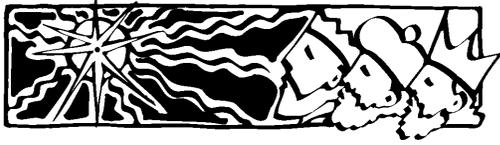


January 22, 2023 11:00 a.m.

Third
Sunday after
the Epiphany



PRELUDE

Andantino
Beautiful Saviour

D. Bédard
arr. F. Peeters

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Come into His Presence

Anon.

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#649 Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

***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

O Lord, you invite us to follow you.
We confess that we are often too busy
or too distracted to hear your voice.
We are enticed by other voices
which seem to offer an easier way.
Sometimes we sense your call
but we are too fearful or untrusting to follow you
with our whole hearts.
We try to manage on our own.
We fail to respond to your love which summons us
to venture into your light.
Forgive us Lord.
Help us to join you in the great adventure
that offers restoration, hope and joy
to both us and your people everywhere.

(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 TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 9:1-4 Pages 706-707, 1st half of NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Light of the World

K. Marroli

RESPONSIVE READING

One: The Lord is our light and our salvation.

Many: Why should we be afraid?

One: The Lord gives us strength and protection.

Many: Why should we be frightened?

One: The Lord shelters us from danger.

Many: We will give thanks and rejoice.

**All: We will worship and sing praises to God -
Creator, redeemer and sustainer.**

Now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#93 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness NETTLETON

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#121 Christ Is the World's Light CHRISTE SANCTORUM

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:12-23 Pages 3-4, 2nd half of NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Amanda Strain

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Prelude in D

A. Heron

***New Doxology**

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#123 Fairest Lord Jesus

CRUSADER'S HYMN

***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**

Shalom

Taizé Community

***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

arr. B.J. Carlson

***Please stand, as you are able**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

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