

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

The Seventh Sunday after Epiphany

February 20, 2022

Eleven O'clock

WELCOME INTO GOD'S HOUSE (responsive)

Leader: I was glad when he said unto me,
Congregation: **Let us go into the house of the Lord!**
Leader: Blessed be the Holy Trinity, one God now and forever. To this place where God gives us light and welcome, let us bring our cares and joys so that we may be cleansed and nourished.
Congregation: **Alleluia!**

CHIMES OF THE TRINITY

PRELUDE "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name" arr. John Rippon

CHORAL INTROIT "Grace and Peace" Dick Torrans

CALL TO WORSHIP (from Psalm 138)

Let us give thanks to the Lord, with all our hearts;
before the gods let us sing God's praise.
We will bow down toward the holy temple and praise God's name,
because of his love and faithfulness;
for we have glorified his name and his word above all things.

*HYMN 327 "From All That Dwell Below the Skies"

PRAYER OF THE DAY (in unison)

Almighty God, renew us through the gift of your Spirit, that we may always do and think what is just in your sight. May we, who can do nothing good without you, live according to your holy will. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

Response in Song - Hymn 702 "Christ Be Beside Me"
**Christ be beside me; Christ be before me;
Christ be behind me, King of my heart.
Christ be within me; Christ be below me;
Christ be above me never to part.**

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

ANTHEM "Grace Alone" arr. Molly IJames

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

GOSPEL READING

Luke 6: 27-38

Jesus said, "I say to you that listen, Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you, bless those who curse you, pray for those who abuse you. If anyone strikes you on the cheek, offer the other also; and from anyone who takes away your coat do not withhold even your shirt. Give to everyone who begs from you; and if anyone takes away your goods, do not ask for them again. Do to others as you would have them do to you.

"If you love those who love you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners love those who love them. If you do good to those who do good to you, what credit is that to you? For even sinners do the same. If you lend to those from whom you hope to receive, what credit is that to you? Even sinners lend to sinners, to receive as much again. But love your enemies, do good, and lend, expecting nothing in return. Your reward will be great, and you will be children of the Most High; for he is kind to the ungrateful and the wicked. Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful.

"Do not judge, and you will not be judged; do not condemn, and you will not be condemned. 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."

EPISTLE READING

I Corinthians 15: 1-11

I would remind you, brothers and sisters, of the good news that I proclaimed to you, which you in turn received, in which also you stand, through which also you are being saved, if you hold firmly to the message that I proclaimed to you--unless you have come to believe in vain.

For I handed on to you as of first importance what I in turn had received: that Christ died for our sins in accordance with the scriptures, and that he was buried, and that he was raised on the third day in accordance with the scriptures, and that he appeared to Cephas, then to the twelve. Then he appeared to more than five hundred brothers and sisters at one time, most of whom are still alive, though some have died. Then he appeared to James, then to all the apostles. Last of all, as to one untimely born, he appeared also to me. For I am the least of the apostles, unfit to be called an apostle, because I persecuted the church of God. But by the grace of God I am what I am, and his grace toward me has not been in vain. On the contrary, I worked harder than any of them--though it was not I, but the grace of God that is with me. Whether then it was I or they, so we proclaim and so you have come to believe.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.
Congregation: Thanks be to God.

*HYMN 649 "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound"

SERMON

The Least in the Kingdom

*APOSTLES' CREED (in unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

GIVING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Like good stewards of the manifold grace of God, let us serve one another with whatever gift each of us has received. ~1 Peter 4:10

OFFERTORY "Marvelous Grace" arr. Anna Laura Page

*DOXOLOGY "Old Hundredth"
**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him, all creatures here below;
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost! Amen.**

OFFERTORY RESPONSE

Leader: Blessed are you, God of all creation.
Congregation: **Through your goodness we have these gifts to share.**
Leader: Accept and use our offerings for your glory.
Congregation: **And for the service of your kingdom.**
All: **Amen.**

PRAYERS OF GOD'S PEOPLE

Beginning with Joys and Concerns, and concluding with *The Lord's Prayer, in unison*

*HYMN 353 "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less"

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE "Wade in the Water" arr. Gary Norian

*Those who are able, please stand

Please remain seated through the Postlude so that all worshippers, in the sanctuary and online, may enjoy the blessing of the music

