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Order of Worship

Sunday, January 17, 2021, at 10:00am

Sunday morning Livestream/Podcast

[**Bold**] print invites congregational participation

Prelude

“Notturmo Op. 54, No. 4”

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Greeting and Welcome

May the grace of God, the love of Jesus Christ and the peace of the Holy Spirit be with you.

And also with you.

Call to Worship

Eternal Light,

you have shown us your glory in Christ, the Word made flesh.

Your light is strong,

your love is near.

Draw us beyond the limits that this world imposes,

to the life where the Spirit makes all life complete,

through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Praise be to God.

Music Meditation

“Morning has Broken”

**Morning has broken like the first morning
Blackbird has spoken like the first bird
Praise for the singing, praise for the morning
Praise for them springing fresh from the Word**

**Sweet the rain's new fall, sunlit from heaven
Like the first dew fall on the first grass
Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden
Sprung in completeness where His feet pass**

**Mine is the sunlight, mine is the morning
Born of the One Light Eden saw play
Praise with elation, praise every morning
God's recreation of the new day**

First Lesson

“Samuel’s Calling and Prophetic Activity”

1 Samuel 3:1-10

Lighting of the Peace Candle

Psalm Antiphon

“Spirit of the Living God”

Spirit of the Living God

Fall afresh on me.
 Spirit of the Living God
 Fall afresh on me.

Melt me, mold me,
 Fill me, use me.
 Spirit of the Living God
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Second Lesson from the Psalm entitled "The Inescapable God" Psalm 139:1-6, 13-18

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Service of the Word

Lesson from the Gospels "Jesus Calls Philip and Nathanael" John 1:43-51

Homily "Prejudices"

Music Meditation "We Cannot Own the Sunlit Skies"

We cannot own the sunlit sky, the moon, the wildflow'rs growing,
 For we are part of all that is within life's river flowing.
 With open hands receive and share the gifts of God's creation,
 That all may have abundant life in ev'ry earthly nation.

When bodies shiver in the night, and, weary, wait for morning,
 When children have no bread but tears, and war-horns sound their warning,
 God calls humanity to wake, to join in common labor,
 That all may have abundant life in oneness with their neighbor.

God calls humanity to join as partners in creating
 A future free from want and fear, life's goodness celebrating.
 That new world beckons from afar, invites our shared endeavor,
 That all may have abundant life, and peace endure forever.

Service of Morning Prayer

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Eternal God, you sent us a Savior, Jesus Christ,
to break down the walls of hostility that divide us.

**Yet we shun your peace, and allow greed, pride, and anger
To divide us.**

Forgive us and turn us toward your love and generous grace.

Speed the day when hostility and violence is no more.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord we pray. **Amen.**

Musical Response

“Kyrie”

Assurance of Pardon

Prayers of the People

[Silence is kept after each response.]

In peace, let us pray to God, saying, Merciful God, hear our prayer.

For the church of Jesus Christ, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. . .**

Bless the church, deliver it from evil, and make it holy in every way, that all people may see the light of your salvation through the witness of your faithful servants.

For our pastors, teachers, and ministers, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. . .**

Arouse the leaders of your church to prophetic and pastoral witness. Help them to proclaim your justice fearlessly, to embody your righteousness sincerely, and to practice your mercy selflessly.

For the world and for its leaders, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. . .**

Uphold the leaders of governments, giving them sound judgment and merciful hearts. Lead them to do what is right in upholding the common good, especially now during the COVID-19 Pandemic.

For the good earth, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. . .**

Let Earth be a gentle home for us. Subdue the violence of storm and earthquake, and heal the destruction of flood and drought, that life may flourish and every creature rejoice in the goodness of creation.

For children, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. . .**

Bless children and those who care for them. Defend our children; enable them to thrive in mind and body and grow in wisdom and strength. Give them parents and guardians who are faithful in their duty to provide for their needs and guard them from danger.

For the sick and those in distress, Merciful God, **hear our prayer. .**

Heal those who are sick in body, mind, or spirit, and uphold those who are able to support them in their need. These prayers we offer through Christ by the power of your Holy Spirit. **Amen.**

Music Meditation

“Guide Me O Thou Great Jehovah”

Guide me, O Thou great Jehovah,
 Pilgrim through this barren land;
 I am weak, but Thou art mighty,
 Hold me with Thy pow’rful hand.
 Bread of heaven, Bread of heaven,
 Feed me till I want no more;
 Feed me till I want no more.

Open now the crystal fountain,
 Whence the healing stream doth flow;
 Let the fire and cloudy pillar
 Lead me all my journey through.
 Strong Deliv’rer, strong Deliv’rer,
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield;
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.

When I tread the verge of Jordan,
 Bid my anxious fears subside;
 Death of death and hell’s Destruction,
 Land me safe on Canaan’s side.
 Songs of praises, songs of praises,
 I will ever give to Thee;
 I will ever give to Thee.

Prayer of Our Savior

Our Father (Mother/Creator/God) 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, forever. Amen.

Offertory Sentence

Offertory Music

Doxology

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
 Praise God, all creatures here below;
 Praise God, the source of all our gifts;
 Praise Jesus Christ, whose power uplifts. Amen.

Prayer for the Offering

Closing Hymn/Music

“Be Still Me Soul” (*Instrumental*)

Benediction

Postlude

“Amen”