

The Lord's Day, January 9, 2022

The Christian Year: The First Sunday after the Epiphany

"Therefore, preparing your minds for action, and being sober-minded, set your hope fully on the grace that will be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." I Peter 1:13

Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

The Voluntary for Silent Prayer

*Call to Worship: Psalm 40:1-3, 16

Minister: I waited patiently for the Lord; he inclined to me and heard my cry. He drew me up from the pit of destruction, out of the miry bog, and set my feet upon a rock, making my steps secure.

People: **He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God. Many will see and fear, and put their trust in the Lord.**

Minister: May all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you!

People: **May those who love your salvation say continually,**

Unison: **"Great is the Lord!"**

*Hymn of Adoration: "How Great Thou Art" (No. 44)

O Lord my God, when I in awesome wonder
Consider all the worlds thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder,
Thy power throughout the universe displayed:

Refrain

Then sings my soul, my Savior God, to thee:
How great thou art! How great thou art!
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When through the woods and forest glades I
wander
And hear the birds sing sweetly in the trees,
When I look down from lofty mountain grandeur,
And hear the brook and feel the gentle breeze:

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
Sent him to die, I scarce can take it in,
That on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
He bled and died to take away my sin.

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
And take me home, what joy shall fill my heart!
Then *I shall bow in humble adoration,
And there proclaim, My God, how great thou art!

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*Prayer of Adoration and Congregational Invocation

Creator and Redeemer God, author of all existence, source of all blessedness, I adore you for making me capable of knowing you, for giving me reason and conscience, for leading me to desire you. I praise you for the revelation of yourself in the gospel, for your heart as a dwelling place of pity, for your thoughts of peace towards me, for your patience and your graciousness, for the vastness of your mercy. You have moved my conscience to know how the guilty can be pardoned, the unholy sanctified, the poor enriched. May I be always amongst those who not only hear but know you, who walk with and rejoice in you, who take you at your word and find life there. May I cherish simplicity and godly sincerity of character. Help me to be in reality before you as in appearance I am before men. O God, make me worthy of your calling, that the name of Jesus may be glorified in me. Amen.

Adapted from "A Present Salvation" in *The Valley of Vision*

***Affirmation of Faith: Westminster Shorter Catechism 33, 35**

Minister: What is justification?

People: Justification is an act of God's free grace, wherein he pardons all our sins, and accepts us as righteous in his sight, only for the righteousness of Christ imputed to us, and received by faith alone.

Minister: What is sanctification?

People: Sanctification is the work of God's free grace, whereby we are renewed in the whole man after the image of God, and are enabled more and more to die unto sin, and live unto righteousness.

Unison: Thanks be to God!

***Gloria Patri (Tune: Regent Square)**

**Glory be to God the Father, glory be to God the Son,
Glory be to God the Spirit, God Almighty, Three in One!
Hallelujah! Hallelujah! Glory be to him alone.**

Psalter Reading: Psalm 51

Minister: Have mercy on me, O God, according to your unfailing love;

People: according to your great compassion blot out my transgressions.

Minister: Wash away all my iniquity and cleanse me from my sin.

People: For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.

Minister: Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight,

People: so that you are proved right when you speak and justified when you judge.

Minister: Surely I was sinful at birth, sinful from the time my mother conceived me.

People: Surely you desire truth in the inner parts; you teach me wisdom in the inmost place.

Minister: Cleanse me with hyssop, and I will be clean;

People: wash me, and I will be whiter than snow.

Minister: Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones you have crushed rejoice.

People: Hide your face from my sins and blot out all my iniquity.

Minister: Create in me a pure heart, O God, and renew a steadfast spirit within me.

People: Do not cast me from your presence or take your Holy Spirit from me.

Minister: Restore to me the joy of your salvation and grant me a willing spirit, to sustain me.

People: Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will turn back to you.

Minister: Save me from bloodguilt, O God, the God who saves me, and my tongue will sing of your rightness.

People: O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise.

Minister: You do not delight in sacrifice, or I would bring it; you do not take pleasure in burnt offerings.

People: The sacrifices of God are a broken spirit; a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.

Minister: In your good pleasure make Zion prosper; build up the walls of Jerusalem.

People: Then there will be righteous sacrifices, whole burnt offerings to delight you; then bulls will be offered on your altar.

***Hymn of Confession: "God Be Merciful to Me" (No. 486)**

1 God, be merciful to me,
on thy grace I rest my plea;
plenteous in compassion thou,
blot out my transgressions now;
wash me, make me pure within,
cleanse, O cleanse me from my sin.

2 My transgressions I confess,
grief and guilt my soul oppress;
I have sinned against thy grace
and provoked thee to thy face;
I confess thy judgment just,
speechless, I thy mercy trust.

3 I am evil, born in sin;
thou desirest truth within.
thou alone my Savior art,
teach thy wisdom to my heart;
make me pure, thy grace bestow,
wash me whiter than the snow.

4 Broken, humbled to the dust
by thy wrath and judgment just,
let my contrite heart rejoice
and in gladness hear thy voice;
from my sins O hide thy face,
blot them out in boundless grace.

5 Gracious God, my heart renew,
make my spirit right and true;
cast me not away from thee,
let thy Spirit dwell in me;
thy salvation's joy impart,
steadfast make my willing heart.

6 Sinners then shall learn from me
and return, O God, to thee;
Savior, all my guilt remove,
and my tongue shall sing thy love;
touch my silent lips, O Lord,
and my mouth shall praise accord.

Public Confession

Dear Father, you have been more concerned about our sin than we have. Only you truly know how it robs us of life and separates us from the intimate fellowship that you desire with your people. And yet we know that your grace is greater than all our sin. What more could you have done for us than what you have done at the cross? Therefore, in humility and hope, we trust you to look upon us as we are--united to our blessed Savior, Jesus Christ. For His sake, forgive us all our sins and offenses. Renew and refresh us again through the intercession of our Great High Priest. By the ministry of the Holy Spirit, enable us to hear your voice of comfort: "Blessed indeed are those whose sins are forgiven, whose iniquity is covered." For Jesus' sake we pray. Amen.

Private Confession

Pastoral Prayer

Promise of the Gospel

If you, O LORD, should mark iniquities, O LORD, who could stand? But with you there is forgiveness, that you may be feared. O Israel, hope in the LORD! For with the LORD there is steadfast love, and with Him is plentiful redemption. (Psalm 130:3-4, 7)

***Hymn of Thanksgiving: "Arise, My Soul, Arise" (No. 305)**

1 Arise, my soul, arise, shake off your guilty fears:
the bleeding Sacrifice in my behalf appears:
before the throne my Surety stands,
before the throne my Surety stands,
my name is written on his hands.

2 He ever lives above, for me to intercede,
his all-redeeming love, his precious blood to plead;
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
his blood atoned for ev'ry race,
and sprinkles now the throne of grace.

3 Five bleeding wounds he bears, received on
Calvary;
they pour effectual prayers, they strongly plead for
me.

"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"Forgive him, O forgive," they cry,
"nor let that ransomed sinner die!"

4 My God is reconciled; his pard'ning voice I hear;
he owns me for his child, I can no longer fear;
with confidence I now draw nigh,
with confidence I now draw nigh,
and "Father, Abba, Father!" cry.

Worship of God through Tithes and Offerings

*Doxology (Tune: 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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication

*Reading of The Holy Scriptures: I Peter 1:10-25

*The Prayer for Illumination

Sermon: "A Complete Salvation: Part Two" (Rev. Clayton Shaver)

*Hymn of Response and Preparation: "Christ of All My Hopes the Ground" (No. 518)

1 Christ, of all my hopes the ground,
Christ, the spring of all my joy,
still in you may I be found,
still for you my pow'rs employ,
still for you my pow'rs employ.

2 Let your love my heart inflame;
keep your fear before my sight;
be your praise my highest aim;
be your smile my chief delight,
be your smile my chief delight.

3 Fountain of o'erflowing grace,
freely from your fullness give;
till I close my earthly race,
may I prove it "Christ to live,"
may I prove it "Christ to live."

4 Firmly trusting in your blood,
nothing shall my heart confound;
safely I shall pass the flood,
safely reach Immanuel's ground,
safely reach Immanuel's ground.

5 Thus, O thus, an entrance give
to the land of cloudless sky;
having known it "Christ to live,"
let me know it "gain to die,"
let me know it "gain to die."

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation and Instructions

All who have professed faith in Jesus Christ and have been baptized and who are communicant members in good standing in an evangelical church are invited to come to participate in this sacred Sacrament of the Church. This is not a Presbyterian table, and we do not restrict it as such; it is the Lord's Table. However, the church alone grants access to the table and must guard it from the leaven of unrighteousness (1 Cor. 5:6-8). Therefore, if you have not repented and trusted in Christ or if you are harboring sin in your life or if there is anyone with whom you are not at peace with so far as it depends on you (Rom. 12:18), please do not participate in this meal. We invite you instead to use this time to reflect and ask God to speak to your heart and give you more light and understanding. Children who have not been admitted to the table by the church should also refrain from partaking of the Supper.

For those who prefer, the outer ring of the tray is grape juice.

The bread is gluten free.

*Please hold the bread and cup until all have been served
so that we may partake together.*

***Departing Hymn: "Jesus! What a Friend of Sinners!" (No. 498)**

1 Jesus! what a Friend for sinners!
Jesus! lover of my soul;
friends may fail me, foes assail me,
he, my Savior, makes me whole.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! what a Savior!
Hallelujah, what a Friend!
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,
he is with me to the end.

2 Jesus! what a strength in weakness!
Let me hide myself in him;
tempted, tried, and sometimes failing,
he, my strength, my vict'ry wins. [Refrain]

3 Jesus! what a help in sorrow!
While the billows o'er me roll,
even when my heart is breaking,
he, my comfort, helps my soul. [Refrain]

4 Jesus! what a guide and keeper!
While the tempest still is high,
storms about me, night o'ertakes me,
he, my pilot, hears my cry. [Refrain]

5 Jesus! I do now receive him,
more than all in him I find;
he hath granted me forgiveness,
I am his, and he is mine. [Refrain]

***Benediction**

Postlude

**Denotes congregation standing, if able.*

The deacons invite you to support them in their work of meeting the needs of members of our congregation and the wider community who are experiencing hardship. You may leave your gift following worship in the Mercy Box at the rear of the sanctuary. As you do this, the deacons want you to know that they are helping members and friends of Christ the King. For reasons of confidentiality, we do not publicize our efforts. But please know that your gifts are helping people! Many, many thanks!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

➤ **Support CareNet**

During the month of January (Sanctity of Life Month), Christ the King will again join with other churches and organizations in our community to support CareNet in Vero. There will be a pack-and-play in the classroom for your donations of diapers, baby wipes, baby clothes, gently used car seats and cribs, and anything useful for newborns through four year olds. If you have any questions, please see Carolyn Beckett.

➤ **Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time**

We will resume Men's Morning Prayer and Fellowship Time this Wednesday, **January 12, at 7:00 a.m.**

➤ **Women's Bible Study Resumes**

All women of the church are invited to participate in our nine-week Bible study of Judges, beginning **January 13** and ending March 10th, starting at 10:00 AM. As we study the book of Judges, we will take a good look at these twelve judges from Jewish history. We will take note of their dependence on God and obedience to His commands. We will observe the people of Israel and their repeated downward spiral into sin, refusing to learn from history and living only for the moment. But most of all, we will stand in awe of God's mercy as He delivers his people time and time again.

The blue study folders may be found on the book table. There is no charge for the folders. If you intend to join in the study, please add your name to the signup sheet and complete the first lesson before joining us. Thanks! Bring a friend.