

March 22, 2020 11:00 a.m.



INTROIT

Kyrie Eleison arr. P. Merritt / C. Dyck Kyrie eleison, Christe eleison, Kyrie eleison

CALL TO WORSHIP (Read Psalm 90)

PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come

FESTAL SONG

INVOCATION AND 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, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God, we find ourselves in a time of darkness. We have become fearful of our present-day pandemic with Covid-19. We are the ones called to be light for the world, but our lights have dimmed, and we live in the shadow of fear. And yet you are still our light and life! You tell us of how you make the blind see. The blind man getting his sight back was over the moon with joy! His eyes feasted on the greens of nature, the variations of people and bodies and all he could encounter with his newfound sight. O God forgive us for forgetting that you have proclaimed: "Do not fear, the light has come." Forgive us, we have covered our lights. Your light reaches beyond every barrier and every shadow of darkness. Let us now be people of light, as we reach out to one another in encouragement and see that your light still shines brightly. (Silence for personal confession and reflection)

HYMN OF RESPONSE

#375 Lord, Have Mercy (sing 3x)

J. M. Talbot

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

People everywhere, remember that God in Christ is your light. God's light never dims. God will always reach down and pick you up when you are afraid. God will comfort you, not scold you. God will forgive you for forgetting and losing your strength in faith. Live fully in this light, for we are forgiven!

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Psalm 23 Page 553, first half of the pew Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: The Lord is my Shepherd,

Many: we have everything we need.

One: He makes us rest and lie down in a guiet space, Many: here, he restores us and shows us where to walk.

One: We are afraid when we walk in uncertain and

frightening times, covered in shadows.

Many: You always comfort us and provide everything

we need.

One: You anoint our head with oil,

All: surely goodness and love follow us, we will dwell in the house of the Lord forever!

HYMN OF PRAISE

#76 We Are Singing, for the Lord Is Our Light SIYAHAMBA

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#422 Amazing Grace

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Page 105-6, second half of the pew Bible John 9:1-41

Response to reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Best. Disciple. Ever." Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Alas! And Did My Saviour Bleed D. Funderburk

Matthew Vriend, Cello, Jerrold Eilander, piano

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures here below: Praise Him above ve heavenly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen. *Prayer of Gratitude

HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#506 I Want Jesus to Walk With Me

WALK WITH ME

NEW BRITIAN

THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you. People: And also with you.

Benediction

We Shall Walk with other in the Valley of Peace

The Sending of the Community

Congregational Amen

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

We are grateful for those who contributed to the Worship Liturgy today: Rose Merke, Marilyn Cox