

EPIPHANY 6 SUNDAY

February 13, 2022

Piano Prelude: Reverie

Claude Debussy

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

Then he looked up at his disciples and said: "Blessed are you who are poor, for yours is the kingdom of God. Blessed are you who are hungry now, for you will be filled. Blessed are you who weep now, for you will laugh." (Luke 6:20-21)

We gather for worship as people who want to know God more and follow Christ more closely. We come because there are times when we turn away from God's goodness and toward material items that give a false sense of blessing.

We gather for worship to be reminded what true riches are; to feel once again the comfort of our God of love, and to place our trust in God. We come because we recognize that real living does not come from the cold, static response of material objects or from the rejection of those who dream only of more for themselves.

Come to us in this time of worship, O God. Open our eyes to the ways that your blessings both encourage and challenge us to be more compassionate people; make us ready to help restore and heal this aching world.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Jesus calls us here to meet him

No. 528

1 Jesus calls us here to meet him
as, through word and song and prayer,
we affirm God's promised presence
where his people live and care.
Praise the God who keeps his promise;
praise the Son who calls us friends;
praise the Spirit who, among us,
to our hopes and fears attends.

2. Jesus calls us to confess him
Word of life and Lord of all,
sharer of our flesh and frailness,
saving all who fail or fall.
Tell his holy human story;
tell his tales that all may hear;
tell the world that Christ in glory
came to earth to meet us here.

3. Jesus calls us to each other,
vastly different though we are;
creed and colour, class and gender
neither limit nor debar.

Join the hand of friend and stranger;
join the hands of age and youth;
join the faithful and the doubter
in their common search for truth.

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: My love is like a red, red rose poem by Robert Burns; arr. B. Nasmith

Scripture Readings: Jeremiah 17:5-10; Luke 6:17-26

Jeremiah 17:5-10

5 Thus says the Lord:

Cursed are those who trust in mere mortals
and make mere flesh their strength,
whose hearts turn away from the Lord.

6 They shall be like a shrub in the desert,
and shall not see when relief comes.

They shall live in the parched places of the wilderness,
in an uninhabited salt land.

7 Blessed are those who trust in the Lord,
whose trust is the Lord.

8 They shall be like a tree planted by water,
sending out its roots by the stream.

It shall not fear when heat comes,
and its leaves shall stay green;

in the year of drought it is not anxious,
and it does not cease to bear fruit.

9 The heart is devious above all else;
it is perverse—
who can understand it?

10 I the Lord test the mind
and search the heart,
to give to all according to their ways,
according to the fruit of their doings.

Luke 6:17-26

17 He came down with them and stood on a level place, with a great crowd of his disciples and a great multitude of people from all Judea, Jerusalem, and the coast of Tyre and Sidon. 18 They had come to hear him and to be healed of their diseases; and those who were troubled with unclean spirits were cured. 19 And all in the crowd were trying to touch him, for power came out from him and healed all of them.

20 Then he looked up at his disciples and said:

“Blessed are you who are poor,
for yours is the kingdom of God.

21 “Blessed are you who are hungry now,
for you will be filled.

“Blessed are you who weep now,
for you will laugh.

22 “Blessed are you when people hate you, and when they exclude you, revile you, and defame you on account of the Son of Man. 23 Rejoice in that day and leap for joy, for surely your reward is great in heaven; for that is what their ancestors did to the prophets.

24 “But woe to you who are rich,
for you have received your consolation.

25 “Woe to you who are full now,
for you will be hungry.

“Woe to you who are laughing now,
for you will mourn and weep.

26 “Woe to you when all speak well of you, for that is what their ancestors did to the false prophets.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Special Music: Laudate Dominum

W. A. Mozart

Soloist Anna Bateman with choir

Translation: Praise the Lord, all nations; Praise Him, all people.

For He has bestowed His mercy upon us,

And the truth of the Lord endures forever. Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit, as it was in the beginning, is now, and forever, and for generations of generations. Amen.

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

Hymn: Sometimes a healing word is comfort

No. 768

1. Sometimes a healing word is comfort:
easing the grieved or anxious heart,
giving assurance of our caring,
treasuring each and every part.
Come, break the silence!
Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

4. Sometimes a healing word takes
chances:
going where no one yet has been,
facing the dangers of the desert,
hoping for shelter at the inn.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

2. Sometimes a healing word remembers:
calling up days of joy and pain,
letting the past renew the present,
till hope can mend and move again.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

5. Sometimes a healing word will listen:
hearing the voiceless into speech,
letting the pattern of the story
move us to learn what it can teach.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

3. Sometimes a healing word is angry:
giving a name to discontent,
shining a light on sin or grievance,
calling a people to repent.
Come, break the silence! Let us tell
the Word that makes us free and well.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Trumpet Tune

Henry Purcell



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