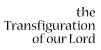


Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

February 27, 2022 11:00 a.m.





PRELUDE

Praeludium in C Major Christ is the World's True Light J. C. Kellner C. Callahan

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Open Our Eyes

B. Cull; arr. D. Allen

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#247 Sing of God Made Manifest

SALZBURG

*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 (M.K. Levine)

Holy Jesus, we confess that we fail to question our own sightlessness. Being so sure that we "see," we miss the truths you would teach us. With the poultice of your love, cure this blindness. Open our eyes to our own misunderstandings, our own failures and our own faults. Make our "shadow side" known to us and help us to diminish it with the light of your grace. For it is only when we see ourselves clearly that we can worship you truly. In the name of Jesus, we pray. (Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*GLORIA PATRI

R. Goodson

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; As it was in the beginning, is now and Ever shall be, world without end. Amen.

FIRST READING

John 9:1-17

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Still Be My Vision

M. MacDonald

LITANY (adapted, by Fran Pratt)

One: Lord, we long to see our own true selves,

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: We need to see the suffering of others.

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: Help us to see through society's brokenness,

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: Help us to see the sacredness of human beings.

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: Help us to see your invitation and calling in our lives.

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: May we see the way of your kingdom coming,

now and not-yet,

Many: Open our eyes, Oh God.

One: May we live as children of light, learning and loving,

as you abide with us.

All: Lord, let the light of your face shine on us.

*HYMN OF PRAISE

#502 Be Thou My Vision

SLANE

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

SECOND READING

John 9:18-34

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

*HYMN OF MEDITATION

#422 Amazing Grace (Sing verses 1-4)

BRITAIN

D. A. Miller

M. Adria

THIRD READING

John 9:35-41

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Hilarious, Courageous Disciple"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

Variations on a Theme from Corelli

*New Doxology

Let's praise God for each good thing.

All creation, shout and sing! Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

*Prayer of Gratitude

*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#121 Christ Is the World's Light

CHRISTE SANCTORUM

*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.

*Choral Benediction

Lord, let us now depart in peace

G. Whelpton

*The Sending of the Community

*Congregational Amen

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

POSTLUDE

Christ is the World's True Light

J. Bert Carlson

*Please stand, as you are able

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