



FIRST SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

January 10, 2021

AS WE GATHER: Merry, merry ...January??!!? Probably not. The sunlight is short. The days feel long. Not only that, but the world is no better in the beginning days of 2021 than the last year. There's just as much conflict, anger and frustration as before. We just don't *feel* happy. Well, life hasn't changed much in 2000 years. The Philippians lived in the same world we do and despite the difficulties they encountered on a day-to-day basis, the Apostle Paul encouraged them multiple times to rejoice as they follow Jesus. Happy is temporary and based on a feeling. Joy is eternal. Happiness is elusive; whereas Paul taught our brothers and sisters in Philippi that joy is a gift that can be enjoyed whenever because that's what we receive from Jesus - it can't be taken away (even by January). Join us as we study Paul's letter to the Philippians in our sermon series entitled Joy in January.

WELCOME

OPENING HYMN #379

"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

1 O come, all ye faithful,
Joyful and triumphant!
O come ye, O come ye to Bethlehem;
Come and behold Him
Born the king of angels: Refrain

Refrain: O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
O come, let us adore Him,
Christ the Lord!

2 Highest, most holy,
Light of Light eternal,
Born of a virgin, a mortal He comes;
Son of the Father
Now in flesh appearing! Refrain

3 Sing, choirs of angels,
Sing in exultation,
Sing, all ye citizens of heaven above!

Glory to God
In the highest: Refrain

INVOCATION

Pastor: In the name of the Father and of the Son and of
the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 5

Pastor: Give ear to my words, O LORD;
People: Give attention to the sound of my cry, my King
and my God, for to You do I pray.

Pastor: O LORD, in the morning You hear my voice;
People: In the morning I prepare a sacrifice for You.

Pastor: For you are not a God who delights in wickedness;
People: Evil may not dwell with You. The boastful shall
not stand before your eyes.

Pastor: But I, through the abundance of your steadfast
love, will enter your house.
People: I will bow down toward Your holy temple in the
fear of You.

Pastor: Let all who take refuge in You rejoice;
People: Let them ever sing for joy!

Pastor: Spread Your protection over them,
People: That those who love Your Name may exult in
You.

CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION

Pastor: Let us come before our holy God, seeking the
blessing of His peace through the purifying work of
our Savior Jesus Christ.

People: Holy God, merciful Father,
we confess that we have not followed our Savior
as we ought. By what we have done, and by
what we have failed to do, we have not honored
You in lives of holiness. Purify our hearts,
merciful Father, through the presence of Jesus
Christ, that we be blessed with the forgiveness
He freely offers to us all. Amen.

Pastor: Jesus stands in your midst today and speaks into
your ears the words of life that bring healing to

your souls. As His called and ordained servant, I announce His grace to all of you and, in His stead and by His command, I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father and of the ✠ Son and of the Holy Spirit.

People: Amen.

HYMN OF PRAISE


Refrain




C This is the feast of vic-to-ry for our God.



Al-le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.



1 — Wor-ty is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose
 2 Pow - er, rich - es, wis - dom, and strength, and
 3 Sing with all the peo - ple of God, and
 4 Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and might be to
 5 For the Lamb who was slain has be -



blood set us free to be peo - ple of God. *Refrain*
 hon - or, bless - ing, and glo - ry are His. *Refrain*
 join in the hymn of all cre - a - tion: *Stanza 4*
 God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men. *Refrain*
 gun His reign. Al - le - lu - ia. *Final Refrain*

Final Refrain



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SALUTATION

Pastor The Lord be with you.
 People: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Pastor: O God, because Your abiding presence always goes with us, keep us aware of Your daily mercies that

we may live secure, content and with great joy in Your eternal love; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

People: Amen.

FIRST READING

1 John 1:1-10

That which was from the beginning, which we have heard, which we have seen with our eyes, which we looked upon and have touched with our hands, concerning the word of life— ²the life was made manifest, and we have seen it, and testify to it and proclaim to you the eternal life, which was with the Father and was made manifest to us— ³that which we have seen and heard we proclaim also to you, so that you too may have fellowship with us; and indeed our fellowship is with the Father and with his Son Jesus Christ. ⁴And we are writing these things so that our joy may be complete.

This is the message we have heard from him and proclaim to you, that God is light, and in him is no darkness at all. ⁶If we say we have fellowship with him while we walk in darkness, we lie and do not practice the truth. ⁷But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another, and the blood of Jesus his Son cleanses us from all sin. ⁸If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. ⁹If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. ¹⁰If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

“Joy in January”

Miss Heidi

EPISTLE

Philippians 1:1-11

Paul and Timothy, servant of Christ Jesus,

To all the saints in Christ Jesus who are at Philippi, with the overseers and deacons:

²Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

³I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, ⁴always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, ⁵because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now. ⁶And I am sure of this, that he who began a good work in

you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ. ⁷It is right for me to feel this way about you all, because I hold you in my heart, for you are all partakers with me of grace, both in my imprisonment and in the defense and confirmation of the gospel. ⁸For God is my witness, how I yearn for you all with the affection of Christ Jesus. ⁹And it is my prayer that your love may abound more and more, with knowledge and all discernment, ¹⁰so that you may approve what is excellent, and so be pure and blameless for the day of Christ, ¹¹filled with the fruit of righteousness that comes through Jesus Christ, to the glory and praise of God.

Lector: This is the Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (Please stand) "Alleluia"

All: Alleluia. Lord, to whom shall we go?
You have the words of eternal life.
Alleluia. Alleluia.

HOLY GOSPEL John 15:9-17

Pastor: The Holy Gospel according to St. John, the
fifteenth chapter.
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Abide in my love. ¹⁰If you keep my commandments, you will abide in my love, just as I have kept my Father's commandments and abide in his love. ¹¹These things I have spoken to you, that my joy may be in you, and that your joy may be full. ¹²"This is my commandment, that you love one another as I have loved you. ¹³Greater love has no one than this, that someone lay down his life for his friends. ¹⁴You are my friends if you do what I command you. ¹⁵No longer do I call you servants, for the servant does not know what his master is doing; but I have called you friends, for all that I have heard from my Father I have made known to you. ¹⁶You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you that you should go and bear fruit and that your fruit should abide, so that whatever you ask the Father in my name, he may give it to you. ¹⁷These things I command you, so that you will love one another.

Pastor: This is the Gospel of the Lord.
People: Praise to You, O Christ.

INTERVIEW "Joy in Fellowship"
Pastor Jeff Schubert

HYMN OF THE DAY (Please stand)

“Leaning on the Everlasting Arms”

What a fellowship what a joy divine
Leaning on the everlasting arms
What a blessedness what a peace is mine
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus: Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Safe and secure from all alarms
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

O how sweet to walk in this pilgrim way
Leaning on the everlasting arms
O how bright the path grows from day to day
Leaning on the everlasting arms.

Chorus: Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Safe and secure from all alarms
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

What have I to dread what have I to fear
Leaning on the everlasting arms
I have blessed peace with my Lord so near
Leaning on the everlasting arms

Chorus: Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Safe and secure from all alarms
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning (leaning on Jesus)
 Leaning on the everlasting arms

NICENE CREED

All: I believe in one God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth and of all things visible and invisible.

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of his Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, very God of very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father, by whom all things were made; who for us men and for our salvation came down from heaven and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the virgin Mary and was made man; and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried. And the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures and ascended into heaven and sits at the right hand of the Father. And he will come again with glory to judge both the living and the dead, whose kingdom will have no end.

And I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets.

And I believe in one holy Christian and apostolic Church, I acknowledge one Baptism for the remission of sins, and I look for the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND TIME OF THANKSGIVING

PRAYER OF THE CHURCH

Pastor: Let us pray for the whole people of God in Christ Jesus and for all people according to their needs.

People: We pray for the Church, that the light of the Gospel of salvation be proclaimed and the gifts of God be shared. Lord of the Church, in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray this day for our nation and for all nations of the world, that there be an end to hostilities and that times of peacefulness everywhere prevail. Lord of all times and all people,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for our families and our neighbors. Grant that we walk in the light of Christ and together praise our gracious God for all He has done for us. Lord of all generations,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: We pray for all sorts and conditions of people, especially for the hospitalized and those who are shut in during this season. We pray for those whose lives are in transition, the unemployed, those who are downcast or grieving, and all those for whom our petitions are desired. Lord of care and grace,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: As a community of the faithful, we remember those who have shared the faith with us and now have departed this earthly life in hope and joy. Direct our ways on earth that we complete our journey of life in faith and rejoice together with them eternally with saints and angels and all the company of heaven in life everlasting. Lord of eternity,

People: in mercy, hear our prayer.

Pastor: Into Your hands, O Lord, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in Your mercy through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

People: Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER

All: 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 forever and ever. Amen.

PREFACE

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

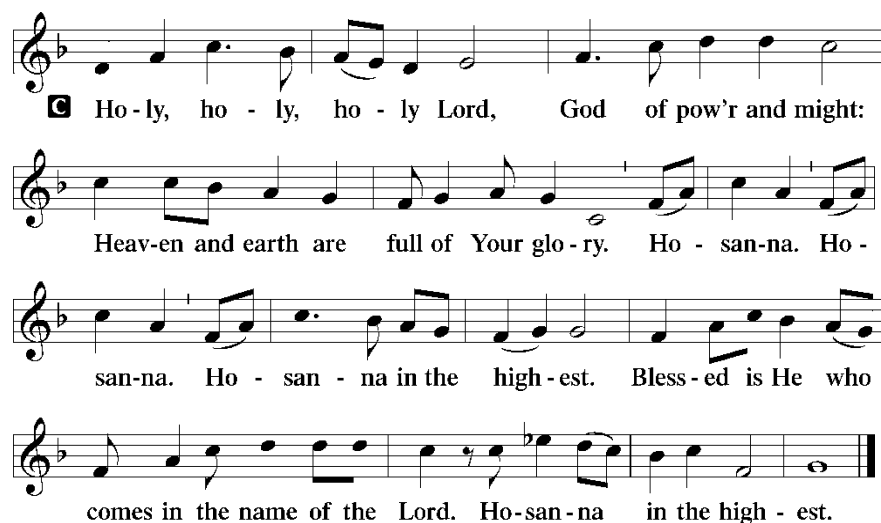
Pastor: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give Him thanks and praise.

PROPER PREFACE

Pastor: It is truly good, right, and salutary that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to You, holy Lord, almighty Father, everlasting God, through Jesus Christ, our Lord, who has redeemed and bought us with the price of His blood so that we might live under Him in His kingdom. Therefore with angels and archangels and with all the company of heaven we laud and magnify Your glorious name, evermore praising You and singing:

SANCTUS



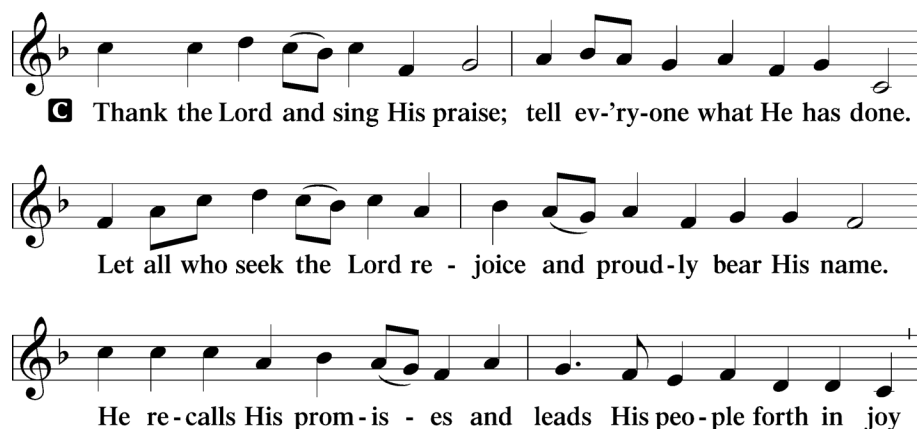
G Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might:
Heav-en and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san-na. Ho -
san-na. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is He who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNICANT INSTRUCTIONS

THE WORDS OF OUR LORD

CANTICLE

"Thank the Lord"



G Thank the Lord and sing His praise; tell ev-'ry-one what He has done.
Let all who seek the Lord re - jice and proud-ly bear His name.
He re-calls His prom-is - es and leads His peo-ple forth in joy



with shouts of thanks-giv-ing. Al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia.

BENEDICTION

Pastor: The Lord bless you and keep you.
The Lord make His face shine on you and be
gracious to you.
The Lord look upon you with favor and give you
peace.

People: Amen.

CLOSING HYMN #387, vs. 1,2

“Joy to the World”

1 Joy to the world, the Lord is come!
Let earth receive her King;
Let ev’ry heart prepare Him room
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n and nature sing,
And heav’n, and heav’n and nature sing.

2 Joy to the earth, the Savior reigns!
Let men their songs employ,
While fields and floods, rocks, hills, and plains
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat the sounding joy,
Repeat, repeat the sounding joy.

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10:30AM:

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10:30AM: Reed Krzyzaniak & Elliana Fischer

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8:00AM:

10:30AM: Amelia Sitzberger

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8:00AM: Paul Ewan

10:30AM: Daryl Pfaender