

CHURCH SESSION

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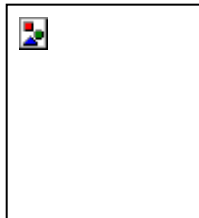
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Worships God at 11:00 a.m.

February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

I Know Whom I Have Believed James McGranahan
Arr. Anna Laura Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 263

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

St. Denio

Opening Sentences

Pastor: Our help is in the name of the Lord,
People: **The Maker of heaven and earth.**
Pastor: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
Pastor: Let us pray.

Prayer for the Day (spoken by the pastor; the congregation joining the **Amen**.)

Almighty God, you have taught us that all our deeds without love are worth nothing. Send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the very bond of peace and of all goodness; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you

in thought, word and deed,

by what we have done and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us,

that we may delight in your will

and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your name ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 223 O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer Stuttgart

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers safely greet one another with the peace of Christ, and then sit for the announcements.)

Welcome and Announcements

The children bring their ringing offering and come to the baptismal font for a

Time for Young Christians

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Genesis 45:3-11, 15

Psalms 37:1-11, 39-40 Unison

**Do not fret because of the wicked; do not be envious of wrongdoers,
for they will soon fade like the grass and wither like the green herb.**

**Trust in the Lord, and do good;
so you will live in the land and enjoy security.**

Take delight in the Lord, and he will give you the desires of your heart.

Commit your way to the Lord; trust in him, and he will act.

**He will make your vindication shine like the light,
and the justice of your cause like the noonday.**

**Be still before the Lord and wait patiently for him;
Do not fret over those who prosper in their way,
over those who carry out evil devices.**

Refrain from anger and forsake wrath.

Do not fret – it leads only to evil.

**For the wicked shall be cut off,
but those who wait for the Lord shall inherit the land.**

**Yet a little while, and the wicked will be no more;
though you look diligently for their place, they will not be there.**

**But the meek shall inherit the land
and delight themselves in abundant prosperity.**

The salvation of the righteous is from the Lord;

he is their refuge in the time of trouble.

**The Lord helps them and rescues them;
he rescues them from the wicked and saves them
because they take refuge in him.**

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 241 Behold the Goodness of the Lord Crimond

The congregation sits.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 15:35-38,42-50

Anthem My Faith Has Found a Resting Place / Solid Rock
Norwegian Folk Melody / Solid Rock by William Bradbury Arr. Brandt Adams
Bob Vawter, Trombone and Susan Steppe, Piano

Gospel Luke 6:27-38

Sermon Reconciled Forever Mike Krech

“Forgive, and you will be forgiven; give, and it will be given to you. A good measure, pressed down, shaken together, running over, will be put into your lap; for the measure you give will be the measure you get back.”
Luke 6:37b-38

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 357 O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee Maryton

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

Pastoral Prayer of Thanksgiving, Intercession, and Dedication

The Lord's Prayer (debts/debtors) Unison; Hymnal, page 16, Traditional

Offertory Sentence

Offertory His Eye Is on the Sparrow Civilla D. Martin & Charles H. Gabriel

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 343 Called as Partners in Christ's Service Beecher

Worshippers are invited to sit and conclude worship through the postlude.

Or, you may depart the sanctuary quickly and quietly now if you need to.

Postlude Immortal, Invisible God Only Wise Welsh Hymn tune
arr. Don Wyrzten

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise

Immortal, invisible, God only wise,
In light inaccessible hid from our eyes,
Most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days,
Almighty, victorious, Thy great name we praise.
Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light,
Nor wanting, nor wasting, Thou rulest in might.
Thy justice like mountains high soaring above
Thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.
To all, life Thou givest, to both great and small;
In all life Thou livest, the true life of all.
We blossom and flourish like leaves on the tree,
Then wither and perish but naught changeth Thee.
Thou reignest in glory, Thou rulest in light,
Thine angels adore Thee, all veiling their sight.
All praise we would render, O help us to see
'Tis only the splendor of light hideth Thee.

Text: Walter Chambers Smith, 1867; alt. 1987;

Tune: ST. DENIO, Welsh folk melody, adapted in *Caniadau y Cyssegr*, 1839

O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer

O my soul, bless your Redeemer; All within me bless God's name;
Bless the Savior, and forget not All God's mercies to proclaim.
God forgives all your transgressions, All diseases gently heals;
God redeems you from destruction, And with you so kindly deals.
Far as east from west is distant, God has put away our sin;
Like the pity of a father Has the Lord's compassion been.
As it was without beginning, So it lasts without an end;
To their children's children ever Shall God's righteousness extend.
Unto such as keep God's covenant And are steadfast in God's way;
Unto those who still remember The commandments and obey.
Bless your Maker, all you creatures, Ever under God's control,
All throughout God's vast dominion; Bless the Lord of all, my soul!

Text: Psalm 103; Paraphrase in *The Book of Psalms*, 1871; alt. 1972, 1988

Tune: STUTTGART; Witt's *Psalmodia Sacra*, 1715;

as in *Hymns Ancient and Modern*, 1861

Behold the Goodness of the Lord

Behold the goodness of the Lord, How blest it is to be
A company of God's beloved, In holy unity.

Like precious oil upon the head, A healing for our strife,
It flows throughout our common bond, Refreshing all of life.

As dew on Zion's mountaintop Brings freshness to its door,
Our Lord commands this in our midst And brings life evermore.

Text: Psalm 133; Fred R. Anderson, 1986

Tune: CRIMOND; Jessie Seymour Irvine, 1872; Harm. T. C. L. Pritchard, 1929

O Master, Let Me Walk with Thee

O Master, let me walk with Thee In lowly paths of service free;
Tell me Thy secret; help me bear The strain of toil, the fret of care.

Help me the slow of heart to move By some clear, winning word of love;
Teach me the wayward feet to stay, And guide them in the homeward way.

Teach me Thy patience; still with Thee In closer, dearer company,
In work that keeps faith sweet and strong, In trust that triumphs over wrong.

In hope that sends a shining ray Far down the future's broadening way;
In peace that only Thou canst give, With Thee, O Master, let me live.

Text: Washington Gladden, 1879; Tune: MARYTON; Henry Percy Smith, 1874

Called as Partners in Christ's Service

Called as partners in Christ's service, Called to ministries of grace,
We respond with deep commitment, Fresh new lines of faith to trace.

May we learn the art of sharing, Side by side and friend with friend,
Equal partners in our caring, To fulfill God's chosen end.

Christ's example, Christ's inspiring, Christ's clear call to work and worth,
Let us follow, never faltering, Reconciling folk on earth.

Men and women, richer, poorer, All God's people, young and old,
Blending human skills together, Gracious gifts from God unfold.

Thus new patterns for Christ's mission, In a small or global sense,
Help us bear each other's burdens, Breaking down each wall or fence.
Words of comfort, words of vision, Words of challenge, said with care,
Bring new power and strength for action, Make us colleagues, free and fair.

So God grant us for tomorrow Ways to order human life
That surround each person's sorrow With a calm that conquers strife.
Make us partners in our living, Our compassion to increase,
Messengers of faith, thus giving Hope and confidence and peace.

Text: Jane Parker Huber, 1981; Tune: BEECHER, John Zundel, 1870