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Worships God in Word and Sacrament

February 7, 2021

The Fifth Sunday after Epiphany

Baptism of Daniel Whitaker

Today's worship is online only

The Bell Calls Us to Worship

Prelude

Be Strong in the Lord Tom Fettke; arr. A.L. Page

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 138

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!

Nicaea

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**.)

Holy God, the earth is filled with your glory, and in your presence, angels stand in awe. Enlarge our vision that we may recognize your power at work in your Son and join apostles and prophets as heralds of your saving word; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

Amen.

The congregation sits.

Confession of Sin

Unison

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess

our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you.

You alone know how often we have sinned:

in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love.

Have mercy on us, O Lord,

for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you.

Forgive our sins and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways

for the sake of Jesus Christ our Savior ...

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 270 O God, in a Mysterious Way Dundee

Pastor: The peace of Christ be always with you.

People: And also with you.

Passing of the Peace (Worshippers greet one another with the peace of Christ.)

Welcome, Announcements, and a Word to Children

Prayer for Illumination

Old Testament Isaiah 40:21-31

Psalms 147:1-11,20c Unison

Praise the Lord! How good it is to sing praises to our God;

for God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

The Lord builds up Jerusalem; he gathers the outcasts of Israel.

God heals the brokenhearted, binding up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars; he gives to all of them their names.

Great is our Lord and abundant in power;

his understanding is beyond measure.

The Lord lifts up the downtrodden; he casts the wicked to the ground.

Sing to the Lord with thanksgiving; make melody to our God on the lyre.

God covers the heavens with clouds,

prepares rain for the earth,

makes grass grow on the hills.

God gives to the animals their food and to the young ravens when they cry.

God's delight is not in the strength of the horse,

nor his pleasure in the speed of a runner.

But the Lord takes pleasure in those who fear him,

in those who hope in his steadfast love.

The fear of the Lord is the beginning of wisdom;

those who practice it have a good understanding.

God's praise endures forever. Praise the Lord.

Epistle 1 Corinthians 9:16-23

Gospel Mark 1:29-39

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 380 O Christ, the Healer Erhalt Uns, Herr

The congregation sits.

Sermon Lifted Up and Healed to Serve Mike Krech

"He came and took her by the hand and lifted her up. Then the fever left her and she began to serve them."
Mark 1:31

The congregation stands to sing

Hymn 411 Arise, Your Light Is Come! Festal Song

Apostles' Creed Unison; Hymnal, page 14, Traditional

Gloria Patri 579 Henry W. Greatorex, 1851

The congregation sits.

The Sacrament of Holy Baptism for Daniel Franklin Whitaker

Scripture Sentences

Statement on the Nature of Baptism

Presentation of the Candidate Elder Emily Mayne

Questions to the Candidate

Question to the Congregation

Prayer of Thanksgiving Over the Water

Baptism

Statement of Reception Congregation joining to say:

With joy and thanksgiving, we welcome you into Christ's Church

to share with us in his ministry, for we all are one in Christ.

Prayer for the Newly Baptized

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

Charge and Blessing to the Newly Baptized

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Psalm 62 (My Soul Finds Rest in God Alone)

Stuart Townend and Aaron Keyes

The congregation stands to sing the

Doxology 592 Old Hundredth

Benediction

Hymn 430 Come Sing, O Church, in Joy Darwall's 148th

The congregation sits for the

Postlude Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above (Mit Freuden Zart, 1566)
arr. D. Paxton

Welcome to worship at Grace Presbyterian Church.

Hymn Texts for Online Worship

Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
Early in the morning our song shall rise to Thee;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Holy, holy, holy! All the saints adore Thee,
Casting down their golden crowns around the glassy sea;
Cherubim and seraphim falling down before Thee,
Who wert and art and evermore shalt be.

Holy, holy, holy! Though the darkness hide Thee,
Though the eye of sinfulness Thy glory may not see,
Only Thou art holy; there is none beside Thee,
Perfect in power, in love, and purity.

Holy, holy, holy! Lord God Almighty!
All Thy works shall praise Thy name, in earth and sky and sea;
Holy, holy, holy! Merciful and mighty!
God in three Persons, blessed Trinity!

Text: Reginald Heber, as in *Hymns Written and Abridged*, 1827, alt;
Tune: NICAEA; John Bacchus Dykes, 1861

O God, in a Mysterious Way

O God, in a mysterious way Great wonders You perform;
You plant Your footsteps in the sea And ride upon the storm.
Deep in unfathomable mines Of never-failing skill
You treasure up Your bright designs And work Your sovereign will.
O fearful saints, fresh courage take; The clouds you so much dread
Are big with mercy and shall break In blessings on your head.
Our unbelief is sure to err And scan Your work in vain;
You are Your own interpreter, And You will make it plain.

Text: William Cowper, 1774; alt.
Tune: DUNDEE; Scottish Psalter, 1615; arr. Thomas Ravenscroft, 1621

O Christ, the Healer

O Christ, the healer, we have come To pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored, When reached by love that never ends?
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From every ailment flesh endures Our bodies clamor to be freed;
Yet in our hearts we would confess That wholeness is our deepest need.
How strong, O Lord, are our desires, How weak our knowledge of ourselves!
Release in us those healing truths Unconscious pride resists or shelves.
In conflicts that destroy our health We recognize the world's disease;
Our common life declares our ills: Is there no cure, O Christ, for these?
Grant that we all, made one in faith, In Your community may find
The wholeness that, enriching us, Shall reach the whole of humankind.

Text: Fred Pratt Green, 1969;

Tune: ERHALT, UNS HERR; Klug's *Geistliche Lieder*, 1543;

Harm. Johann Sebastian Bach, 1725

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

Arise, your light is come! The Spirit's call obey;
Show forth the glory of your God, Which shines on you today.

Arise, your light is come! Fling wide the prison door;
Proclaim the captives' liberty, Good tidings to the poor.

Arise, your light is come! All you in sorrow born,
Bind up the broken-hearted ones And comfort those who mourn.

Arise, your light is come! The mountains burst in song!
Rise up like eagles on the wing; God's power will make us strong.

Text: Ruth Duck, 1974; Tune: FESTAL SONG; William H. Walter, 1894

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 the 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!

Text: Brian Dill, 1988;

Tune: DARWALL'S 148th; John Darwall, 1770