

Sunday December 10, 2023

Processional Hymn

Prepare the way, O Zion

(H 65)

1 Prepare the way, O Zion, your Christ is drawing near! Let every hill and valley a level way appear. Greet One who comes in glory, foretold in sacred story. **Refrain: Oh, blest is the Christ that came in God's most holy name.**

2. He brings God's rule, O Zion; he comes from heaven above. His rule is peace and freedom, and justice, truth and love. Lift high your praise resounding, for grace and joy abounding. **Refrain**3. Fling wide your gates, O Zion, your Savior's rule embrace. His tiding of salvation proclaim in every place. All lands will bow before him, their voices will adore him. **Refrain**

Gospel Hymn

Oh heavenly light

(H 63 v. 1)

Oh heavenly Word, eternal light, begotten of the Father's might who in these latter days wast born for blessing to a world forlorn.

Preacher - The Reverend Peter Steinbrenner

Offertory Air for Advent Tom Fettke

Presentation of Offering

From all that dwell below the skies

(H 380 v. 3)

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!

Holy, holy, holy

(S-130)

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might. Heaven and Earth are full, full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Communion Hymn

Comfort, comfort ye my people

(H 67)

- 1 Comfort, comfort ye my people, speak ye peace, thus saith our God; comfort those who sit in darkness mourning 'neath their sorrows' load. Speak ye to Jerusalem of the peace that waits for them; tell her that her sins I cover, and her warfare now is over.
- 2 Hark, the voice of one that crieth in the desert far and near, calling us to new repentance since the kingdom now is here. Oh, that warning cry obey! Now prepare for God a way; let the valleys rise to meet him, and the hills bow down to greet him.
- 3 Make ye straight what long was crooked, make the rougher places plain; let your hearts be true and humble, as befits his holy reign. For the glory of the Lord now o'er earth is shed abroad; and all flesh shall see the token that the word is never broken.

Recessional Hymn

There's a voice in the wilderness crying

(H75)

- 1 There's a voice in the wilderness crying, a call from the ways untrod: Prepare in the desert a highway, a highway for our God! The valleys shall be exalted, the lofty hills brought low; make straight all the crooked places where the Lord our God may go!
- 2 O Zion, that bringest good tidings, get thee up to the heights and sing! Proclaim to a desolate people the coming of their King. Like the flowers of the field they perish, like grass our works decay, the power and pomp of nations shall pass like a dream away;
- 3 but the word of our God endureth, the arm of the Lord is strong; he stands in the midst of nations, and he will right the wrong. He shall feed His flock like a shepherd, the lambs he'll gently hold; to pastures of peace he'll lead them, and bring them safe to his fold.

		Calendar		
Monday	6:30 PM	Al-Anon – Support for those around someone afflicted by the disease of addiction		
Monday	7:00 PM	Choir Practice – All are welcome to make a joyful noise		
Tuesday	9 AM	Tuesday Tune-up – Scripture reflections from our clergy on Facebook and YouTube		
Wednesday	12:15 pm	Prayers for Peace-There will be time set aside for silent prayer as well. See Laura Cannon		
Thursday	6:30 PM	Centering Prayer (Zoom – an oasis of quiet contemplation Contact <u>lauracanon@yahoo.com</u>		
Friday	10 AM	Morning Prayer with Daughters of the King (Live)		
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	Church School for youth, nursery care is available as well		
	10 AM	Holy Eucharist (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music		

ANNOUNCEMENTS

<u>Advent Study:</u> Please join Fr. Rick each Wednesday evening at 6:00pm during Advent for a zoom study based upon Light of the World, by A.J. Levine. To sign up and obtain the zoom codes, send an email to rector@nvepiphany.org

<u>Best Buddies "Party For A Purpose"</u> Continuing our support for Best Buddies of Nevada, the Epiphany Outreach Committee has funded a table for 10 at the upcoming Party for a Purpose fundraising event on Tuesday December 12th! The event runs from 6:30-9:30 and will be held at The Industrial Event Space 2330 S Industrial Rd. Las Vegas. The 10 seats are FREE to Epiphany parishioners on a first come, first served basis. If interested, please contact Peter Steinbrenner at petedstein@gmail.com. We hope to see a big turnout in support of this great cause!

<u>Volunteers needed! Hope for Prisoners</u> Hope for Prisoners will be hosting its annual 101 Christmases event! Volunteer opportunities run from December 6 through the 13th. Information and registration is available online at https://hopeforprisoners.org/christmas/ If you have any questions, please contact Dave Young at 702-306-5407 or snapsllc@gmail.com.

<u>Simunye update:</u> You are invited to a meeting to review our progress to date and help plan for the future. Saturday December 16 at 9:00 am in the parish hall.

<u>Lessons and Carols:</u> Sunday December 17 at 4:00 PM we will continue this lovely tradition of scripture and music. All are welcome!

Reverend Erica Ordination: Please join us on Saturday December 23 at 11:00 AM at Grace for this momentous event!

Christmas Services

December 24 Noon Simunye Christmas in the Park at Wilbur & Theresa Faiss Park

4:30 PM Christmas Eucharist with Children's Pageant

10:40 PM Christmas Choir Concert by The Epiphanotes

11:00 PM Festive Christmas Choral Eucharist

December 25 9:00 AM Christmas Day Eucharist

OUTREACH CORNER

Ministry	Current Need	Contact
Family Promise & Just Neighbors Program	Help us support Family Promise families with Gift Cards (up to \$25) to buy gifts children. Target or Walmart work best These must be received by 12/10.	Anita Galloway
St. Jude's Ranch	baby things: Diapers, Baby wipes and infant nursery items	
Refugee Resettlement	Toilet Paper and silverware (knife, fork spoon) no plastic please	Betty-Jeanne Kristen
Epicenter Food Collection	Currently need for Ramen (packets and styrofoam cup types), soups, canned fruit and veggies, baby food, powered milk, peanut butter and SOCKS (gently used or new). The need is great right now and every donation is sincerely appreciated.	Judy Keohn

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