

LENT 3 SUNDAY

March 20, 2022

Organ Prelude: "Sicut cervus desiderat ad fontes aquarum"

by Palestrina

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

***CALL TO WORSHIP:**

Reader, Michael Nettleton

We come to worship as those who hunger and thirst.

We come to worship as those in search of a deeper and richer satisfaction.

What is it that for which we hunger and thirst? Will it satisfy? Has it satisfied? Or, is there something more for us yet to find?

We come to worship to listen, to pray, to think and to open our hearts in music, words and silence...

We come to explore the word "God" and open ourselves to the kind of satisfaction God may lead us to.

Let us worship God together!

***Hymn: You thirsty ones**

No. 190

1. You thirsty ones! come to the spring!
Have you no money? Come,
buy wine and milk! Come, buy and eat,
without a price or sum.

2. Why do you work and earn and spend
on that which is not bread?
Oh listen now and come to me;
eat what is good instead.

3. This food delights and satisfies,
the food your God can give;
incline your ear and come to me;
oh hear that you may live.

4. Return while God may still be found
and call while God will hear;
now let the wicked quit their ways,
while yet the Lord is near.

5. My word like heaven's snow descends;
it falls like heaven's rain;
it waters all the thirsty earth
and shall not go in vain.

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.

Church School Theme

Special Music: Come to the waters

by G. F. Handel

Soloists Anna Bateman and Erin Stone

Scripture Readings: Psalm 63: 1-8; Isaiah 55: 1-9

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Psalm 63: 1-8

¹ O God, you are my God, I seek you,
my soul thirsts for you;
my flesh faints for you,
as in a dry and weary land where there is no water.

² So I have looked upon you in the sanctuary,
beholding your power and glory.

³ Because your steadfast love is better than life,
my lips will praise you.

⁴ So I will bless you as long as I live;
I will lift up my hands and call on your name.

⁵ My soul is satisfied as with a rich feast,
and my mouth praises you with joyful lips

⁶ when I think of you on my bed,
and meditate on you in the watches of the night;

⁷ for you have been my help,
and in the shadow of your wings I sing for joy.

⁸ My soul clings to you;
your right hand upholds me. Amen.

Isaiah 55: 1-9

Ho, everyone who thirsts,
come to the waters;
and you that have no money,
come, buy and eat!

Come, buy wine and milk
without money and without price.

² Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread,
and your labour for that which does not satisfy?

Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good,
and delight yourselves in rich food.

³ Incline your ear, and come to me;
listen, so that you may live.

I will make with you an everlasting covenant,
my steadfast, sure love for David.

⁴ See, I made him a witness to the peoples,
a leader and commander for the peoples.

⁵ See, you shall call nations that you do not know,
and nations that do not know you shall run to you,
because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel,
who has glorified you.

⁶ Seek the LORD while the Lord may be found,
call upon God while God is near;

⁷ let the wicked forsake their way,
and the unrighteous their thoughts;

let them return to the LORD, that the Lord may have mercy on them,
and to our God, for God will abundantly pardon.

⁸ For my thoughts are not your thoughts,
nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD.

⁹ For as the heavens are higher than the earth,
so are my ways higher than your ways
and my thoughts than your thoughts. Amen.

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Special Music: If with all your hearts

Felix Mendelssohn

Soloist Elias Theocharidis

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Pastoral Concern

***Hymn: Be thou my vision**

No. 461

1. Be thou my vision,
O Lord of my heart;
naught be all else to me,
save that thou art,
thou my best thought
in the day and the night,
waking or sleeping,
thy presence my light.

2. Be thou my wisdom;
be thou my true word,
I ever with thee
and though with me, Lord;
though my great Father,
thine own may I be,
thou in me dwelling,
and I one with thee.

3. Be thou my breastplate,
my sword for the fight;
be thou my armour
and be thou my might;
though my soul's shelter
and thou my high tower,
raise thou me heavenward,
O Power of my power.

4. Riches I heed not,
nor vain earthly praise,
thou my inheritance,
through all my days;
thou and thou only,
the first in my heart,
high King of heaven,
my treasure thou art!

5. High King of heaven,
when the battle is done,
grant heaven's joy to me,
O bright heaven's Sun;
heart of my own heart,
whatever befall,
still be my vision,
O ruler of all.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Coro from The Royal Water Music

G. F. Handel

**Remain seated if you are more comfortable*