

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

*First Sunday of Epiphany*

*12 January 2014*

## Worship Notes

In the season of Epiphany, we celebrate the gift of Christ to all the world of and the light of the knowledge of Christ bringing hope and redemption. We will continue our study from Luke 14 on what it means to take up your cross and follow Christ.

We begin with the **Call to Worship** from **Psalm 34** and the call to exalt His name and to taste and see that the Lord is good. Our opening hymn is **Holy, Holy, Holy** as well sing of the greatness and glory of who God is. We continue with **There's a Wideness in God's Mercy** and the joy, welcome, kindness and love of the Father who so gently leads us in His way.

The **Prayer of Confession** from **Philippians 2** confronts us with our sinful and selfish desires that we too often place higher than the call to follow Christ and have the same mind as him. **Jesus, Shepherd** is a prayer for the leading of Christ through the storms and trials of life.

Our hymns for Communion include the Psalm of the Month for January and **All to Jesus, I Surrender**. Our final hymn is **Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken** with the desire to put off the world and take up the cross of Christ. —Greg Wilbur

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO WORSHIP

*It is God Himself who calls His people to worship. We do not call ourselves, but it is the King who opens His gates and beckons us into his courts.*

### Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

#### Introit—O Splendor of God's Glory Bright, Vs I

The musical score is written for piano in G major and 3/4 time. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "O Splen - dor of God's glo - ry bright, O thou that bring - est light from light, O Light of light, light's liv - ing spring, O Day, all day's il - lum - in - ing." The piano accompaniment features a steady bass line and chords that support the vocal melody.

Text: St. Ambrose of Milan, 340-397; Music: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR, Michael Praetorius, 1571-1621.

#### Call to Worship—Psalm 34:I, 3-5, 8

Pastor: I will bless the LORD at all times; his praise shall continually be in my mouth.

All: Oh, magnify the LORD with me, and let us exalt his name together!

Pastor: I sought the LORD, and he answered me and delivered me from all my fears.

All: Those who look to him are radiant, and their faces shall never be ashamed.

Pastor: Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good!

All: Blessed is the man who takes refuge in him!

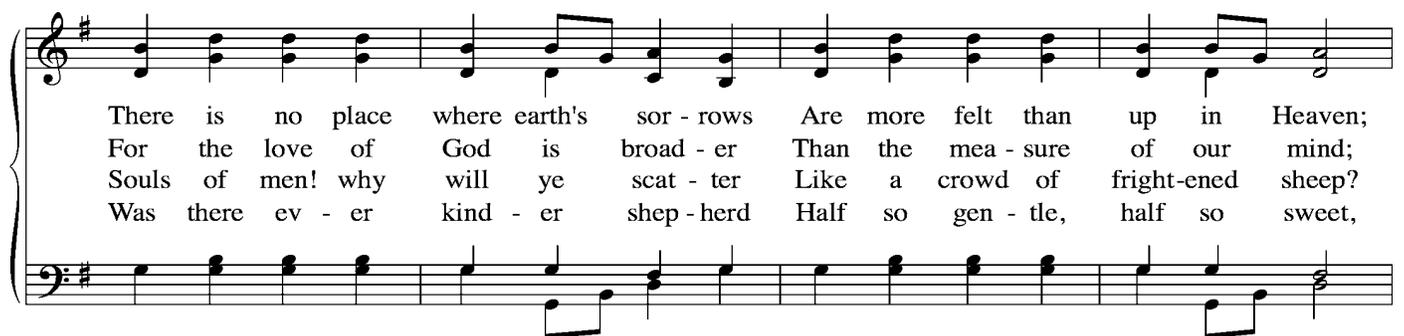
## Hymn of Praise—There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, Like the wide-ness of the sea;  
There is wel - come for the sin - ner, And more grac - es for the good;  
There is plen - ti - ful re - demp - tion In the blood that has been shed;  
It is God: His love looks might - y, But is might - ier than it seems;



There's a kind-ness in His jus - tice, Which is more than lib - er - ty.  
There is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; There is heal - ing in His blood.  
There is joy for all the mem - bers In the sor - rows of the Head.  
'Tis our Fath - er: and His fond - ness Goes far out be - yond our dreams.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows Are more felt than up in Heaven;  
For the love of God is broad - er Than the mea - sure of our mind;  
Souls of men! why will ye scat - ter Like a crowd of fright - ened sheep?  
Was there ev - er kind - er shep - herd Half so gen - tle, half so sweet,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings Have such kind - ly judg - ment given.  
And the heart of the E - ter - nal Is most won - der - ful - ly kind.  
Fool - ish hearts! why will ye wan - der From a love so true and deep?  
As the Sav - ior who would have us Come and gath - er at His feet?

Text: Frederick W. Faber, 1854; Music: HOLY MANNA, Attr. To William Moore, 1825.

## Hymn of Praise—Holy, Holy, Holy

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! All the saints a - dore thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Though the dark - ness hide thee,  
Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly! Lord God Al - might - y!

Ear - ly in the morn - ing our song shall rise to thee;  
cast - ing down their gold - en crowns a - round the glass - y sea;  
though the eye of sin - ful man thy glo - ry may not see;  
All thy works shall praise thy name, in earth and sky and sea;

ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!  
cher - u - bim and ser - a - phim fall - ing down be - fore thee,  
on - ly thou art ho - ly; there is none be - side thee,  
ho - ly, ho - ly ho - ly! mer - ci - ful and might - y!

God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty!  
who wert, and art, and ev - er - more shalt be.  
per - fect in power, in love, and pur - i - ty.  
God in three per - sons, bless - ed Trin - i - ty.

Text: Reginald Heber, 1783-1826; Music: NICAEA, John B. Dykes, 1861.

*(Please be seated)*

## Old Testament Reading—Joshua 24:14-18

*Fear the Lord and serve Him in Sincerity and in Faithfulness*

14 “Now therefore fear the Lord and serve him in sincerity and in faithfulness. Put away the gods that your fathers served beyond the River and in Egypt, and serve the Lord. 15 And if it is evil in your eyes to serve the Lord, choose this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your fathers served in the region beyond the River, or the gods of the Amorites in whose land you dwell. But as for me and my house, we will serve the Lord.”

16 Then the people answered, “Far be it from us that we should forsake the Lord to serve other gods, 17 for it is the Lord our God who brought us and our fathers up from the land of Egypt, out of the house of slavery, and who did those great signs in our sight and preserved us in all the way that we went, and among all the peoples through whom we passed. 18 And the Lord drove out before us all the peoples, the Amorites who lived in the land. Therefore we also will serve the Lord, for he is our God.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE, AND RECONCILIATION

*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### Sung Response—Lord, Have Mercy

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

WOMEN Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

MEN Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy, Lord.

Text: Luke 18:13; Music: FRANKLIN KYRIE, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

### Corporate Prayer of Confession—based on Philippians 2:1-8

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You tell us that if we are in Christ, there is great encouragement, comfort in love, and participation in the Spirit.

**All: But we often lack the affection and sympathy that should be a sign of this.**

Pastor: We are not of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind.

**All: Instead, we are anxious about our own ideas  
and sometimes we use love to exclude instead of binding together.**

Pastor: We operate from a position of selfish ambition and conceit  
and do not have the humility to count others as more significant than ourselves.

**All: We look only to our own interests and not to the interests of others.**

Pastor: O Lord, give us the mind of Christ—  
to serve one another without thought of status or position.  
May we know what it is to be truly humble and emptied of self and to wholly love.

### Silent Prayers of Confession

#### Sung Response—Lamb of God

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on us.

Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world, have mer - cy on

us. Lamb of God who takes a - way the sins of the world,

Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace. Grant us Your peace.

Text: John 1:29; Music: FRANKLIN AGNUS DEI, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## Assurance of Pardon—Galatians 2:19-20

For through the law I died to the law, so that I might live to God. I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.

## Hymn of Praise—Jesus Shepherd



Je - sus, Shep - herd of thy peo - ple, Lead us through this  
All thy sheep shall come to Zi - on; With them thou wilt  
In thy bos - om safe - ly lodg - ed, Thine shall rest from



des - ert land; We are weak, and poor, and fee - ble,  
nev - er part; Beasts of prey, nor roar - ing li - on,  
dan - ger free; They shall nev - er more be judg - ed,



Yet we trust thy might - y hand; Great Pro -  
None shall pluck them from thy heart; All thy  
Nor shall con - dem - na - tion see; Bless - - - ed



tec - - - tor! By thy power a - lone we stand.  
cho - - - sen Cost thee wounds, and blood, and smart.  
Je - - - sus, Let us thus re - joice in thee.

Text: J. Adams; Music: Cathy Steere, ©2008 [www.restassuredhymns.com](http://www.restassuredhymns.com)

## The Reading of the Word—Luke 14:25-33

25 Now great crowds accompanied him [Jesus], and he turned and said to them, 26 “If anyone comes to me and does not hate his own father and mother and wife and children and brothers and sisters, yes, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple. 27 Whoever does not bear his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple. 28 For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it? 29 Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it begin to mock him, 30 saying, ‘This man began to build and was not able to finish.’ 31 Or what king, going out to encounter another king in war, will not sit down first and deliberate whether he is able with ten thousand to meet him who comes against him with twenty thousand? 32 And if not, while the other is yet a great way off, he sends a delegation and asks for terms of peace. 33 So therefore, any one of you who does not renounce all that he has cannot be my disciple.

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: But the Word of our God will stand forever.

Sung Response—Christ Be With Me (*from St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to  
win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in  
dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment on a bass clef staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the vocal line.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;  
Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*God offers to His people the gift of communion with Him through the grace of the sacrament and we respond in thanksgiving.*

Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty, the Creator of Heaven and Earth,  
And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord: who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
Born of the Virgin Mary, Suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
Was crucified, died and was buried. He descended into Hell.  
On the third day he rose again from the dead.  
He ascended into Heaven and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
From whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit; The one holy Church—both visible and invisible;  
The communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
The resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Sung Response—Gloria

WOMEN  
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on earth.

MEN  
 Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace to His peo-ple on  
 earth. We praise  
 earth. Glo-ry to God in the high - est! Peace on earth. We praise  
 You! We bless You! We a - dore You! We glo - ri - fy!  
 We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks for Your glo - ry.  
 We give You thanks for Your glo - ry. We give You thanks.

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## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

*Having confessed our sins and made a good profession of faith, God's Table is open to all those "faithfully-fenced" members of the covenant community. Please come forward to partake of this means of grace. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

## Psalm for January—Psalm 103: O My Soul With All Your Powers

O, my soul, with all your pow - ers, Bless the Lord's most ho - ly name!  
 He will not re - tain dis - plea - sure; Though a - while He hide his face.  
 Mark the field - flower where it grow - eth; Frail and beau - ti - ful a - non.

O, my soul, till life's last hours, Bless the Lord, his praise pro - claim!  
 Nor His God - like boun - ty mea - sure By our mer - it, but His grace.  
 When the south wind soft - ly blow - eth, Look a - gain the flower is gone.

Your in - firm - i - ties He healed, And your peace and par - don sealed.  
 As the heaven the earth trans - cends Ov - er us His care ex - tends.  
 Such is man, his hon - ors pass Like the glo - ry of the grass.



He with lov - ing kind - ness crowned you; Sat - is - fied your mouth with good.  
 Far as east and west are part - ed; He our sins hath sev - ered thus.  
 From e - ter - ni - ty en - dur - ing, To e - ter - ni - ty, the Lord  
 As in heaven, His throne and dwell - ing; King on earth he holds his sway.



From the snares of death un - bound you; Ea - gle - like, your youth re - newed.  
 As a fath - er lov - ing heart - ed Spares his son, He spar - eth us;  
 Still his peo - ple's bliss in - sur - ing; Keeps his cov - e - nant - ed word.  
 An - gels, ye in strength ex - cell - ing, Bless the Lord, His voice o - bey!



Rich in ten - der mer - cy He; Slow to wrath to fav - or free.  
 For He knows our fee - ble frame; He re - mem - bers whence we came.  
 Yea, with truth and right - eous - ness, Child - ren's child - ren He will bless.  
 All His works be - neath the pole, Bless the Lord with you, my soul!

CCLI #11121087 Text: Psalm 103, James Montgomery, *Songs of Zion*, 1822: Music: Greyfriars Press, 2014.

## Hymn of Communion—O Love of God



O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er  
 O heaven - ly love, how pre - cious still, In days of wear - i - ness and  
 We read thee best in Him who came To bear for us the cross of  
 O love of God, how strong and true! E - te - rnal, and yet ev - er



new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all  
 ill, In nights of pain and help - less - ness, To heal, to com - fort, and to  
 shame; Sent by the Fa - ther from on high, Our life to live, our death to  
 new; Un - com - pre - hend - ed and un - bought, Be - yond all know - ledge and all



thought. O love of God, how deep and great! Far deep - er than man's deep - est  
 bless! O wide em - brac - ing, won - drous love! We read thee in the sky a -  
 die. We read thy power to bless and save, E'en in the dark - ness of the  
 thought. O love of God, our shield and stay Through all the per - ils of our



hate; Self fed, self kin - dled, like the light, Change - less, e - te - rnal, in - fi - nite.  
 bove, We read thee in the earth be - low, In seas that swell, and streams that flow.  
 grave; Still more in res - ur - rec - tion light, We read the full - ness of thy might.  
 way! E - ter - nal love, in thee we rest For - ev - er safe, for - ev - er blest.

Text: Horatius Bona, 1861; Music: © 2013 Greyfriars Press.

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

*The 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 debts, As we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, But deliver us from evil.

For Thine is the Kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Praise—Jesus, I My Cross Have Taken



Je - sus, I my cross have tak - en, All to leave and fol - low Thee;  
Let the world de - spise and leave me, they have left my Sav - ior too;  
Man may trou - ble and dis - tress me, 'Twill but drive me to Thy breast;  
Hast - en on from grace to glo - ry, Armed by faith and winged by prayer;



Des - ti - tute, des - pised, for - sak - en, Thou from hence my all shalt be:  
Hu - manhearts and looks de - ceive me; Thou art not, like man, un - true.  
Life with tri - als hard may press me, Heav'n will bring me sweet - er rest.  
Heav'n's e - ter - nal days be - fore me, God's own hand shall guide me there.



Per - ish ev - 'ry fond am - bi - tion, All I've sought or hoped or known;  
And while Thou shalt smile up - on me, God of wis - dom, love and might,  
O 'tis not in grief to harm me, While Thy love is left to me;  
Soon shall close my earth - ly mis - sion, Swift shall pass my pil - grim days,



Yet how rich is my con - di - tion, God and heav'n are still my own!  
Foes may hate and friends may shun me, show Thy face and all is bright.  
O 'twere not in joy to charm me, Were that joy un - mixed with Thee.  
Hope shall change to glad fru - i - tion, Faith to sight, and prayer to praise.

## GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT

*After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.*

### Benediction—from Galatians 6:14, 18

May we boast only in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, by which the world has been crucified to us, and we to the world. The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit. Amen.

### Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II



Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet  
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my  
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - joice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

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