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Processional Hymn *Dear Lord and Father of Mankind #653*

Dear Lord and Father of mankind, forgive our foolish ways!
Reclothe us in our rightful mind, in purer lives thy service
find, in deeper reverence, praise.

In simple trust like theirs who heard, beside the Syrian sea,
the gracious calling of the Lord, let us, like them, without a
word, rise up and follow thee.

O Sabbath rest by Galilee! O calm of hills above, where Jesus
knelt to share with thee the silence of eternity interpreted
by love!

Drop thy still dews of quietness, till all our strivings cease;
take from our souls the strain and stress, and let our
ordered lives confess the beauty of thy peace.

Breathe through the heats of our desire thy coolness and
thy balm; let sense be dumb, let flesh retire; speak through
the earthquake, wind, and fire, O still, small voice of calm.

Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

And blessed be God's kingdom, now and forever. Amen.

The glory of the Lord shall be revealed, and all flesh shall see
it together.

The Lord 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 Lessons

A reading from the prophet Isaiah

Is. 9:1-4

There will be no gloom for those who were in anguish. In the former time he brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time he will make glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations.

The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness – on them light has shined.

You have multiplied the nation, you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as people exult when dividing plunder. For the yoke of their burden, and the bar across their shoulders, the rod of their oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Psalm 27:1, 5-13

The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?

**The Lord is the strength of my life;
of whom then shall I be afraid?**

One thing have I asked of the Lord; one thing I seek;
**that I may dwell in the house of the Lord
all the days of my life;**

To behold the fair beauty of the Lord
and to seek him in his temple.

For in the day of trouble he shall keep me safe in his shelter;
**he shall hide me in the secrecy of his dwelling
and set me high upon a rock.**

Even now he lifts up my head
above my enemies round about me.

Therefore I will offer in his dwelling an oblation with sounds
of great gladness;

I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Hearken to my voice, O Lord, when I call;
have mercy on me and answer me.

You speak in my heart and say, "Seek my face."

Your face, Lord, will I seek.

Hide not your face from me,
nor turn away your servant in displeasure.

You have been my helper; cast me not away;
do not forsake me, O God of my salvation.

A reading from the Letter to the Church in Corinth *1 Cor. 1:10-18*

Now I encourage you, brothers and sisters, in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ: Agree with each other and don't be divided into rival groups. Instead, be restored with the same mind and the same purpose. My brothers and sisters, Chloe's people gave me some information about you, that you're fighting with each other. What I mean is this: that each one of you says, "I belong to Paul," "I belong to Apollos," "I belong to Cephas," "I belong to Christ." Has Christ been divided? Was Paul crucified for you, or were you baptized in Paul's name? Thank God that I didn't baptize any of you, except Crispus and Gaius, so that nobody can say that you were baptized in my name! Oh, I baptized the house of Stephanas too. Otherwise, I don't know if I baptized anyone else. Christ didn't send me to baptize but to preach the good news. And Christ didn't send me to preach the good news with clever words so that Christ's cross won't be emptied of its meaning.

The message of the cross is foolishness to those who are being destroyed. But it is the power of God for those of us who are being saved.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Gradual Hymn *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* #135

Songs of thankfulness and praise, Jesus, Lord, to thee we raise, manifested by the star to the sages from afar; branch of royal David's stem in thy birth at Bethlehem; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

Manifest at Jordan's stream, Prophet, Priest, and King supreme; and at Cana, wedding-guest, in thy Godhead manifest; manifest in power divine, changing water into wine; anthems be to thee addressed, God in man made manifest.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew
Glory to you, Lord Christ. *MT 4:12-23*

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what had been spoken through the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled:

“Land of Zebulun, land of Naphtali, on the road by the sea, across the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people who sat in darkness have seen a great light, and for those who sat in the region and shadow of death light has dawned.” From that time Jesus began to proclaim, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven has come near.”

As he walked by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And he said to them, “Follow me, and I will make you fish for people.” Immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went from there, he saw two other brothers, James son of Zebedee and his brother John, in the boat with their father Zebedee, mending their nets, and he called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father, and followed him.

Jesus went throughout Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the good news of the kingdom and curing every disease and every sickness among the people.

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

*Manifest on mountain height, shining in resplendent light,
where disciples filled with awe thy transfigured glory saw.
When from there thou leddest them steadfast to Jerusalem,
cross and Easter Day attest God in man made manifest.*

The Sermon

The Rev. David Marshall

The Prayers of the People

Let us pray that the light of Christ may shine upon the Church, the world and all people according to their need.

A brief silence

On the Jordan's bank John proclaimed Jesus as the Lamb of

God, witnessed the heavens opening, and the Spirit descending and remaining upon him. Bless the Church, and all those who have been baptized, to bring your mercy and peace to all.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Put your Spirit upon the leaders of every nation. Give them the wisdom and the will to protect and provide for their people. Make them prefer mercy over might.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Keep in your care all who take up arms in defense of liberty and justice for all. Give them a spirit of wisdom and understanding. Bring them safely home, and speed the day when deeds of war are done no more, especially in Ukraine.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

O Sun of Righteousness, arise with healing in your wings and bestow the light of your salvation upon all who sit in the darkness of suffering. Especially we pray for r Downs IV, Holden, Tyler, Barbara, Anne, Victoria and BJ. For those going through cancer treatments, especially, Margaret, Bill, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. And, for those under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim and Mary Ann. *Silence*

Restore them to life and hope; encourage all who care for them; lead them into the brightness of your presence and

the company of all who love them.

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

On this day, help us to remember with joy all those for whom we love but see no longer. We pray for the repose of the soul of Brian Rushton. May light perpetual shine upon him. *Silence*

Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

Grant that all who have passed through the waters of Baptism, may walk the broken pathways of this mortal life, refreshed by your Spirit. Lord, in your mercy **Hear our prayer.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins. **Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father; in your compassion forgive us our sins, known and unknown, things done and left undone; and so uphold us by your Spirit that we may live and serve you in newness of life, to the honor and glory of your Name; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Celebrant: Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord 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 be always with you.

And also with you.

Greetings, Announcements and Introductions

Offertory *Will You Come and Follow Me?*

Will you come and follow me if I but call your name?

Will you go where you don't know and never be the same?

Will you let my love be shown, will you let my name be known,
will you let my life be grown in you and you in me?

Will you leave yourself behind if I but call your name?

Will you care for cruel and kind and never be the same?

Will you risk the hostile stare, should your life attract or scare?

Will you let me answer pray'r in you and you in me?

Will you love the you you hide if I but call your name?

Will you quell the fear inside and never be the same?

Will you use the faith you've found to reshape the world
around,

through my sight and touch and sound in you and you in me?

Lord, your summons echoes true when you but call my name.

Let me turn and follow you and never be the same.

In your company I'll go where your love and footsteps show.

Thus I'll move and love and grown in you and you in me.

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise him all creatures here below,
Praise him above ye heavenly host:
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Holy Eucharist Prayer A

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Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. Because you gave Jesus Christ, your only Son, to be born for us; who, by the mighty power of the Holy Spirit, was made perfect Man of the flesh of the Virgin Mary his mother; so that we might be delivered from the bondage of sin, and receive power to become your children.

Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

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

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and, when we had fallen into sin and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent Jesus Christ, your only and eternal Son, to share our human

nature, to live and die as one of us, to reconcile us to you, the God and Father of all. He stretched out his arms upon the cross, and offered himself, in obedience to your will, a perfect sacrifice for the whole world.

On the night he was handed over to suffering and death, 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 we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again.

We celebrate the memorial of our redemption, O Father, in this sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving. Recalling his death, resurrection, and ascension, we offer you these gifts.

Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son, the holy food and drink of new and unending life in him. Sanctify us also that we may faithfully receive this holy Sacrament, and serve you in unity, constancy, and peace; and at the last day bring us with all your saints into the joy of your eternal kingdom.

All this we ask through your Son Jesus Christ. 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. **Amen.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

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.

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Let us pray,

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Closing Hymn *Christ, whose glory fills the skies* #7

Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only
Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades
of night: Dayspring from on high, be near;
Daystar, in my heart appear.

Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee;
joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see,
till they inward light impart,
glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and
grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief;
more and more thyself display,
shining to the perfect day.

The Dismissal

Let us go forth in the name of Christ.
Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

Thanks be to God.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia