

Sunday January 22, 2023

Prelude: "Prelude and Fugue in C Major" by J.S. Back
The prelude is offered as an invitation to prepare for worship.

Welcome and Announcements

Introit Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place

Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.
I can feel his mighty power and his grace.
I can hear the brush of angel's wings,
I see glory on each face.
Surely the presence of the Lord is in this place.

Call to Worship

Pastor: Sing to the Lord, bless his name
People: tell of his salvation from day to day.
Pastor: For great is the Lord and greatly to be praised
People: God is to be revered above all else.
Pastor: Honor and majesty are before him
People: strength and beauty are in his sanctuary.

*Hymn 446. Glorious Things of Thee are Spoken

Glorious things of thee are spoken,
Zion, city of our God!
He, whose Word cannot be broken,
Formed thee for His own abode;
On the Rock of Ages founded,
What can shake thy sure repose?
With salvation's walls surrounded,
Thou mayst smile at all thy foes.
See, the streams of living waters,

Springing from eternal love,
Well supply thy sons and daughters,
And all fear of want remove:
Who can faint while such a river
Ever flows their thirst t' assuage?
Grace which, like the Lord, the giver,
Never fails from age to age.
Round each habitation hov'ring,
See the cloud and fire appear,
For a glory and a cov'ring,
Showing that the Lord is near;
Thus deriving from our banner
Light by night and shade by day,
Safe they feed upon the manna

Which He gives them when they pray.

Prayer of Confession (*in unison, the congregation seated*)

Eternal God, you have built your church on the foundation of apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone: forgive us if we take your church for granted, or fail to play a worthy part within it.

Forgive us if we fail to find some way to serve you through your church, and so impair your mission to the world.

Remind us, Lord, of the cost of our salvation, and the gift of grace that makes us members of your church; and, by your Spirit, make us worthy members of your church, for your love's sake. Amen

Assurance of Pardon:

Pastor: With the Lord there is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

People: **God hears our prayer and sees our penitence. God has forgiven us, and our hearts are glad.**

Congregational Response Bunessan

**Baptized in water, sealed by the Spirit,
Cleansed by the blood of Christ our King;
Heirs of salvation, trusting God's promise
Faithfully now God's praises we sing.**

Scripture Deuteronomy 26:1-11

Lay Reader

When you have come into the land that the Lord your God is giving you as an inheritance to possess, and you possess it, and settle in it, you shall take some of the first of all the fruit of the ground, which you harvest from the land that the Lord your God is giving you, and you shall put it in a basket and go to the place that the Lord your God will choose as a dwelling for his name. You shall go to the priest who is in office at that time, and say to him, "Today I declare to the Lord your God that I have come into the land that the Lord swore to our ancestors to give us." When the priest takes the basket from your hand and sets it down before the altar of the Lord your God, you shall make this response before the Lord your God: "A wandering Aramean was my ancestor; he went down into Egypt and lived there as an alien, few in number, and there he became a great nation, mighty and populous. When the Egyptians treated us harshly and afflicted us, by imposing hard labor on us, we cried to the Lord, the God of our ancestors; the Lord heard our voice and saw our affliction, our toil, and our oppression. The Lord brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with a terrifying display of power, and with signs and wonders; and he brought us into this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey. So now I bring the first of the fruit of the ground that you, O Lord, have given me." You shall set it down before the Lord your God and bow down before the Lord your God. Then you, together with the Levites and the aliens who reside among you, shall celebrate with all the bounty that the Lord your God has given to you and to your house.

Scripture: Ephesians 2:17-22

Pastor

[Jesus] came and proclaimed peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near; for through him both of us have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are citizens with the saints and also members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the cornerstone. In him the whole structure is joined together and grows into a holy temple in the Lord; in whom you also are built together spiritually into a dwelling place for God.

The Word of the Lord; thanks be to God.

Anthem

Sermon and Minute for Stewardship

A Dwelling for His Name Dr Pritchard

*Hymn. 430 Come sing, O church, in joy!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has led us through the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Long years have come and gone, And still God reigns supreme,
Empowering us to catch the vision, dream and dream!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Let courage be our friend, Let wisdom be our guide,
As we in mission magnify the Crucified!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Come sing, O church, in joy! Come join, O church, in song!
For Christ the Lord has triumphed o'er the ages long!
In bold accord, come celebrate the journey now and praise the Lord!

Prayer of Dedication

Offering "Largo No. 7" by Antonio Vivaldi Chris Westfall

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, you saints at rest,
Praise Father, Son and Spirit blessed.

Prayers of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

*Hymn (*words on screen*) Led by God Our Father

Led by God our Father Tune: St Gertrude

Led by God our Father, Christ Church journeys on,
Eager to continue all God has begun.
In our life together we are called by grace
Building up his church on earth, hallowed, sacred space.

Refrain

Glory to the Father, glory to the Son
Glory to the Spirit, God the Three-in-One.

Here in prayerful waiting to be touched by God
Hearts and minds receptive to God's living Word.

Help for life's deep questions, faith to keep us true,
Finding God is with us, shaping us anew.

Refrain

Here before the Bible, opening our mind
To the Spirit's prompting, God's deep truth to find;
History to teach us, parables to show,
How God wants to lead us, what we need to know.

Refrain

Here before an image of our Risen Lord
We will seek to serve him, faithful to our God,
Caring, loving, helping, meeting human need
Reaching out to others, offering life indeed.

Refrain

Benediction

Go now in peace

Go now in peace, never be afraid.
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true
Know God will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe.
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above
Go now in peace in faith and in love.

Postlude: "Psalm XIX" by Benedetto Marcello

Please be respectful of those who remain seated until the Postlude concludes the worship service.