Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

January 8, 2023 11:00 a.m.





PRELUDE Prelude on Hyfrydol

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

CALL TO WORSHIP

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

R. Lau

*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

We are stubborn, O Lord. We have entered the season in which your Light has been given to the world, your blessings have been poured out, and yet all we can think about is our own problems, needs and desires. Forgive us.

Help us to seek you, Lord. Help us to abide in your presence. Pour your baptismal waters over us again, and cleanse us from our self-pity and arrogance. Nourish and heal us so that we may joyfully serve you. We ask this in Jesus' name, amen. (Silence for personal reflection and confession)

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 42:1-9 Response to the reading: **"Thanks be to God"**

LITANY (adapted from ministrymatters.com) One: Loving God, for the gift of your Son, his life here on earth, his death, burial and resurrection, Many: We give thanks. One: For the baptism with water, the burial of old life, and the raising up of new life, Many: We give thanks. For the baptism of your Spirit, the gift of your presence in and among us, washing us anew with your perfect love, Many: We give thanks. All: As this new year unfolds before us, may your Spirit settle on us just as the dove settled on Jesus. Remind us of our belovedness!

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#243 Songs of Thankfulness and Praise ST. GEORGE'S WINDSOR

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

HYMN OF MEDITATION

#239 When John Baptized by Jordan's River RENDEZ À DIEU

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:13-17 Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Waters of Renewal"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS Offertory

The Gift of Love

M. Logozar

*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 #678 In Water We Grow

STANLEY BEACH

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.

*The Sending of the Community *Congregational Amen

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

*POSTLUDE Postlude on Hyfrydol

J. Payne

*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Writing - Kathy Brown; Prayers of the People - Rose Merke; Scripture Reading - Esther Steeves, Sandra Beckman; Guest Organist - Jane Fagnan; Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams

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