



**Sunday, August 20, 2023**

**Processional**

***Christ is the world's true Light***

**(H 542)**

*1. Christ is the world's true Light, its Captain of salvation, the Daystar clear and bright of every race and nation; new life, new hope awakes, for all who own his sway: freedom her bondage breaks, and night is turned to day.*

*3. One Lord, in one great Name unite us all who own thee; cast out our pride and shame that hinder to enthrone thee; the world has waited long, has travailed long in pain; to heal its ancient wrong, come, Prince of Peace, and reign.*

Celebrant: Blessed be God: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit.

**People: And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

**Glory to God (S 280)**

**Glory to God in the highest, and peace to his people on earth. Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world: have mercy on us; you are seated at the right hand of the Father: receive our prayer. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray.

O Holy God, you breathe your life-giving Spirit into the congregations of Grace and Epiphany, calling us to join together in mission for the spreading of the Gospel: Show us the people to whom we should go and the path we should travel; help us to understand the deep longings of their hearts, and enable us to feed them through the living presence of Jesus Christ our Savior, in whose power we set forth and in whose Name we pray. **Amen.**

**A Reading from the book of Genesis.**

**12:1-8**

Now the LORD said to Abram, "Go from your country and your kindred and your father's house to the land that I will show you. I will make of you a great nation, and I will bless you, and make your name great, so that you will be a blessing. I will bless those who bless you, and the one who curses you I will curse; and in you all the families of the earth shall be blessed."

So Abram went, as the LORD had told him; and Lot went with him. Abram was seventy-five years old when he departed from Haran. Abram took his wife Sarai and his brother's son Lot, and all the possessions that they had gathered, and the persons whom they had acquired in Haran; and they set forth to go to the land of Canaan. When they had come to the land of Canaan, Abram passed through the land to the place at Shechem, to the oak of Moreh. At that time the Canaanites were in the land. Then the LORD appeared to Abram, and said, "To your offspring I will give this land." So he built there an altar to the LORD, who had appeared to him. From there he moved on to the hill country on the east of Bethel, and pitched his tent, with Bethel on the west and Ai on the east; and there he built an altar to the LORD and invoked the name of the LORD.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

### **Psalm 66:1-7**

1. Be joyful in God, all you lands; **\*sing the glory of his name; sing the glory of his praise.Bless**
2. Say to God, "How awesome are your deeds!**\*Because of your great strength, your enemies cringe before you.**
3. All the earth bows down before you;**\*sings to you, sing out your name."**
4. Come now and see the works of God, **\*how wonderful He is His doing toward all people,**
5. He turned the sea into dry land; they passed through the water on foot.**\*and there we rejoiced in him,**
6. In His might he rules forever; His eyes keep watch over the nations;**\*let no rebel rise up against Him.**
7. Bless our God, you peoples**\*make the voice of His praise to be heard.**

### **A Reading from the Acts of the Apostles**

**13:1-4**

Now in the church at Antioch there were prophets and teachers: Barnabas, Simeon who was called Niger, Lucius of Cyrene, Manaen a member of the court of Herod the ruler, and Saul. While they were worshiping the Lord and fasting, the Holy Spirit said, "Set apart for me Barnabas and Saul for the work to which I have called them." Then after fasting and praying they laid their hands on them and sent them off. So, being sent out by the Holy Spirit, they went down to Seleucia; and from there they sailed to Cyprus.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

**Gospel Hymn:**

**Fairest Lord Jesus**

**(H 383 v.2)**

*Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.*

Clergy: **The Holy Gospel according to Matthew**

**28:16-20**

**People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Now the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain to which Jesus had directed them. When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. And Jesus came and said to them, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything that I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age."

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Rick O'Brien**

Nicene Creed

**We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end. We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.**

Prayers of the People

Father, we pray for your holy catholic Church; **That we all may be one.**

Grant that every member of the Church may truly and humbly serve you; **That your Name may be glorified by all people.**

We pray for all bishops, priests, and deacons; **That they may be faithful ministers of your Word and Sacraments.**

We pray for all who govern and hold authority in the nations of the world; **That there may be justice and peace on the earth.**

Give us grace to do your will in all that we undertake; **That our works may find favor in your sight.**

Have compassion on those who suffer from any grief or trouble; \_\_\_\_\_ **That they may be delivered from their distress.**

Give to the departed eternal rest; \_\_\_\_\_ **Let light perpetual shine upon them.**

We praise you for your saints who have entered into joy; **May we also come to share in your heavenly kingdom.**

**Let us pray for our own needs and those of others.**

Let us confess our sins to God.

**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. Amen.**

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **People: And also with you**

**Offertory Anthem: I'll Walk With God Nicholas Brodzky  
Gus Pappas, soloist**

### **Presentation of Offering**

*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.*

### **The Holy Communion**

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 right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life; you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**Santo, santo, santo [Holy, holy, holy]**

**(WLP 785)**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.**

**Santo, santo, santo, mi corazon te adora! Mi corazon te sabe decir: santo eres Señor.**

**Holy, holy, holy, my heart, my heart adores you! My heart is glad to say the words you are holy, Lord.**

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again.**

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

As our Savior Christ has taught us, we now pray,



<b>Calendar</b>		
Monday	6:30 PM	<b>Al-Anon</b> – Support for those around someone afflicted by the disease of addiction
Tuesday	9 AM	<b>Tuesday Tune-up</b> – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube
Thursday	6:30 PM	<b>Centering Prayer</b> ( <i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i> ) Contact <a href="mailto:lauracanon@yahoo.com">lauracanon@yahoo.com</a>
Friday	10:30 AM	<b>Alzheimer’s / Dementia /Memory Support Group</b> at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050
Sunday	8 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live – spoken, contemplative)
	9 AM	<b>Faith Matters</b> (Live and Facebook)
	9:45 AM	<b>Summer Education</b> for youth (4 years and up), nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

**Notice:**

The Vestry meets on the fourth Tuesday of each month. The meeting time has changed. The meeting now starts at 6 pm and ends at 8 pm. All are welcome

**ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**Church School beings September 10<sup>th</sup> “God’s Love Lifts Me Up”**

Registration forms are in the Narthex. Registration is on August 27<sup>th</sup> and September 3<sup>rd</sup>. There will be an ice cream social on September 10 following the 10:00 a.m. service

**Town Hall Simunya meeting August 27 after each service**

There will a Simunye meeting to answer questions, address concerns and further explain our mission. If you have questions or concerns, please plan to attend

**Helping Hands of Epiphany**

Please join us on August 26 for some refreshment, socializing and help with some light projects to help maintain our facility and serve our parish. With the heat of summer now here, projects will be limited to indoor needs. Arrive between 8:30am and 9:00am.

### **CPR Training Saturday August 26**

Do you know how to respond to a medical emergency? Do not miss this opportunity to attend CPR training at Epiphany. This class will be held Saturday August 26 from 2 pm to 4 pm. We never know what life will throw at us, you could be the one that makes a difference. Sign up sheet is in the Narthex or see Ron Ziance for more information

### **The Order of th Daughter's of the King Discernment Sept 5**

Anyone interested in joining The Daughters of the King is invited to a discernment study starting on Sept 5th at 9AM. Please order National Study Guide from the National office at: Phone # 770-517-8552 or website: [www.doknational.org](http://www.doknational.org)  
Any questions contact Mary Nicholson at 619-80-0948

### **Al-Anon Every Monday 6:30 PM**

Al-Anon is a group of friends and families affected by the disease of addiction. Any in need of this wonderful program is encouraged to attend.

### **Alzheimer/Dementia Support Group**

Spread the word about the Alzheimer's / Dementia / Memory support group. This is open to care receivers and/or caregivers and meets every Friday 10:30 am on the Epiphany campus. The care receivers is class based on cognitive stimulation therapy (CST) with the goal of slowing the memory loss progression. If you are in need or know anyone in need of the love, support and help this group offers please call or have them call Gary Hails at 702-884-7050

### **Refugee Resettlement Needs**

Won't you help with our Outreach Refugee Resettlement Program? Current needs are Toilet paper, tissues (Kleenex) and paper towels See Betty-Jeanne and Kristen for more details or Questions

### **St. Jude's Ranch Collection**

Currently, St Jude's is collecting baby things. Some new babies have arrived on campus so diapers, nursery items, wipes. Etc.



*Our mission is to create and nurture disciples to share our journey to know and to love Jesus Christ*

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