LORD is perfect and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure and gives wisdom
to the simple.

**⁸The statutes of the LORD are just and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.**

⁹The fear of the LORD is clean and endures forever;
the judgments of the LORD are true and righteous altogether.

**¹⁰More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey, than honey in the comb.**

¹¹By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

**¹²Who can detect one's own offenses?
Cleanse me from my secret faults.**

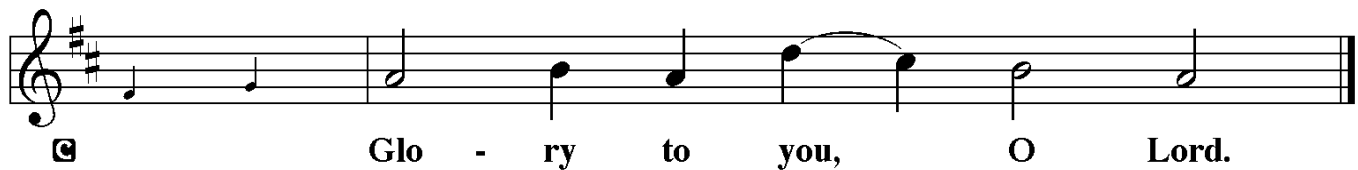
¹³Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

¹⁴**Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of
my heart be acceptable in your sight,
O LORD, my strength and ^l my redeemer.**

TEACHING MOMENT

*GOSPEL Luke 4:14-21

The holy gospel according to St. Luke, the 4th chapter.



¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

¹⁶When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

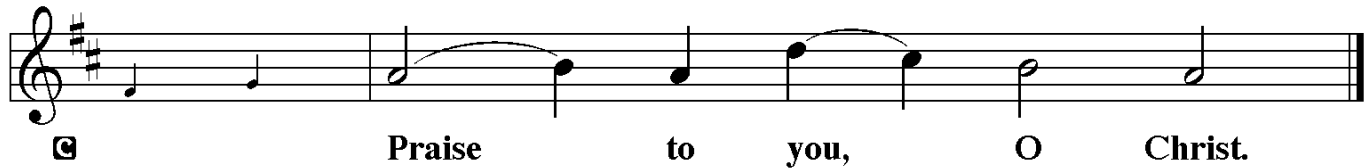
¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,
because he has anointed me
to bring good news to the poor.

He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
and recovery of sight to the blind,
to let the oppressed go free,

¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

²⁰And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY "Marching Orders"

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** "Hail to the Lord's Anointed"

ELW # 311; st. 1, 2, 4

Text: James Montgomery, 1771-1854, alt.

**Hail to the Lord's anointed,
great David's greater Son!
Hail, in the time appointed,
*your reign on earth begun!***

**You come to break oppression,
to set the captive free,
to take away transgression
and rule in equity.**

**You come with rescue speedy
to those who suffer wrong,
to help the poor and needy,
and bid the weak be strong;**

**to give them songs for sighing,
their darkness turn to light,
whose souls, condemned and dying,
*are precious in your sight.***

**Kings shall fall down before you,
and gold and incense bring;
all nations shall adore you,
*your praise all people sing.***

To you shall prayer unceasing
and daily vows ascend;
your kingdom still increasing,
a kingdom without end.

***APOSTLES' CREED**

With the whole church, let us confess our faith.

**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 INTERCESSION**

MUSICAL OFFERING

Ostinato: "We too have a star to guide us"
From *Suite on "Bright and Glorious is the Sky"*

-setting, Wayne L. Wold

Helen Weiss Phelps, organ

***THE GREAT THANKSGIVING**

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

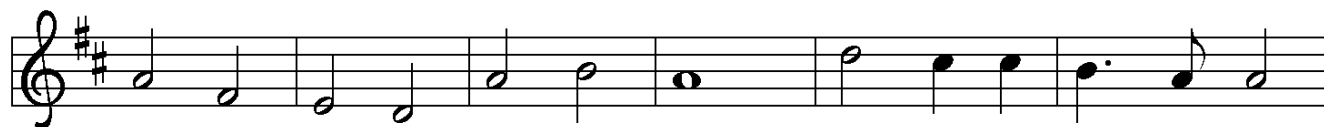
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our calling 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:

*SANCTUS



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow'r and might,



heav'n and earth are full of your glo - ry.



Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

*WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*LORD'S PRAYER

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit,
let us pray as Jesus taught us:

**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**

LAMB OF GOD



Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mer-cy on



us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have



mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a-way the



sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

HOLY COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONGS

"Here Is Bread" ELW # 483

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**Here is bread, here is wine,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Break the bread, taste the wine,
Christ is with us here.**

**In this bread there is healing,
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

**Here is grace, here is peace,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
Know His grace, find His peace,
Feast on Jesus here**

**In this bread there is healing,
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

**Here we are, joined in one,
Christ is with us, He is with us.
We'll proclaim 'til He comes
Jesus crucified**

**In this bread there is healing,
In this cup there's life forever.
In this moment, by the Spirit,
Christ is with us here.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness"

ELW # 843

Text: Rusty Edwards, b. 1955

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**Praise the One who breaks the darkness
with a liberating light;
praise the One who frees the pris'ners,
turning blindness into sight.**

**Praise the One who preached the gospel,
healing ev'ry dread disease,
calming storms and feeding thousands
with the very bread of peace.**

**Praise the One who blessed the children
with a strong yet gentle word;
praise the One who drove out demons
with a piercing, two-edged sword.**

**Praise the One who brings cool water
to the desert's burning sand;
from this well comes living water
quenching thirst in ev'ry land.**

**Praise the one true love incarnate:
Christ, who suffered in our place;
Jesus died and rose for many
that we may know God by grace.**

**Let us sing for joy and gladness,
seeing what our God has done.
Praise the one redeeming glory;
praise the One who makes us one.**

***COMMUNION BLESSING**

The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ
strengthen you and keep you in His grace.

Amen.

***SENDING PRAYER**

***BENEDICTION**

The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you peace.
In the name of the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

Amen.

***SENDING HYMN**

The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve

ELW # 551

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**The Spirit sends us forth to serve;
we go in Jesus' name
to bring glad tidings to the poor,
God's favor to proclaim.**

**We go to comfort those who mourn
and set the burdened free;
where hope is dim, to share a dream
and help the blind to see.**

**We go to be the hands of Christ,
to scatter joy like seed
and, all our days, to cherish life,
to do the loving deed.**

**4Then let us go to serve in peace,
the gospel to proclaim.
God's Spirit has empowered us;
we go in Jesus' name.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.
Share the good news.
Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“The Spirit Sends Us Forth to Serve”

—setting, David Cherwien



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