

# EPIPHANY 5 SUNDAY

February 7, 2021

Organ Prelude: Meditation "Thais"

Jules Massenet

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

## CALL TO WORSHIP:

"As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourself with Christ. There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female (there is no longer straight or gay); for all of you are one in Christ Jesus."  
(Galatians 3: 26-28, with addition)

**We who gather for worship live in a world where people are measured in their value and worth, their social standing and leadership potential, based on the colour of their skin, their religion and culture, their money and prestige, their sexuality and gender.**

We gather to be bathed and clothed again into Christ, to receive from him grace upon grace, to be refreshed and renewed in divine love, inspired and empowered with fresh faith and hope in the possibility of greater justice in the world.

**We gather to be cleansed of the ways we are conditioned to evaluate and calculate the worth and value of persons in society by all the false standards we are taught from childhood onwards.**

**ALL: Let us worship God, together!**

Hymn: "Bring many names"

No. 310

*soloist Elias Theocharidis with organist Bruce Nasmith*

1. Bring many names,  
beautiful and good:  
celebrate, in parable and story,  
holiness in glory,  
living, loving God:  
hail and hosanna,  
bring many names!

2. Strong mother God,  
working night and day,  
planning all the wonders of creation,  
setting each equation,  
genius at play:  
hail and hosanna,  
strong mother God!

3. Warm father God,  
hugging every child,  
feeling the strains of human living,  
caring and forgiving  
till we're reconciled:  
hail and hosanna,  
warm father God!

5. Young, growing God,  
eager, on the move,  
saying no to falsehood and unkindness,  
crying out for justice,  
giving all you have:  
hail and hosanna,  
young, growing God!

4. Old, aching God,  
grey with endless care,  
calmly piercing evil's new disguises,  
glad of good surprises,  
wiser than despair:  
hail and hosanna,  
old, aching God!

6. Great, living God,  
never fully known,  
joyful darkness far beyond our seeing,  
closer yet than breathing,  
everlasting home:  
hail and hosanna,  
great, living God!

Prayer of Approach, Confession & The Lord's Prayer

**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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.**

The Peace of Christ be with you all;  
**And also with you.**

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: Veni Creator (Come Holy Spirit)

9th century Plainsong

*soloist Joanne Nasmith with guitarist Jim Nasmith*

Scripture Readings: Galatians 3:26-28; Romans 16:1-16

Galatians 3:26-28

<sup>26</sup>for in Christ Jesus you are all children of God through faith. <sup>27</sup>As many of you as were baptized into Christ have clothed yourselves with Christ. <sup>28</sup>There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male and female; for all of you are one in Christ Jesus. Amen.

Romans 16:1-16

I commend to you our sister **Phoebe**, a deacon of the church at Cenchreae, <sup>2</sup>so that you may welcome her in the Lord as is fitting for the saints, and help her in whatever she may require from you, for she has been a benefactor of many and of myself as well.

<sup>3</sup> Greet **Prisca** and Aquila, who work with me in Christ Jesus, <sup>4</sup>and who risked their necks for my life, to whom not only I give thanks, but also all the churches of the Gentiles. <sup>5</sup>Greet also the church in their house. Greet my beloved Epaenetus, who was the first convert in Asia for Christ. <sup>6</sup>Greet **Mary**, who has worked very hard among you. <sup>7</sup>Greet Andronicus and **Junia**, my relatives who were in prison with me; they are prominent among the apostles, and they were in Christ before I was. <sup>8</sup>Greet Ampliatus, my beloved in the Lord. <sup>9</sup>Greet Urbanus, our co-worker in Christ, and my beloved Stachys. <sup>10</sup>Greet Apelles, who is approved in Christ. Greet those who belong to the family of Aristobulus. <sup>11</sup>Greet my relative Herodion. Greet those in the Lord who belong to the family of Narcissus. <sup>12</sup>Greet those workers in the Lord, **Tryphaena** and **Tryphosa**. Greet the beloved Persis, who has worked hard in the Lord. <sup>13</sup>Greet Rufus, chosen in the Lord; and greet **his mother—a mother to me also**. <sup>14</sup>Greet Asyncritus, Phlegon, Hermes, Patrobas, Hermas, and the brothers and **sisters** who are with them. <sup>15</sup>Greet Philologus, **Julia**, Nereus and **his sister**, and Olympas, and all the saints who are with them. <sup>16</sup>Greet one another with a holy kiss. All the churches of Christ greet you. Amen.

We are listening, O God;  
**Speak to us!**

Sermon:

PAUL THE FEMINIST, PART 1

Dr. Harris

Special Music: She comes sailing on the wind

Gordon Light

*soloist Shaun Alphonso with pianist Bruce Nasmith*

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: “Mothering God, you gave me birth”

No. 312

*soloist and pianist Bruce Nasmith*

1. Mothering God, you gave me birth  
in the bright morning of this world.  
Creator, source of every breath,  
you are my rain, my wind, my sun.

2. Mothering God, you took my form,  
offering me your food of light,  
grain of life, and grape of love,  
your very body for my peace.

3. Mothering Spirit, nurturing one,  
in arms of patience hold me close,

so that in faith I root and grow  
until I flower, until I know.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Siciliano

Domenico Scarlatti



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