



**Sunday October 8, 2023**

**Processional**

***Christ, whose glory fills the skies***

**(H 7)**

*1. Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.*

*2. Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.*

*3. Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.*

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.

Almighty and everlasting God, you are always more ready to hear than we to pray, and to give more than we either desire or deserve: Pour upon us the abundance of your mercy, forgiving us those things of which our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things for which we are not worthy to ask, except through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ our Savior; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

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

**5:1-7**

Let me sing for my beloved my love-song concerning his vineyard: My beloved had a vineyard on a very fertile hill. He dug it and cleared it of stones, and planted it with choice vines; he built a watchtower in the midst of it, and hewed out a wine vat in it; he expected it to yield grapes, but it yielded wild grapes. And now, inhabitants of Jerusalem and people of Judah, judge between me and my vineyard. What more was there to do for my vineyard that I have not done in it? When I expected it to yield grapes, why did it yield wild grapes? And now I will tell you what I will do to my vineyard. I will remove its hedge, and it shall be devoured; I will break down its wall, and it shall be trampled down. I will make it a waste; it shall not be pruned or hoed, and it shall be overgrown with briars and thorns; I will also command the clouds that they rain no rain upon it. For the vineyard of the Lord of hosts is the house of Israel, and the people of Judah are his pleasant planting; he expected justice, but saw bloodshed; righteousness, but heard a cry!

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

### **Psalm 80:7-14**

7. Restore us, O God of hosts; **\*show the light of your countenance, and we shall be saved.**

8. You have brought a vine out of Egypt; **\*you cast out the nations and planted it.**

9. You prepared the ground for it; **\*it took root and filled the land.**

10. The mountains were covered by its shadow **\*and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.**

11. You stretched out its tendrils to the Sea **\*and its branches to the River.**

12. Why have you broken down its wall, **\*so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?**

13. The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it, **\*and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

14. Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven; behold and tend this vine; **\*preserve what your right hand has planted.**

### **A Reading from Paul's letter to the Church in Philippi.**

**3:4b-14**

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of

knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

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

**Gospel Hymn**

**Heal me, hands of Jesus**

**(WLP 773)**

*Heal me, hands of Jesus, and search out all my pain: restore my hope, remove my fear and bring me peace again.*

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

**21:33-46**

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

Jesus said, "Listen to another parable. There was a landowner who planted a vineyard, put a fence around it, dug a wine press in it, and built a watchtower. Then he leased it to tenants and went to another country. When the harvest time had come, he sent his slaves to the tenants to collect his produce. But the tenants seized his slaves and beat one, killed another, and stoned another. Again he sent other slaves, more than the first; and they treated them in the same way. Finally he sent his son to them, saying, 'They will respect my son.' But when the tenants saw the son, they said to themselves, 'This is the heir; come, let us kill him and get his inheritance.' So they seized him, threw him out of the vineyard, and killed him. Now when the owner of the vineyard comes, what will he do to those tenants?" They said to him, "He will put those wretches to a miserable death, and lease the vineyard to other tenants who will give him the produce at the harvest time."

Jesus said to them, "Have you never read in the scriptures: 'The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing, and it is amazing in our eyes'? Therefore I tell you, the kingdom of God will be taken away from you and given to a people that produces the fruits of the kingdom. The one

who falls on this stone will be broken to pieces; and it will crush anyone on whom it falls.”

When the chief priests and the Pharisees heard his parables, they realized that he was speaking about them. They wanted to arrest him, but they feared the crowds, because they regarded him as a prophet.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

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

**Sermon**

**The Reverend Peter Steinbrenner**

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                      Voice of Truth                      M. Hall / S. C. Chapman**

### **Presentation of Offering**

**(LEVAS 136)**

*Tho' none go with me, I still will follow, Tho' none go with me I still will follow,  
Tho' none go with me, I still will follow; No turning back, no turning back. 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 Hymn    My God, thy table now is spread                    (H 321)**

- 1. My God, thy table now is spread, thy cup with love doth overflow; be all thy children thither led, and let them thy sweet mercies know.*
- 2. O let thy table honored be, and furnished well with joyful guests; and may each soul salvation see, that here its sacred pledges tastes.*
- 3. Drawn by thy quickening grace, O Lord, in countless number let them come and gather from their Father's board the Bread that lives beyond the tomb.*
- 4. Nor let thy spreading Gospel rest till through the world thy truth has run, till with this Bread shall all be blessed who see the light or feel the sun.*

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**                      **I've Got Peace Like a River**                      **(LEVAS 201)**

*1. I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river, I've got peace like a river in my soul.*

*2. I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain, I've got joy like a fountain in my soul.*

*3. I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean, I've got love like an ocean in my soul.*

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



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<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 AM	Morning Prayer with Daughters of the King (Live)
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>Church School</b> for youth, nursery care is available as well
	10 AM	<b>Holy Eucharist</b> (Live and live stream) A lively, family friendly service with music

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

### **Helping Hands of Epiphany**

Please join us on October 28 for some refreshment, socializing and help with some light projects to help maintain our facility and serve our parish. Arrive between 8:30am and 9:00am. Sign up in the narthex so we can plan food.

### **Nancy Perlotto Memorial**

Please join us on Saturday October 21 at 10:00 AM as we celebrate the life of Nancy Perlotto. A reception will follow the service of remembrance.

### **Blood drive October 29 10 AM to 2 PM**

Be a Hero give blood and save a life. Schedule your appointment with Vitalant on line or just show up. Give blood and save a life.

## **Ladder to the Light – Book Study**

From 9 AM to noon on November 4 and 18 (2 parts) Reverend Susan will present a seminar on Bishop Steven Charleston's book Ladder to the Light. To quote the book, it "offers words of hard-won hope, rooted in daily conversations with the Spirit and steeped in Indigenous wisdom. For all who yearn for hope, Ladder to the Light is a book of comfort, truth and challenge in a time of anguish and fear. Night will not last forever. Together we can climb toward the light." You won't want to miss this opportunity. We suggest you read the book in advance, but even if you can't, the seminar will be worth your time.

## **OUTREACH CORNER**

Ministry	Current Need	Contact
<b>Refugee Resettlement</b>	Pots and Pans, Dishes, Silverware (n plastic can openers, pot holders and other kitchen items	Betty-Jeanne Kristen
<b>Epicenter Food Collection</b>	Ramen Noodles, Granola Bars, Hotel size tooth paste, tooth brushed, shampoo, soap and disposable razors	
<b>St. Jude's Ranch</b>	Diapers, Baby wipes and infant nursery items	



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