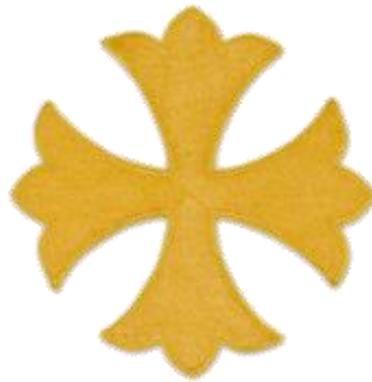


St. Thomas Episcopal Church

"To Know Christ's Love and To Make It Known."



+ The Table +

Third Sunday of Epiphany

January 24, 2021

The Word

GATHERING SONG

Your Grace is Enough
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Led by: Joey McGee

Great is Your faithfulness, oh God
You wrestle with the sinner's heart
You lead us by still waters and to mercy
And nothing can keep us apart

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

Great is Your love and justice, God
You use the weak to lead the strong
You lead us in the song of Your salvation
And all Your people sing along

So remember Your people
Remember Your children
Remember Your promise, oh God

Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough
Your grace is enough for me

It is time to become focused, not on our wants or complaints but on God:

In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

Jesus came into Galilee, preaching the good news of God, saying the time has come, the realm of God is at hand.

The realm of God is not very far from any one of us, for in God we live and move and have our being.

Jesus said: repent and believe the good news.

The time has come. In the silent places of my soul I turn to God, for God alone is our rock and salvation.

WE WELCOME EACH OTHER

SONG OF PRAISE

The Solid Rock

Led by: Joey McGee

Chorus

On Christ the solid Rock I stand
All other ground is sinking sand
All other ground is sinking sand

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly lean on Jesus' name

Verse 2

When darkness seems to hide His face
I rest on His unchanging grace
In every high and stormy gale
My anchor holds within the veil

Verse 3

When He shall come with trumpet sound
O may I then in Him be found
Dressed in His righteousness alone
Faultless to stand before the throne

God be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

The word of the Lord came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the Lord. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

The Word of the Lord,
Thanks be to God.

Psalm 62:6-14

For God alone my soul in silence waits; *
truly, my hope is in him.

He alone is my rock and my salvation, *
my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.

In God is my safety and my honor; *
God is my strong rock and my refuge.

Put your trust in him always, O people, *
pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.

Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, *
even those of low estate cannot be trusted.

On the scales they are lighter than a breath, *
all of them together.

Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; *
though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.

**God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, *
that power belongs to God.**

Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, *
for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

GOSPEL SONG

Be the Centre

Led by: Joey McGee

Jesus be the center; be my source be my light – Jesus
Jesus be the center; be my hope be my song – Jesus

Chorus

Be the fire in my heart;
Be the wind in these sails;
Be the reason that I live, Jesus, Jesus
Jesus be my vision; be my path be my guide, Jesus

The Holy Gospel of our Savior Jesus Christ according to Mark
Glory to you, Lord Christ.

Mark 1:14-20

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, “The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news.”

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, “Follow me and I will make you fish for people.” And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

The Gospel of the Lord
Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

THE SERMON

The Rev. Angela M. Cortiñas

THE PRAYERS

Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep, away from lives with no direction. Be present with us as we navigate the waters of faithfulness. Turn us in the direction of your voice and purpose. Give us the courage to respond to your call and go where you lead us.

Silence

We are abundantly blessed and praise you for your goodness and care of us.

For what are you grateful for today?

Silence

Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for wisdom and stamina for our bishops, priests and deacons. Guide them as they guide your people.

Silence

Strengthen our nation's relationship across boundaries and language. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors.

Silence

We lift those who are hurting into your healing presence; for those facing the struggles of illness, uncertainty, broken relationships and world weariness; for those who are dying, grant them a holy death.

For whom do you pray today?

Silence

Merciful God, you look with compassion on all who turn to you.

Hear the prayers of your people. Grant that what we have asked in faith we may by your grace receive; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

THE CONFESSION

Let us confess our sins to God.

God of all mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you, opposing your will in our lives. We have denied your goodness in each other, in ourselves, and in the world you have created. We repent of the evil that enslaves us, the evil we have done, and the evil done on our behalf. Forgive, restore, and strengthen us through our Savior Jesus Christ, that we may abide in your love and serve only your will. Amen.

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through the grace of Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The peace of the Lord Jesus be with you all.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS & INVITATION

Walk in love as Christ loves us, an offering and sacrifice to God

The Table

PREPARING TABLE SONG

Ancient of Days

Led by: Joey McGee

Verse 1

Blessing and honor glory and power
Be unto the Ancient of Days
From ev'ry nation all of creation
Bow before the Ancient of Days

Chorus

Ev'ry tongue in heaven and earth
Shall declare Your glory
Ev'ry knee shall bow at Your throne
In worship
You will be exalted O God
And Your kingdom shall not pass away
O Ancient of Days

(Bridge)

Your kingdom shall reign
Over all the earth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days
For none can compare
To Your matchless worth
Sing unto the Ancient of Days

Let us lift up our hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right to give you our thanks and praise, O God, for you are our rock of safety, our stronghold, our refuge, our glory.

We give you thanks that, even as this world passes away, you cast your nets wide so that you might draw everyone into the haven of your strength and love and show mercy to all who repent and follow you.

And so this day we join with Saints and Angels in the chorus of praise that rings through eternity, lifting our voices to magnify you as we say:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

Glory and honor and praise to you, holy and living God. To deliver us from the power of sin and death and to reveal the riches of your grace, you looked with favor upon Mary, your willing servant, that she might conceive and bear a son, Jesus the holy child of God. Living among us, Jesus loved us. He broke bread with outcasts and sinners, healed the sick, and proclaimed good news to the poor. He yearned to draw all the world to himself yet we were heedless of his call to walk in love. Then, the time came for him to complete upon the cross the sacrifice of his life, and to be glorified by you.

On the night before he died for us, Jesus was at the table with his friends. He took bread, gave thanks to you, broke it, and gave it to them, and said: "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me." As supper was ending, Jesus took the cup of wine. Again, he gave thanks to you, gave it to them, and said: "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is poured out for you and for all for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Now gathered at your table, O God of all creation, and remembering Christ, crucified and risen, who was and is and is to come, we offer to you our gifts of bread and wine, and ourselves, a living sacrifice. Pour out your Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Body and Blood of Christ. Breathe your Spirit over the whole earth and make us your new creation, the Body of Christ given for the world you have made.

In the fullness of time bring us, with St. Thomas and all your saints, from every tribe and language and people and nation, to feast at the banquet prepared from the foundation of the world. Through Christ and with Christ and in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, to you be honor, glory, and praise, for ever and ever.

AMEN.

As Christ teaches us, we pray,

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

This is the true bread which comes down from heaven and gives life to the world.
Whoever eats this bread will live forever.

+++ All are invited to share in the banquet of Christ's Table. +++

COMMUNION SONG

In Christ Alone

Led by: Joey McGee

Verse 1

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

Verse 2

In Christ alone, who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
'Til on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied

For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

Verse 3

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

Verse 4

No guilt in life, no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell, no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Let us pray,

Loving God, we give you thanks for restoring us in your image and nourishing us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of Christ's Body and Blood. Now send us forth a people forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

SENDING OUT/BLESSING

Go now, follow where Christ calls you
and proclaim the message God gives you.
Wait in hope for God.
Avoid become bound up in the business of the world,
but live in readiness for the inbreaking of the Kingdom.

And may God be your haven and your glory;
May Christ Jesus give you courage for his mission;
And may the Spirit embrace your soul in God's silence. **0**

DISMISSAL

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. Alleluia, Alleluia
Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia!

CLOSING SONG

I Have Decided to Follow Jesus

Led by: Joey McGee

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back.

The cross before me, the world behind me
The cross before me, the world behind me
The cross before me, the world behind me
No turning back, no turning back.

Though none go with me, still I will follow
Though none go with me, still I will follow
Though none go with me, still I will follow
No turning back, no turning back.

Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
Will you decide now to follow Jesus?
No turning back, no turning back.

I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
I have decided to follow Jesus
No turning back, no turning back.

St. Thomas Prayer List

Almighty God, we entrust all who are dear to us to your never-failing care and love, for this life and the life to come, knowing that you are doing for them better things than we can desire or pray for ;through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

("Prayer for Those We Love," Book of Common Prayer 831)

For Healing & Support

Mr. Sheridan
Phyllis Brown (Brown)
Mike Taylor (Brown)
Mike Wilson
Grace Kieffer
The Brumbelow family
Todd Reynolds
Jim Dunn (Isenhart)
David Whitelock (Isenhart)
Johanna Heilman
Joy (Cortiñas)
Jim Heilman
Audrea (Hill)
Patsy Brending (Elbert)
Cindy Howell
Martha Botts
Boe Martin
Emily Clements
Shelby Lee (Niles)
Douglas Jensen (STELC)
Michael Kelley (Hill)
Quinn Kennedy Weigand (Glover)
Sue Muckleroy (Martha)
Linda Duncan (Martha)
Qwinley
Emma Dahmann and family (STELC)
Shirley Rawlinson (Krinhop)
Woody Isenhart
Charlie Van Eman (STELC)
Kay & Steve Parker
Mackie Bobo-White

Mark Oakland
David (Kerr)
Steve & Virginia Bate (Elbert)
Phillip Y. (STELC)
Joey Pomykal
Jerry Cornforth (Allen)
Bryan Ford
Judi Stewart (Love)
Joyce Gorzycki
Johnnie Gulig (Carter)
Corinna
Mary Oxley

Deaths

Ernie Harvell (Niles)
Melvin (C. McKenzie)

Military Service & Traveling

Christian Walker (Niles)
Brent Owen
Andrew & Allyson Brink & family (Hill)
Shane Flores (McKenzie)
Blane Theeck
Nathan Tyron (Rueschhoff)
Tanner Johnson (Krinhop)
Rob & Andrea Holt (Holt)
John Harrison
Shane Baker (Parker)

Community

For the 70th wedding anniversary of
Grace & Nat Kieffer.

Serving in today's liturgy:

Celebrant: Rev. Angela Cortiñas
Worship Musicians: Joey McGee and Mike Pilant
AV: Lance & Joe Cotton