

**1-16-22**

**Processional** *Immortal, Invisible* #423

Immortal, invisible, God only wise, in light inaccessible hid from our eyes, most blessed, most glorious, the Ancient of Days, almighty, victorious, thy great Name we praise.

Unresting, unhasting, and silent as light, nor wanting, nor wasting, thou rulest in might; thy justice like mountains high soaring above thy clouds, which are fountains of goodness and love.

To all life thou givest, to both great and small; in all life thou livest, the true life of all; we blossom and flourish, like leaves on the tree, then wither and perish; but nought changeth thee.

Thou reignest in glory, thou rulest in light, thine angels adore thee, all veiling their sight; all laud we would render: O help us to see 'tis only the splendor of light hideth thee.

### **The Collect**

Almighty God, whose Son our Savior Jesus Christ is the light of the world: Grant that your people, illumined by your Word and Sacraments, may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory, that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed to the ends of the earth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever.

**Amen.**

## The Lessons

A reading from the book of Isaiah

*Isaiah 62:1-5*

For Zion's sake I will not keep silent, and for Jerusalem's sake I will not rest, until her vindication shines out like the dawn, and her salvation like a burning torch.

The nations shall see your vindication, and all the kings your glory; and you shall be called by a new name that the mouth of the LORD will give.

You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the LORD, and a royal diadem in the hand of your God. You shall no more be termed Forsaken, and your land shall no more be termed Desolate; but you shall be called My Delight Is in Her, and your land Married; for the LORD delights in you, and your land shall be married.

For as a young man marries a young woman, so shall your builder marry you, and as the bridegroom rejoices over the bride, so shall your God rejoice over you.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is 36. Let us read it responsively by half verse. *Psalm 36:5-10*

Your love, O Lord, reaches to the heavens,  
**and your faithfulness to the clouds.**

Your righteousness is like the strong mountains, your justice like the great deep;

**you save both man and beast, O Lord.**

How priceless is your love, O God!

**your people take refuge**

**under the shadow of your wings.**

They feast upon the abundance of your house;

**you give them drink from the river of your delights.**

For with you is the well of life,

**and in your light we see light.**

Continue your loving-kindness to those who know you,

**and your favor to those who are true of heart.**

A reading from Paul's first letter to the church in Corinth

*1 Cor. 12:1,4-11*

Brothers and sisters, I don't want you to be ignorant about spiritual gifts. There are different spiritual gifts but the same Spirit; and there are different ministries and the same Lord; and there are different activities but the same God who produces all of them in everyone. A demonstration of the Spirit is given to each person for the common good. A word of wisdom is given by the Spirit to one person, a word of knowledge to another according to the same Spirit, faith to still another by the same Spirit, gifts of healing to another in the one Spirit, performance of miracles to another, prophecy to another, the ability to tell spirits apart to another, different kinds of tongues to another, and the interpretation of the tongues to another. All these things are

produced by the one and same Spirit who gives what he wants to each person.

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God**

**Gospel Hymn** *Earth Has Many a Noble City*

**Earth has many a noble city; Bethlehem, thou dost all excel: out of thee the Lord from heaven came to rule his Israel.**

**Fairer than the sun at morning was the star that told his birth, to the world its God announcing seen in fleshly form on earth.**

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John  
**Glory to you, Lord Christ.** *John 2:1-11*

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine." And Jesus said to her, "Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come." His mother said to the servants, "Do whatever he tells you." Now standing there were six stone water jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, "Fill the jars with water." And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, "Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward." So they took it. When the steward

tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, "Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now." Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

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

### **Gospel Hymn**

**Jesus, whom the Gentiles worshiped at thy glad epiphany,  
unto thee, with God the Father and the Spirit, glory be.**

### **The Prayers of the People**

God of Light and Life, our prayers rise before you this day in hope and faith.

As the prophet Isaiah rang out, "You shall be a crown of beauty in the hand of the Lord"; empower your Church to bring out the Good News of the Light of your son Jesus, which pierces even the deepest darkness.

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

As a star rose high into the nighttime sky to draw the nations to the Christ-child;  
send your blessing on this nation and draw the whole world to your peace and truth.

As John the Baptist guided throngs of people to the edge of the wilderness and baptized Jesus in the River Jordan, we pray that you would guide our country and our leaders to the ways of justice and righteousness.

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

As Jesus climbed the mountaintop, and proclaimed blessings on the people of the world; especially the sick and the distressed, the poor and those who mourn, we pray especially for Downs IV, Holden, Brian and Nora. Grant healing and recovery for Beverly and Bill and a speedy recovery for BJ's recent knee surgery. Give peace and strength for those going through cancer treatments, especially Jane, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie and Douglas. Visit and comfort all who are under the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy and Barbara. Be near to all who are in hospice care.

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

As the psalmist declared, the Lord's love is priceless and people take refuge under the shadow of God's wings; we pray for all who protect us both at home and abroad and that you may bless our communities, and the whole world, with your peace.

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

As Jesus called his disciples to leave their nets and boats,

and follow him; we pray for those we love and who have answered your call to follow Jesus to your Heavenly Kingdom. Give them your peace and comfort all who mourn.

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

Lord Jesus, Light of the World, hear our prayers, and make us reflections of your Light, that the places of darkness in our world would be pierced by your Light, and that all nations would be drawn to you and be overwhelmed with joy. **Amen.**

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

*Leader and People*

**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.**

**Offertory Anthem** *Nearer, My God, to Thee*

Nearer, my God, to thee, nearer to thee.

E'en though it be a cross that raiseth me, still all my song shall be, nearer, my God to thee.

Though like the wanderer, sun gone down, darkness be over me, my rest a stone.

Yet in my dreams I'd be nearer, my God, to thee.

Now on joyful wing, cleaving the sky, sun, moon, and stars forgot, upward I fly.

Still all my song shall be, nearer my God, to thee.

**Recessional** *Songs of Thankfulness and Praise* #533

1 How wondrous and great thy works, God of praise!  
How just, King of saints, and true are thy ways!  
O who shall not fear thee, and honor thy Name?  
Thou only art holy, thou only supreme.

2 To nations of earth thy light shall be shown;  
their worship and vows shall come to thy throne:  
thy truth and thy judgments shall spread all abroad,  
till earth's every people confess thee their God.