

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND COVENANT RENEWAL

Last Sunday of Epiphany
10 February 2013

Worship Notes

This morning is the final Sunday in Epiphany with next Sunday being the First Sunday in Lent—the season of reflection, repentance, reconciliation and deeds of mercy before Easter Sunday. This is also our return to the study from the Book of Luke; providentially Luke 9 begins with Jesus sending out the disciples which is the call to be missional and where we left off from the Vision sermons in January—*To Be the People of God*.

We begin with the **Call to Worship** from **Isaiah 12** with the call to make known the deeds of the Lord among the peoples that He may be known in all the earth. We sing **Crown Him With Many Crowns** acknowledging that the earth and all that is in it belong to Him alone. Our **Psalm for February—Psalm 117: From All That Dwell** continues the theme of singing the praise of our Redeemer through every land and by every tongue.

The **Old Testament Reading** from **Isaiah 55** reminds us that the Word of God is like seed for us to sow and bread for those that receive it, and joy and peace will result wherever the Word is spread. However, in **Ephesians 4**, our **Prayer of Confession**, we remember that too often we seek to build up our own kingdoms instead of living in submission to Christ's kingdom seeking reconciliation in one hope. We continue by singing **Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds** from Psalm 78 in which we acknowledge our call to “make His glories known, His works of power and grace” that generations yet unknown may hope in God alone and practice His commands.

Our final hymn, **Be Thou O God Exalted High** from Psalm 57, calls us to share the praise of the Lord “to all the listening nations round” that His glory would fill the skies as we bring thankful tribute unto Him. It is out of gratitude for who God is and what He has done that we respond in worship and then share His praise with others.

—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.

Announcements, Preparation & Prelude

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

The musical score is written for piano in G major (one sharp) 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—Isaiah 12:4-6

Pastor: Give thanks to the LORD, call upon his name,

All: Make known his deeds among the peoples, proclaim that his name is exalted.

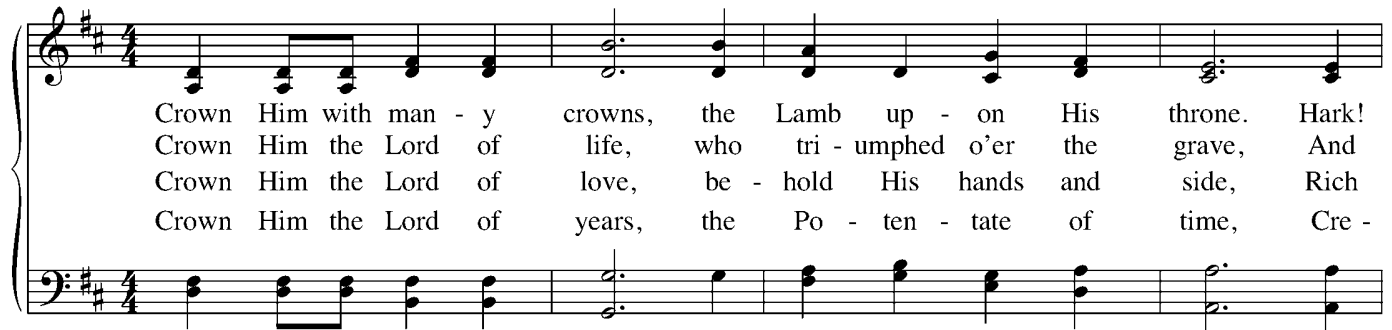
Pastor: Sing praises to the LORD, for he has done gloriously;

All: Let this be made known in all the earth.

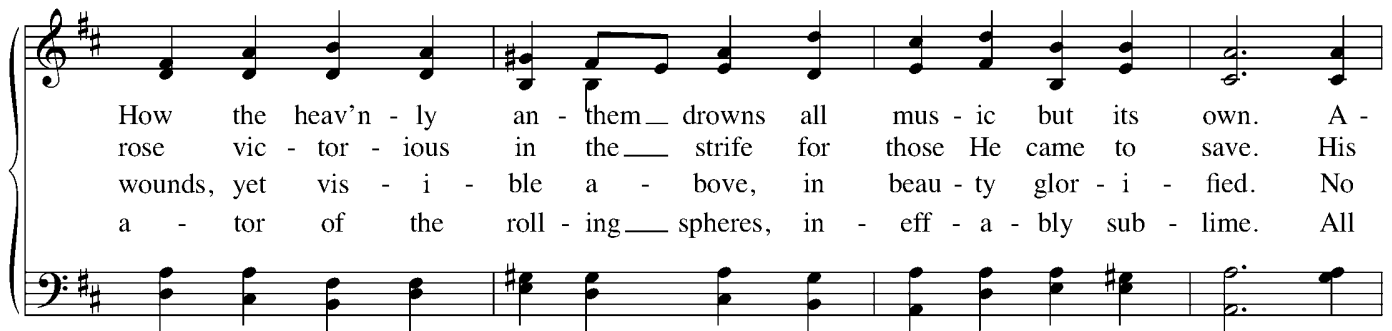
Pastor: Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion,

All: For great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel.

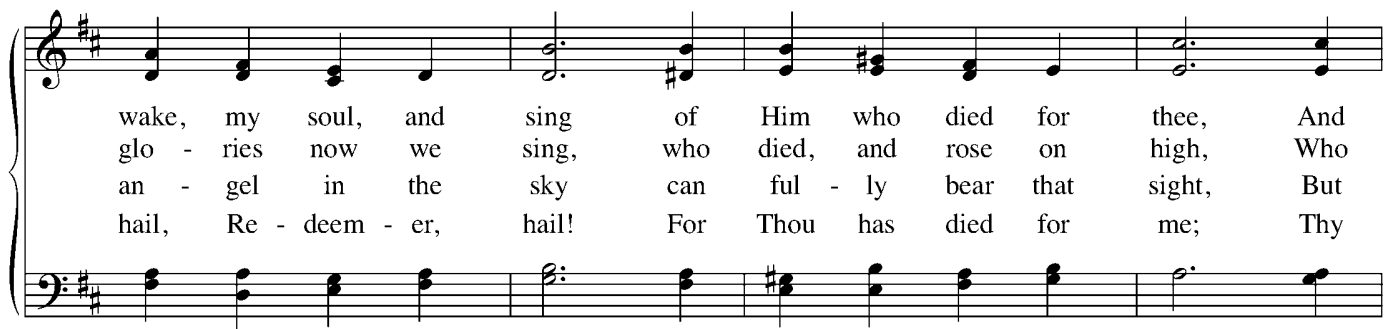
Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns




Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne. Hark!
Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And
Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side, Rich
Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -



How the heav'n - ly an - them__ drowns all mus - ic but its own. A -
rose vic - tor - ious in the__ strife for those He came to save. His
wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied. No
a - tor of the roll - ing__ spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime. All



wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And
glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who
an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, But
hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy



hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.
died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.
down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.
praise and glor - y shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

Psalm for February—Psalm 117: From All That Dwell

From all that dwell be - low the skies, Let the Cre -
 E - ter - nal are Thy mer - cies, Lord; E - ter - nal
 Your lof - ty themes, ye mor - tals, bring, In songs of
 In ev - 'ry land be - gin the song; To ev - 'ry

a - tor's praise a - rise; Let the Re - deem - er's
 truth at - tends Thy Word. Thy praise shall sound from
 praise di - vine - ly sing; The great sal - va - tion
 land the strains be - long; In cheer - ful sounds all

name be sung, Through ev - 'ry land, by ev - 'ry tongue.
 shore to shore, Till suns shall rise and set no more.
 loud pro - claim, And shout for joy the Sav - ior's name.
 voic - es raise, And fill the world with loud - est praise.

CCLI #11121087 Psalm 117 Stanzas 1&2, Isaac Watts, 1719, Stanza 3, Anonymous, Stanza 4, Robert Spence, 1780; Music: Greyfriars Press, 2013.

(Please be seated)

Old Testament Reading—Isaiah 55:6-13

Go out in joy for His word shall accomplish all that He purposes.

- 6 “Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near;
 7 let the wicked forsake his way, and the unrighteous man his thoughts;
 let him return to the LORD, that he may have compassion on him,
 and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon.
- 8 For my thoughts are not your thoughts, neither are your ways my ways, declares the LORD.
 9 For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways
 and my thoughts than your thoughts.
- 10 “For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven and do not return there but water the earth,
 making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,
 11 so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty,
 but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and shall succeed in the thing for which I sent it.
- 12 “For you shall go out in joy and be led forth in peace;
 the mountains and the hills before you shall break forth into singing,
 and all the trees of the field shall clap their hands.
- 13 Instead of the thorn shall come up the cypress; instead of the brier shall come up the myrtle;
 and it shall make a name for the LORD, an everlasting sign that shall not be cut off.”

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—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.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Ephesians 4:1-4, 14-16

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing that you have made us to be one body, in one Spirit, called to one hope.
But our pride and impatience have spawned only dissension and division.

**All: We have not been strong in the strength of your might
and have not readied ourselves for the daily work of reconciliation.**

Pastor: We have neglected the grace given to us by Christ's gift
and have failed to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.

**All: Forgive us for being tossed to and fro by selfish whims,
for building our own kingdoms
rather than living in submission to Christ's Kingdom.**

Pastor: Help us to speak the truth in love, and walk in it.
Rescue us and fill us with the Spirit, that Christ may be formed in us.

Sung Response—Kyrie

CALL RESPONSE

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

(Silent Prayers of Confession)

Assurance of Pardon—I Timothy 1:15-17

15 The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. 16 But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. 17 To the King of ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

Hymn of Praise—Let Children Hear the Mighty Deeds

The image shows a musical score for a hymn. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal lines.

Let chil - dren hear the might - y deeds Which God per - formed of old; Which
He bids us make His glor - ies known, His works of power and grace; And
Our lips shall tell them to our sons, And they a - gain to theirs; That
Thus shall they learn in God a - lone Their hope se - cure - ly stands, That

in our young - er years we saw, And which our fa - thers told.
we'll con - vey His won - ders down Through ev - ery ris - ing race.
gen - er - a - tions yet un - born May teach them to their heirs.
they may ne'er for - get His works, But prac - tice His com - mands.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1719, Psalm 78:1-7; Music: DUNDEE, *Scottish Psalter*, 1615.

The Reading of the Word—Luke 9:1-9, 10:1-16

1 And he called the twelve together and gave them power and authority over all demons and to cure diseases, 2 and he sent them out to proclaim the kingdom of God and to heal. 3 And he said to them, “Take nothing for your journey, no staff, nor bag, nor bread, nor money; and do not have two tunics. 4 And whatever house you enter, stay there, and from there depart. 5 And wherever they do not receive you, when you leave that town shake off the dust from your feet as a testimony against them.” 6 And they departed and went through the villages, preaching the gospel and healing everywhere.

7 Now Herod the tetrarch heard about all that was happening, and he was perplexed, because it was said by some that John had been raised from the dead, 8 by some that Elijah had appeared, and by others that one of the prophets of old had risen. 9 Herod said, “John I beheaded, but who is this about whom I hear such things?” And he sought to see him.

1 After this the Lord appointed seventy-two others and sent them on ahead of him, two by two, into every town and place where he himself was about to go. 2 And he said to them, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest. 3 Go your way; behold, I am sending you out as lambs in the midst of wolves. 4 Carry no moneybag, no knapsack, no sandals, and greet no one on the road. 5 Whatever house you enter, first say, ‘Peace be to this house!’ 6 And if a son of peace is there, your peace will rest upon him. But if not, it will return to you. 7 And remain in the same house, eating and drinking what they provide, for the laborer deserves his wages. Do not go from house to house. 8 Whenever you enter a town and they receive you, eat what is set before you. 9 Heal the sick in it and say to them, ‘The kingdom of God has come near to you.’ 10 But whenever you enter a town and they do not receive you, go into its streets and say, 11 ‘Even the dust of your town that clings to our feet we wipe off against you. Nevertheless know this, that the kingdom of God has come near.’ 12 I tell you, it will be more bearable on that day for Sodom than for that town.

13 “Woe to you, Chorazin! Woe to you, Bethsaida! For if the mighty works done in you had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago, sitting in sackcloth and ashes. 14 But it will be more bearable in the judgment for Tyre and Sidon than for you. 15 And you, Capernaum, will you be exalted to heaven? You shall be brought down to Hades.

16 “The one who hears you hears me, and the one who rejects you rejects me, and the one who rejects me rejects him who sent me.”

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Sermon—*The Gospel of Luke, Part 37*
The Lord of the Harvest

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

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 image shows a musical score for the hymn 'Christ Be With Me'. It consists of three systems of music, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment (bass clef). The key signature is one sharp (F#) and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are written below the vocal line. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The piano accompaniment provides a harmonic and rhythmic foundation for the vocal line.

Text: *Atomriug 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.

Hymn of Communion—I Will Go



Give me ears to hear Your Spir - it; give me feet to fol - low through. Give me hands to touch the hurt - ing and the faith to fol - low You. Give me grace to be a ser - vant: give me mer - cy for - the lost. Give me pas - sion for Your glo - ry, give me pas - sion for the cross. And I will go where there are no eas - y roads, leavethe com - forts that I know. I will go and let this jour - ney be my home. I will go. I will go.

I'll let go of my am-bi-tion, cut the roots that run too deep. I will learn to give a-way
 what I can-not real-ly keep. And I will go where there are no eas-y roads, leave the
 com-forts that I know. I will go and let this jour-ney be my home. I will go.
 I will go. I will go, Lord, where Your glo-ry is un-known. I will live for You a -
 lone. I will go be-cause my life is not my own. I will go. I will go.

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 Text and Music: Steve Green and Douglas McKelvey, 2001.

Hymn of Communion—There is a Fountain Filled with Blood

There is a foun-tain filled with blood drawn from Em-man-uel's
 The dy-ing thief re-joiced to see that foun-tain in his
 E'er since, by faith, I saw the stream Thy flow-ing wounds sup-
 Dear dy-ing Lamb, Thy pre-cious blood shall nev-er lose its
 veins; And sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y
 day; And there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a -
 ply, Re-deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I
 power, Till all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no
 stains. Lose all their guilt-y stains, lose all their guilt-y stains; And
 way. Washed all my sins a-way, washed all my sins a-way; And
 die. And shall be till I die, and shall be till I die; Re-
 more. Be saved, to sin no more, be saved, to sin no more; Till
 sin-ners plunged be-neath that flood lose all their guilt-y stains.
 there have I, though vile as he, washed all my sins a-way.
 deem-ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.
 all the ran-somed church of God be saved, to sin no more.

Text: William Cowper, 1771; Music: FOUNTAIN, Lowell Mason, 1830.

GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

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.*

Psalm 57: Be Thou, O God, Exalted High



Be thou, O God ex - al - ted high; And as Your glor - y fills the
O God, my heart is fixed; 'tis bent Its thank - ful tri - bute to pre -
A - wake, my glor - y; harp and lute, No long - er let your strings be
Your prais - es, Lord, I will re - sound To all the list - ening na - tions



sky, So let it be on earth dis - played, Till You are here, as
sent; And, with my heart, my voice I'll raise To You, my God, in
mute; And I, my tune - ful part to take, Will with the ear - ly
round; Your mer - cy high - est heav'n tran - scends; Your truth be - yond the



there, o - beyed. Till You are here, as there, o - beyed.
songs of praise. To You, my God, in songs of praise.
dawn a - wake. Will with the ear - ly dawn a - wake.
clouds ex - tends. Your truth be - yond the clouds ex - tends.

Text: Nahum Tate & Nicholas Brady, 1696 from *A New Version of the Psalms of David*; Music: ©2011 Greyfriars Press

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—Luke 2:29-32 (Song of Simeon)

Lord, now let Your servants depart in peace, according to Your word;
for our eyes have seen Your salvation that You have prepared in the presence of all peoples,
a light for revelation to the Gentiles, and for glory to Your people Israel. Amen.

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs I I

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.

HOME FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Randy Allen, 1st, 2nd and 3rd Sundays 5:30 p.m., Brook's house.

Chuck Emerson, 2nd and 4th Sundays 5:00 p.m., Steffens' house.

Cy Fenton, Sundays after church, Fentons or Hensleys.

Stacy McGuire, Sundays after church, upstairs at Cornerstone.

Greg Wilbur & Matt Michaud, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th Sundays at 5:30 p.m., Wilbur's house.

Jim Smith, 2nd and 4th Sundays at 6:00 p.m., Smith's house.

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