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Today at Worship - 9:30 AM

Presider/Preacher:

Pastor Ben Dueholm

Organist/Pianist:

Dr. Hando Nahkur

Cantor: Kevin Bernauer and

Romali Fernando

Ringer: Karen Morton

Assisting Minister:

Stephanie Varnum

Communion Assistant:

Shannon Cockrell

Crucifer: Peter Kowalczyk

Altar Guild: Kerry Dueholm

Altar Flowers: Marilyn Martin

Ushers: Jeff & Connie Uhri,

Russ Sharp, and Murray Smith II

Audio Tech: Gary Haschke

Stream Tech: Sergio Peña

Altar flowers given by flower committee.

PRELUDE: “For the Beauty of the Earth” - C. Kocher, Arr. H. Nahkur
Hando Nahkur

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Please stand

GATHERING

PROCESSIONAL HYMN: #655 - “Son of God, Eternal Savior” (Vs. 1, 3 and 4)

Please turn and face the Cross as it enters the sanctuary



1 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,
2 As you, Lord, have lived for oth - ers, so may we for oth - ers live.
3 Come, O Christ, and reign a - mong us, King of love and Prince of peace;
4 Son of God, e - ter - nal Sav - ior, source of life and truth and grace,



Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race,
Free - ly have your gifts been grant - ed; free - ly may your ser - vants give.
hush the storm of strife and pas - sion, bid its cru - el dis - cords cease.
Word made flesh, whose birth a - mong us hal - lows all our hu - man race:



you our head, who, throned in glo - ry, for your own will ev - er plead:
Yours the gold and yours the sil - ver, yours the wealth of land and sea;
By your pa - tient years of toil - ing, by your si - lent hours of pain,
by your pray - ing, by your will - ing that your peo - ple should be one,



fill us with your love and pit - y, heal our wrong, and help our need.
we but stew - ards of your boun - ty held in sol - emn trust will be.
quench our fe - vered thirst of plea - sure, stem our self - ish greed of gain.
grant, oh, grant our hope's fru - i - tion: here on earth your will be done.

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

KYRIE

Refrain

Assistant: *Congregation:*

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord, have mer-cy,
Christ, have mer-cy, Lord, have mer-cy.

to Verses

Assistant: For the Reign of God, and for peace throughout the world, for the unity of all . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant: For your people here, who have come to give you praise, for the strength to live your Word . . . (to Refrain)

Assistant:

Help, save and de-fend us, O
God. A - men.

HYMN OF PRAISE

Refrain

Congregation:

Now the feast and cel-e-bra-tion,
all of cre-a-tion sings for joy
to the God of life and love and
free-dom: praise and glo-ry for ev-
er - more!

Verse 1

Congregation

1. Now is the feast of the Lamb once
slain, whose blood has freed and u -
nit - ed us to be one great peo - ple of
God.

to Refrain

Verse 2

Congregation

2. Pow - er and rich - es, wis - dom and
might, all hon - or and glo - ry to Christ
for ev - er.

to Refrain

Verse 3

Congregation:

3. For God has come to dwell with us, to
make us peo - ple of God; to make
all things new.

to Refrain

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray (Silence). O God, we thank you for your Son,

C: who chose the path of suffering for the sake of the world. Humble us by his example, point

SECOND READING: Romans 12:9-21

Let love be genuine; hate what is evil, hold fast to what is good; love one another with mutual affection; outdo one another in showing honor. Do not lag in zeal, be ardent in spirit, serve the Lord. Rejoice in hope, be patient in suffering, persevere in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints; extend hospitality to strangers.

Bless those who persecute you; bless and do not curse them. Rejoice with those who rejoice, weep with those who weep. Live in harmony with one another; do not be haughty, but associate with the lowly; do not claim to be wiser than you are. Do not repay anyone evil for evil, but take thought for what is noble in the sight of all. If it is possible, so far as it depends on you, live peaceably with all. Beloved, never avenge yourselves, but leave room for the wrath of God; for it is written, “Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord.” No, “if your enemies are hungry, feed them; if they are thirsty, give them something to drink; for by doing this you will heap burning coals on their heads.” Do not be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good.

A: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S MESSAGE

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION: ELW 857 - “Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”

Please stand

Lord, I lift your name on high; Lord, I love to sing your praises.

I'm so glad you're in my life. I'm so glad you came to save us.

You came from heav-en to earth to show the way, from the earth

to the cross, my debt to pay, from the cross to the grave.

from the grave to the sky; Lord, I lift your name on high.

No Repeat

GOSPEL: Matthew 16:21-28

P: The holy Gospel according to Matthew.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

From that time on, [after Peter confessed that Jesus was the Messiah,] Jesus began to show his disciples that he must go to Jerusalem and undergo great suffering at the hands of the elders and chief priests and scribes, and be killed, and on the third day be raised. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him, saying, “God forbid it, Lord! This must never happen to you.” But he turned and said to Peter, “Get behind me, Satan! You are a stumbling block to me; for you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things.”

Then Jesus told his disciples, “If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake will find it. For what will it profit them if they gain the whole world but forfeit their life? Or what will they give in return for their life?

“For the Son of Man is to come with his angels in the glory of his Father, and then he will repay

everyone for what has been done. Truly I tell you, there are some standing here who will not taste death before they see the Son of Man coming in his kingdom.”

P: The Gospel of our Lord

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Repeat acclamation

Please be seated

SERMON

After the sermon, silence for reflection is kept.

SERMON HYMN: #798 - “Will You Come and Follow Me” (Vs. 1, 4 and 5)

Please stand



1 “Will you come and fol - low me if I but call
2 “Will you leave your - self be - hind if I but call
3 “Will you let the blind - ed see if I but call
4 “Will you love the you you hide if I but call
5 Lord, your sum - mons ech - oes true when you but call



your name? Will you go where you don't
your name? Will you care for cruel and
your name? Will you set the pris - 'ners
your name? Will you quell the fear in -
my name. Let me turn and fol - low



know and nev - er be the same?
kind and nev - er be the same?
free and nev - er be the same?
side and nev - er be the same?
you and nev - er be the same.

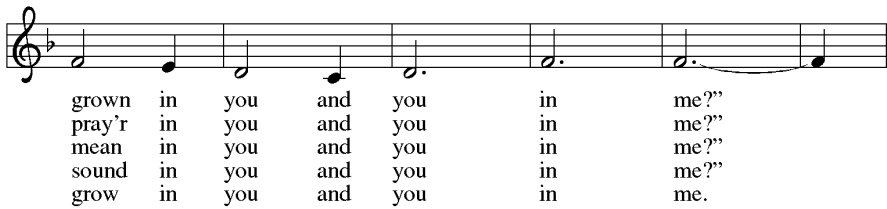


Will you let my love be shown, will you let my
Will you risk the hos - tile stare, should your life at -
Will you kiss the lep - er clean, and do such as
Will you use the faith you've found to re - shape the
In your com - pa - ny I'll go where your love and



name be known, will you let my life be
tract or scare? Will you let me an - swer
this un - seen, and ad - mit to what I
world a - round, through my sight and touch and
foot - steps show. Thus I'll move and live and

SACRAMENT OF HOLY BAPTISM: Kipling Martin Stadler



PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

A: In peace, let us pray to the Lord, saying, "Lord, have mercy". For the holy Church of God,...

After each petition:

A: we pray to you, O Lord.

C: Lord, have mercy.

P: O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever.

C: Amen.

SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the risen Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

P: Let us share Christ's peace with one another.

MEAL

OFFERINGS RECEIVED

Please be seated

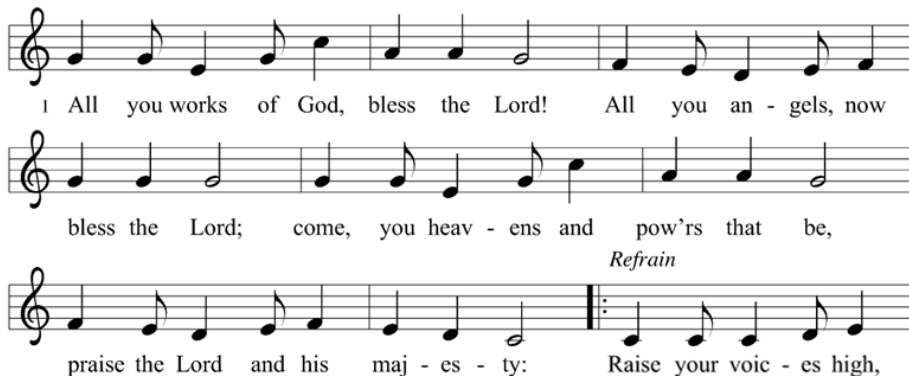
Many of our members give electronically. To learn more about this option, please see clcdallas.org

SPECIAL MUSIC: "When in Our Music God is Glorified" - F.P. Green, C.R. Anders, C.V. Stanford
 Sanctuary Choir

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Please stand

OFFERTORY HYMN: S494 - "All You Works of God, Bless the Lord" (Vs. 1, 5 and 6)





praise and mag - ni - fy, all you works of God, bless the Lord!

5 Come, humanity, sing along,
sing, you people of God, a song;
priests and servants, your Lord now bless,
join, you spirits and souls at rest: *Refrain*

6 Bless the Lord, all you pure of heart;
all you humble, his praise impart;
God the Father and Son adore,
bless the Spirit forevermore! *Refrain*

OFFERING PRAYER

A: Let us pray. (Silence) God of all creation,

C: all you have made is good, and your love endures forever. You bring forth bread from the earth and fruit from the vine. Nourish us with these gifts, that we might be for the world signs of your gracious presence in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

President: Congregation:

The Lord be with you. And also with you.

President: Congregation: President:

Lift up your hearts. We lift them to the Lord. Let us give

Congregation:

thanks to the Lord our God. It is right to give God thanks and praise.

PREFACE

P: It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



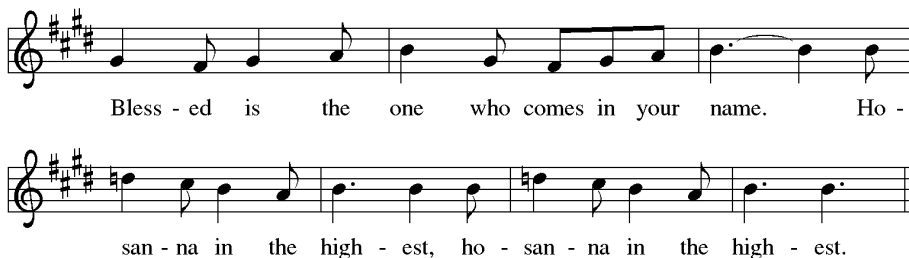
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly are you, God of pow - er and



might; heav - en and earth are filled with your



glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.



EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

P: We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life. On the night of his arrest, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me." Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

C: We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

P: And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine. We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation. By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever.

C: Amen

LORD'S PRAYER

P: Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

C: 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, forever and ever. Amen.

LAMB OF GOD



INVITATION TO COMMUNION

P: Taste and see that the Lord is good.

DISTRIBUTION OF COMMUNION

Please be seated

As you come forward for the Sacrament, please sanitize your hands with the sanitizer in your pew. Communion will be distributed at the altar rail. You may kneel or stand. You will be given the host, which you may dip in the chalice of wine or in the chalice containing white grape juice. You may receive only the host if you wish. Gluten free hosts are available by request. If you would like to receive a blessing instead, please fold your arms in front of your chest. Remember that communion in one kind (only host or chalice) is a perfectly valid way to receive the Sacrament. When the altar is cleared, the presider will invite the people to stand as you are able.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand

A: Let us pray. God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ, our Lord.

C: Amen.

SENDING

BENEDICTION

The presider blesses the people

SENDING HYMN: #710 - "Let Streams of Living Justice"

1 Let streams of liv - ing jus - tice flow down up - on the earth;
 2 For heal - ing of the na - tions, for peace that will not end,
 3 Your ci - ty's built to mu - sic; we are the stones you seek;
 give free - dom's light to cap - tives, let all the poor have worth.
 for love that makes us lov - ers, God grant us grace to mend.
 your har - mo - ny is lan - guage; we are the words you speak.

The hun - gry's hands are plead - ing, the work - ers claim their rights,
 Weave our var - ied gifts to - geth - er; knit our lives as they are spun;
 Our faith we find in ser - vice, our hope in oth - ers' dreams,
 the mourn - ers long for laugh - ter, the blind - ed seek for sight.
 on your loom of time en - roll us till our thread of life is run.
 our love in hand of neigh - bor; our home - land bright - ly gleams.

Make lib - er - ty a bea - con, strike down the i - ron pow'r;
 O great weav - er of our fab - ric, bind church and world in one;
 In - scribe our hearts with jus - tice; your way—the path un - tried;
 a - bol - ish an - cient ven - geance; pro - claim your peo - ple's hour.
 dye our tex - ture with your ra - diance, light our col - ors with your sun.
 your truth—the heart of strang - er; your life—the Cru - ci - fied.

DISMISSAL

A: We are a community of faith reaching out to change lives. Let us go out in peace and share the good news!

C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE: #536 - "God Be with You Till We Meet Again"

Romali Fernando

NEXT WEEK'S ASSISTANTS

Assisting Minister: Virginia Worley

Communion Assistant: Rita Horst

Crucifer: Peter Kowalczyk

Acolyte: Volunteer Needed

Altar Guild: Madge Earnshaw

Altar Flowers: Connie Uhri

Ushers: Jeff & Connie Uhri, Russ Sharp, and Murray Smith II