

4TH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY—JANUARY 30, 2022

A MOMENT OF SABBATH REFLECTION

“Toccata in Seven”

–John Rutter

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**

“Rise, Shine, You People!”

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ELW # 665

**Rise, shine, you people!
Christ the Lord has entered
our human story;
God in him is centered.**

**He comes to us,
by death and sin surrounded,
with grace unbounded.**

**See how he sends
the pow'rs of evil reeling;
he brings us freedom,
light and life and healing.**

**All men and women,
who by guilt are driven,
now are forgiven.**

**Come, celebrate;
your banners high unfurling,
your songs and prayers
against the darkness hurling.**

**To all the world
go out and tell the story
of Jesus' glory.**

**Tell how the Father
sent the Son to save us.
Tell of the Son,
who life and freedom gave us.**

**Tell how the Spirit
calls from ev'ry nation
God's new creation.**

***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. Almighty and ever-living God,
**increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain
what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son,
Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.**

PSALM: Psalm 71:1-6 *(read responsively)*

¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge;
let me never be put to shame.

**²In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.

**⁴Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.**

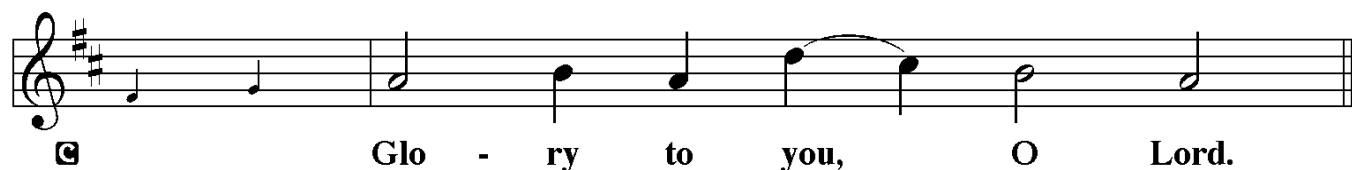
⁵For you are my hope, O Lord GOD,
my confidence since I was young.

**⁶I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.**

TEACHING MOMENT

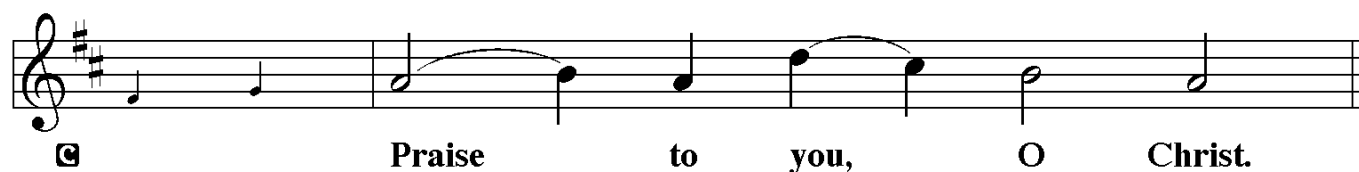
*GOSPEL Luke 4: 21-30

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



²¹Then [Jesus] began to say to [all in the synagogue in Nazareth,] “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.” ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, “Is not this Joseph’s son?” ²³He said to them, “Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, ‘Doctor, cure yourself!’ And you will say, ‘Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.’” ²⁴And he said, “Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet’s hometown. ²⁵But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian.” ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. ³⁰But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

The gospel of the Lord.



HOMILY “Sibling Rivalry”

Pastor Dave Helfrich

***SONG OF THE DAY** "Build a Longer Table"

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(sung to the same tune as "Now the Green Blade Riseth")

**Build a longer table,
Not a higher wall,
Feeding those who hunger,
Making room for all.**

**Feasting together,
stranger turns to friend,
Christ breaks walls to pieces;
False divisions end.**

**Build a safer refuge,
Not a larger jail;
Where the weak find shelter,
Mercy will not fail.**

**For any place
Where justice is denied,
Christ will breach the jail wall,
Freeing all inside.**

**Build a broader doorway,
Not a longer fence.
Love protects all people,
Sparing no expense.**

**When we embrace
Compassion more than fear,
Christ tears down our fences:
All are welcome here.**

***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

“Pastorale”

–Antonia Vivaldi

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

"O Word of God Incarnate"

ELW # 514

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O Word of God incarnate,
O Wisdom from on high,
O Truth unchanged, unchanging,
O Light of our dark sky:

**we praise you for the radiance
that from the hallowed page,
a lantern to our footsteps,
shines on from age to age.**

**The church from you, dear Master,
received the gift divine;
and still that light is lifted
o'er all the earth to shine.**

**It is the chart and compass
that, all life's voyage through,
mid mists and rocks and quicksands
still guides, O Christ, to you.**

**Oh, make your church, dear Savior,
a lamp of burnished gold
to bear before the nations
your true light, as of old;**

**Oh, teach your wand'ring pilgrims
by this their path to trace,
till, clouds and darkness ended,
they see you face to face.**

COMMUNION HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

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ELW # 543

**"Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone.
Waking, sleeping, I am with you, you are my own.
In my love's baptismal river
I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing, you are my own."**

**"Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.**

**Here you heard my dear Son's story,
here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure."**

**"Go, my children, fed and nourished, closer to me.
Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit's power filled you,
here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free."**

***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**

"O Zion, Haste"

ELW # 668

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**O Zion, haste, your mission high fulfilling,
to tell to all the world that God is light;
that he who made all nations is not willing
one soul should perish, lost in shades of night.**

**Publish glad tidings, tidings of peace,
tidings of Jesus, redemption, and release.**

**Publish to ev'ry people, tongue, and nation
that God, in whom they live and move, is love;
tell how he stooped to save his lost creation
and died on earth that we might live above.**

**He comes again! O Zion, ere you meet him,
make known to ev'ry heart his saving grace;
let none whom he has ransomed fail to greet him,
through your neglect, unfit to see his face.**

***DISMISSAL**

Go with Christ into a weary world.

Share the good news.

Thanks be to God!

POSTLUDE

“O Zion Haste”

—setting, Mark Sedio



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