



Sunday, August 27, 2023

Processional ***Christ is made the sure foundation*** **(H 518)**

1. Christ is made the sure foundation, Christ the head and cornerstone, chosen of the Lord, and precious, binding all the Church in one; holy Zion's help for ever, and her confidence alone.

2. All that dedicated city, dearly loved of God on high, in exultant jubilation pours perpetual melody; God the One in Three adoring in glad hymns eternally.

4. Here vouchsafe to all thy servants what they ask of thee to gain; what they gain from thee, for ever with the bless'd to retain, and hereafter in thy glory evermore with thee to 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.

Grant, O merciful God, that your Church, being gathered together in unity by your Holy Spirit, may show forth your power among all peoples, to the glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

A Reading from the book of Isaiah.

51:1-6

Listen to me, you that pursue righteousness, you that seek the Lord. Look to the rock from which you were hewn, and to the quarry from which you were dug. Look to Abraham your father and to Sarah who bore you; for he was but one when I called him, but I blessed him and made him many. For the Lord will comfort Zion; he will comfort all her waste places, and will make her wilderness like Eden, her desert like the garden of the Lord; joy and gladness will be found in her, thanksgiving and the

voice of song. Listen to me, my people, and give heed to me, my nation; for a teaching will go out from me, and my justice for a light to the peoples. I will bring near my deliverance swiftly, my salvation has gone out and my arms will rule the peoples; the coastlands wait for me, and for my arm they hope. Lift up your eyes to the heavens, and look at the earth beneath; for the heavens will vanish like smoke, the earth will wear out like a garment, and those who live on it will die like gnats; but my salvation will be for ever, and my deliverance will never be ended.

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

Psalm 138

1. I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart; ***before the gods I will sing your praise.**
2. I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your Name, ***because of your love and faithfulness;**
3. For you have glorified your Name ***and your word above all things.**
4. When I called, you answered me; ***you increased my strength within me.**
5. All the kings of the earth will praise you, O Lord, ***when they have heard the words of your mouth.**
6. They will sing of the ways of the Lord, ***that great is the glory of the Lord.**
7. Though the Lord be high, he cares for the lowly; ***he perceives the haughty from afar.**
8. Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe; ***you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies; your right hand shall save me.**
9. The Lord will make good his purpose for me; ***O Lord, your love endures for ever; do not abandon the works of your hands.**

A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Rome.

12:1-8

I appeal to you therefore, brothers and sisters, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship. Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your minds, so that you may discern what is the will of God-- what is good and acceptable and perfect.

For by the grace given to me I say to everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought to think, but to think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith that God has assigned. For as in one body we have many members, and not all the members have the same function, so we, who are many, are one body in Christ, and individually we are members one of another. We have gifts that differ according to the grace given to us: prophecy, in proportion

to faith; ministry, in ministering; the teacher, in teaching; the exhorter, in exhortation; the giver, in generosity; the leader, in diligence; the compassionate, in cheerfulness.

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

Gospel Hymn:

Fairest Lord Jesus

(H 383 v.3)

*Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host:
Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.*

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

16:13-20

People: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

When Jesus came into the district of Caesarea Philippi, he asked his disciples, "Who do people say that the Son of Man is?" And they said, "Some say John the Baptist, but others Elijah, and still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets." He said to them, "But who do you say that I am?" Simon Peter answered, "You are the Messiah, the Son of the living God." And Jesus answered him, "Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah! For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my Father in heaven. And I tell you, you are Peter, and on this rock I will build my church, and the gates of Hades will not prevail against it. I will give you the keys of the kingdom of heaven, and whatever you bind on earth will be bound in heaven, and whatever you loose on earth will be loosed in heaven." Then he sternly ordered the disciples not to tell anyone that he was the Messiah.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

Sermon

The Reverend Angela Anderson

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.**

Celebrant: O Holy God, we ask you to hear our prayers as 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.**

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 Hymn: I come with joy to meet my Lord (H 304)

1. I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free, in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.

3. *As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends. That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.*

5. *Together met, together bound, we'll go our different ways, and as his people in the world, we'll live and speak his praise.*

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,

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy Name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

Communion Anthem: Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest (H305)

1. Come, risen Lord, and deign to be our guest; nay, let us be thy guests; the feast is thine; thyself at thine own board make manifest in thine own Sacrament of Bread and Wine.

2. We meet, as in that upper room they met; thou at the table, blessing, yet dost stand: "This is my Body"; so thou givest yet: faith still receives the cup as from thy hand.

3. *One body we, one Body who partake, one Church united in communion blest; one Name we bear, one Bread of life we break, with all thy saints on earth and saints at rest.*

4. *One with each other, Lord, for one in thee, who art one Savior and one living Head; then open thou our eyes, that we may see; be known to us in breaking of the Bread.*

Let us pray.

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Recessional: The Church's one foundation (H 525)

1. *The Church's one foundation is Jesus Christ her Lord; she is his new creation by water and the word: from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride; with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.*

2. *Elect from every nation, yet one o'er all the earth, her charter of salvation, one Lord, one faith, one birth; one holy Name she blesses, partakes one holy food, and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.*

5. *Yet she on earth hath union with God, the Three in One, and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won. O happy ones and holy! Lord, give us grace that we like them, the meek and lowly, on high may dwell with thee.*

Dismissal: Let us go forth in the name of Christ. **People: Thanks be to God.**

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| Monday | 6:30 PM | Al-Anon – Support for those around someone afflicted by the disease of addiction |
| Tuesday | 9 AM | Tuesday Tune-up – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube |
| Thursday | 6:30 PM | Centering Prayer (<i>Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation done together with time for silent reflection</i>) Contact lauracanon@yahoo.com |
| Friday | 10 AM | Morning Prayer with Daughters of the King (Live) (Begins September 1). |

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| Friday | 10:30 AM | Alzheimer's / Dementia /Memory Support Group at the Epiphany campus. Contact Gary Hails 702-884-7050 |
| Sunday | 8 AM | Holy Eucharist (Live – spoken, contemplative) |
| | 9 AM | Faith Matters (Live and Facebook) |
| | 9:45 AM | Summer Education for youth (4 years and up), nursery care is available as well |
| | 10 AM | Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music |

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Church School begins September 10th “God’s Love Lifts Me Up”

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

Town Hall Simunye 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

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
Any questions contact Mary Nicholson at 619-980-0948

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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