

EPIPHANY 3 SUNDAY

January 23, 2022

Organ Prelude: Arrival of the Queen of Sheba

G. F. Handel

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“All who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.” (Luke 14:11)

We live in a world where exalting ourselves is how we succeed and get ahead. We live in a world where being great is honoured more than being humble, being recognized for one’s accomplishments is more special than rejoicing in the accomplishments of others.

We come to worship to get grounded again in our true measure as human beings and a truer foundation for our sense of worth and identity than what we are fed in our worldly diet.

We come to rediscover a fullness in life rooted in faith, hope and love, and in a humility of service, gratitude and the appreciation of all good things in life as gifts rather than entitlements.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: God of the sparrow, God of the whale

No. 307

1. God of the sparrow

God of the whale

God of the swirling stars

How does the creature say Awe

How does the creature say Praise

2. God of the earthquake

God of the storm

God of the trumpet blast

How does the creature cry Woe

How does the creature cry Save

3. God of the rainbow
God of the cross
God of the empty grave
How does the creature say Grace
How does the creature say Thanks

5. God of the neighbour
God of the foe
God of the pruning hook
How does the creature say Love
How does the creature say Peace

4. God of the hungry
God of the sick
God of the prodigal
How does the creature say Care
How does the creature say Life

6. God of the ages
God near at hand
God of the loving heart
How do your children say Joy
How do your children say Home

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

Special Music: I'll walk with God

words: P. F. Webster; music N. Brodsky

soloist Erin Stone

Scripture Readings: Luke 14: 7-11; 22: 24-27; 18: 15-17

Luke 14: 7-11

7 When he noticed how the guests chose the places of honour, he told them a parable. ⁸“When you are invited by someone to a wedding banquet, do not sit down at the place of honour, in case someone more distinguished than you has been invited by your host; ⁹and the host who invited both of you may come and say to you, “Give this person your place”, and then in disgrace you would start to take the lowest place. ¹⁰But when you are invited, go and sit down at the lowest place, so that when your host comes, he may say to you, “Friend, move up higher”; then you will be honoured in the presence of all who sit at the table with you. ¹¹For all who exalt themselves will be humbled, and those who humble themselves will be exalted.’ Amen.

Luke 22: 24-27

24 A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. ²⁵But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. ²⁶But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. ²⁷For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. Amen.

Luke 18: 15-17

15 People were bringing even infants to him that he might touch them; and when the disciples saw it, they sternly ordered them not to do it. ¹⁶But Jesus called for them and said, 'Let the little children come to me, and do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. ¹⁷Truly I tell you, whoever does not receive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.' Amen.

We are listening, O God;

Speak to us!

Sermon:

TWO KINDS OF HUMILITY

Dr. Harris

Special Music: Where are the children

words and music: Bruce Nasmith

soloists Erin Stone, Chris Tanaka-Mann & Bruce Nasmith

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Lord of all power

No. 626

1. Lord of all power, I give you my will,
in joyful obedience
your tasks to fulfil.
Your bondage is freedom,
your service is song,
and, held in your keeping,
my weakness is strong.

3. Lord of all bounty, I give you my heart;
I praise and adore you
for all you impart:
your love to inspire me,
your counsel to guide,
your presence to cheer me,
whatever betide.

2. Lord of all wisdom, I give you my mind,
rich truth that surpasses
our knowledge to find.
What eye has not seen
and what ear has not heard
is taught by your Spirit
and shines from your word.

4. Lord of all being, I give you my all.
If e'er I disown you,
I stumble and fall,
but, sworn in glad service
your word to obey,
I walk in your freedom
to the end of the way.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ postlude: Fugue in F major

J. S. Bach

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