

Worshiping together is a principal part of Christian life. In adoration and with thankful hearts, we encounter the Living God in prayer, scripture reading, sermon, hymns, and the Holy Communion that form the liturgy. It is through this shared experience of worship, repentance, statement of belief, and sharing God's love that we are formed to do the work God has given us to do.



Second Sunday in Advent

December 4, 2022

GATHERING MUSIC

Another in the Fire

Verse 1

There's a grace when the heart is under fire
Another way when the walls are closing in
And when I look at the space between
Where I used to be and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone

Chorus 1

*There was another in the fire
Standing next to me
There was another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
Of how I've been set free
There is a cross that bears the burden
Where another died for me
There is another in the fire*

Verse 2

All my debt left for dead beneath the waters
I'm no longer a slave to my sin anymore
And should I fall in the space between
What remains of me and this reckoning
Either way I won't bow to the things of this world
And I know I will never be alone

Chorus 2

*There is another in the fire
Standing next to me
There is another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
What power set me free
There is a grave that holds no body
And now that power lives in me*

Tag

There is another in the fire oh
There is another in the fire oh

Bridge

And I can see the light in the darkness
As the darkness bows to Him
I can hear the roar in the heavens
As the space between wears thin
I can feel the ground shake beneath us
As the prison walls cave in
Nothing stands between us
Nothing stands between (us)

Verse 3

There is no other name
But the Name that is Jesus
He who was and still is
And will be through it all
So come what may in the space between
All the things unseen and this reckoning
I know I will never be alone
I know I will never be alone

Chorus 3

*There'll be another in the fire
Standing next to me
There'll be another in the waters
Holding back the seas
And should I ever need reminding
How good You've been to me
I'll count the joy come ev'ry battle
'Cause I know that's where You'll be*

Bridge

Chorus 3b

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Cornerstone

Verse 1

My hope is built on nothing less
Than Jesus' blood and righteousness
I dare not trust the sweetest frame
But wholly trust in Jesus' Name (REPEAT)

Chorus

*Christ alone cornerstone
Weak made strong in the Saviour's love
Through the storm He is Lord
Lord of all*

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
My anchor holds within the veil *Chorus 2 times*

Verse 3

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

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Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Return Liturgy

Before the service begins, the congregation is seated while Fr. Herb & Mary and the Clergy Renewal Sabbatical Team come forward.

Introduction (Jill, Senior Warden)

Friends in Christ: Today we give thanks to God for Fr. Herb's return from his Clergy Renewal Sabbatical and time of ministry in North Africa. We thank God for this time of intentional spiritual growth both for him and for our congregation, and we thank the Lord for bringing him and Mary back to us refreshed and nourished for ministry.

Readings (Sudy and Mike)

A reading from third chapter of Jeremiah:

And I will give you shepherds after my own heart, who will feed you with knowledge and understanding. (Jeremiah 3:15)

A reading from the fourth chapter of Second Timothy:

Preach the word; be ready in season and out of season; reprove, rebuke, and exhort, with complete patience and teaching. (2 Timothy 4:2)

Return of the Stole (Jill, Senior Warden)

The primary and unique symbol for Pastors is their stole. It points to their being set apart by the Church for the ministry of Word and Sacrament. During Fr. Herb's Clergy Renewal Sabbatical his stole has remained across his seat as a reminder of our mutual prayer for one another. We now place Fr. Herb's stole upon his shoulders as he returns to his ministry among us, marking the end of his Clergy Renewal Sabbatical.

Members of the Parish Council place Fr. Herb's stole on his shoulders.

Congregation We welcome you back to serve among us.

Fr. Herb I gratefully thank you for the time away to be renewed for ministry and look forward to fulfilling God's call among you.

The congregation welcomes Fr. Herb back.

Stand

THE PROCESSIONAL MUSIC

Take My Life

Hymn 707

Verse 1

Take my life, and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days,
let them flow in ceaseless praise.
Take my hands, and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne.

Verse 2

Take my voice, and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
Take my intellect, and use
every power as thou shalt choose.
Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take myself, and I will be
ever, only, all for thee.

Frances Ridley Havergal (1836-1879), John Bacchus Dykes (1823-1876)

Change My Heart

Chorus

*Change my heart oh God
Make it ever true
Change my heart oh God
May I be like You* repeat

Verse

You are the potter
I am the clay
Mold me and make me
This is what I pray *Chorus*

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THE ACCLAMATION [*A shout of joy to the Lord.*]

Celebrant Surely the Lord is coming soon.
People **Amen. Come Lord Jesus!**

THE COLLECT FOR PURITY [*Collect: a brief prayer*]

The Celebrant prays (and the People may be invited to join)

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen.*

THE SUMMARY OF THE LAW

Hear what our Lord Jesus Christ says: You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind. This is the great and first commandment. And a second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself. On these two commandments depend all the Law and the Prophets.

Matthew 22:37-40

THE COLLECT OF THE DAY

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

Blessed Lord, who caused all Holy Scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that by patience and the comfort of your holy Word we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever.

Amen.

[This reading is from an Old Testament book of history or prophets.]

Reader A reading from the Book of Isaiah (11:1-10)

¹ There shall come forth a shoot from the stump of Jesse, and a branch from his roots shall bear fruit.

² And the Spirit of the LORD shall rest upon him, the Spirit of wisdom and understanding, the Spirit of counsel and might, the Spirit of knowledge and the fear of the LORD. ³ And his delight shall be in the fear of the LORD. He shall not judge by what his eyes see, or decide disputes by what his ears hear,

⁴ but with righteousness he shall judge the poor, and decide with equity for the meek of the earth; and he shall strike the earth with the rod of his mouth, and with the breath of his lips he shall kill the wicked. ⁵ Righteousness shall be the belt of his waist, and faithfulness the belt of his loins. ⁶ The wolf shall dwell with the lamb, and the leopard shall lie down with the young goat, and the calf and the lion and the fattened calf together; and a little child shall lead them. ⁷ The cow and the bear shall graze; their young shall lie down together; and the lion shall eat straw like the ox. ⁸ The nursing child shall play over the hole of the cobra, and the weaned child shall put his hand on the adder's den. ⁹ They shall not hurt or destroy in all my holy mountain; for the earth shall be full of the knowledge of the LORD as the waters cover the sea. ¹⁰ In that day the root of Jesse, who shall stand as a signal for the peoples—of him shall the nations inquire, and his resting place shall be glorious. (ESV)

Reader The Word of the Lord.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 72:1-15

¹ Give the king your justice, O God,

* and your righteousness to the royal son!

² May he judge your people with righteousness,

* and your poor with justice!

³ Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,

* and the hills, in righteousness!

⁴ May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,

* give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

⁵ May they fear you while the sun endures,

* and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!

⁶ May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,

* like showers that water the earth!

- ⁷ In his days may the righteous flourish,
 * and peace abound, till the moon be no more!
- ⁸ May he have dominion from sea to sea,
 * and from the River to the ends of the earth!
- ⁹ May desert tribes bow down before him,
 * and his enemies lick the dust!
- ¹⁰ May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
 render him tribute;
 * may the kings of Sheba and Seba
 bring gifts!
- ¹¹ May all kings fall down before him,
 * all nations serve him!
- ¹² For he delivers the needy when he calls,
 * the poor and him who has no helper.
- ¹³ He has pity on the weak and the needy,
 * and saves the lives of the needy.
- ¹⁴ From oppression and violence he redeems their life,
 * and precious is their blood in his sight.
- ¹⁵ Long may he live;
 may gold of Sheba be given to him!
 * May prayer be made for him continually,
 and blessings invoked for him all the day! (ESV)

[*We stand for the Gospel (Good News) reading to show reverence to Our Lord Jesus Christ, the Hope of our Salvation.*]

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew (3:1-12)

People **Glory to You, Lord Christ.**

¹In those days John the Baptist came preaching in the wilderness of Judea, ²“Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” ³For this is he who was spoken of by the prophet Isaiah when he said, “The voice of one crying in the wilderness: ‘Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths straight.’” ⁴Now John wore a garment of camel’s hair and a leather belt around his waist, and his food was locusts and wild honey. ⁵Then Jerusalem and all Judea and all the region about the Jordan were going out to him, ⁶and they were baptized by him in the river Jordan, confessing their sins. ⁷But when he saw many of the Pharisees and Sadducees coming to his baptism, he said to them, “You brood of vipers! Who warned you to flee from the wrath to come? ⁸Bear fruit in keeping with repentance. ⁹And do not presume to say to yourselves, ‘We have Abraham as our father,’ for I tell you, God is able from these stones to raise up children for Abraham. ¹⁰Even now the axe is laid to the root of the trees. Every tree therefore that does not bear good fruit is cut down and thrown into the fire. ¹¹“I baptize you with water for repentance, but he who is coming after me is mightier than I, whose sandals I am not worthy to carry. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire. ¹²His winnowing fork is in his hand, and he will clear his threshing floor and gather his wheat into the barn, but the chaff he will burn with unquenchable fire.” (ESV)

Celebrant The Gospel of the Lord.

People **Praise to You, Lord Christ.**

THE SERMON...The Rev. Canon Dr. Herb Hand

Life Changing Repentance (sermon outline)

I. Angry Street Preachers at Memphis in May

II. “Repent” is Part of the Good News

Jesus said, “Truly, I say to you, among those born of women there has arisen no one greater than John the Baptist...” – Matthew 11:11

Jesus said, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is near.” – Matthew 4:17 (NIV)

III. John the Baptist’s Message of Repentance

John the Baptist proclaimed, “Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand.” – Matthew 3:2

The Essenes – Daily Baptisms

Repentance – An Attractive Message

The Sinful Painter

IV. Modern Day John the Baptists

Modern-day John the Baptists are people like you.

How can you be a modern-day John the Baptist?

V. Easy Eddie

*The clock of life is wound but once,
And no man has the power to tell
just when the hands will stop, at late or early hour.
Now is the only time you own.
Live, love, toil with a will.
Place no faith in time.
For the clock may soon be still.*

Stand

THE NICENE CREED [*Creed: We believe, Recited by Christians since AD 325*]

On Sundays, other Major Feast Days, and other times as appointed, all stand to recite the Nicene Creed, the Celebrant first saying

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Nicene Creed:

Celebrant and People

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, visible and invisible.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate from the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death

and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father [and the Son], who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

NIGERIAN INTERCESSIONS [*We pray for the needs of the world and God's people.*]

Intercession and thanksgiving are led by the Reader or by other person appointed. One of the forms below or other suitable forms may be used. This form may be used: with the insertion of specific subjects between the paragraphs: as a continuous whole with or without brief biddings. Not all paragraphs need be used on every occasion: individual names may be added at the places indicated. This response may be used before or after each paragraph.

Reader: Let us pray for the Church and for the world, and let us thank God for His goodness.

Reader: Almighty God, our heavenly Father, You promised through Your Son Jesus Christ to hear us when we pray in faith. Strengthen Foley our Archbishop, Frank our Assisting Bishop, and all Your Church in the service of Christ, that those who confess Your name may be united in Your truth, live together in Your love, and reveal Your glory in the world.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Bless and guide our rulers, especially Joe our President; give wisdom to all in authority; and direct this and every nation in the ways of justice and of peace; that people may honour one another, and seek the common good.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Give grace to us, our families and friends, and to all our neighbors; that we may serve Christ in one another, and love as He loves us.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit [*Church Prayer List*], give them courage and hope in their troubles; and bring them the joy of Your salvation.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

Reader: Hear us as we remember, those who have died in the faith of Christ _____, according to Your promises, grant us with them a share in Your eternal kingdom.

Reader: Lord in your mercy.

All: **Hear our prayer.**

PRAYER FOR MISSION

Lord Jesus Christ, You stretched out your arms of love on the hard wood of the cross that everyone might come within the reach of your saving embrace. So clothe us in your spirit, that we, reaching forth our hands in love, may bring those who do not know you to the knowledge and love of you; for the honor of your name. Amen.

Reader: We praise you, Lord God, for the communion of saints, and for the glorious hope of the resurrection to eternal life.

Reader: Hear us, Father, through Jesus Christ our Lord,

All: who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

The Celebrant adds a concluding Collect.

O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all who turn to you for help; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. Amen

THE CONFESSION AND ABSOLUTION OF SIN [*In preparation to receive Christ in the Holy Communion, we confess our sins, receive forgiveness (absolution), and offer peace to one another.*]

The Deacon or other person appointed says the following

Let us humbly confess our sins to Almighty God.

Silence The Deacon and People kneel as able and pray

Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent. For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.

The Bishop or Priest stands and says

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, who in his great mercy has promised forgiveness of sins to all those who sincerely repent and with true faith turn to him, have mercy upon you, pardon and deliver you from all your sins, confirm and strengthen you in all goodness, and bring you to everlasting life; through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

THE COMFORTABLE WORDS

The Celebrant may then say one or more of the following sentences, first saying

Hear the Word of God to all who truly turn to him.

Come to me, all who labor and are heavy laden, and I will give you rest.

Matthew 11:28

God so loved the world, that he gave his only-begotten Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life.

John 3:16

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners.

1 Timothy 1:15

If anyone sins, we have an advocate with the Father, Jesus Christ the righteous. He is the propitiation for our sins, and not for ours only but also for the sins of the whole world. 1 John 2:1-2

THE PEACE [*Sharing Christ's love and our reconciliation with one another.*]

Celebrant The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Then the Ministers and People may greet one another in the name of the Lord.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE OFFERTORY [*With thanksgiving, we return to God a portion of what He has graciously given us as an act of worship.*]

Instrumental

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS ~ The Doxology [*Praise*]

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 COMMUNION [*With thanksgiving, we come to the altar-table entering into mystical union with God and His people.*]

All baptized Christians are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

THE SURSUM CORDA [*Lift up your hearts.*]

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People **And with your spirit.**

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People **It is right to give him thanks and praise.**

Here a Proper Preface is sung or said

It is right, our duty and our joy, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Here a Proper Preface (pages 152-158) is normally sung or said

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.

SANCTUS [*Holy*]

Holy, holy, holy Lord

God of power and might

Heaven and earth are full, oh Lord

Full of your glory

Hosanna in the highest

Hosanna in the highest
Blessed is he who comes in the name
In the name of the Lord
Blessed is he who comes in the name
In the name of the Lord
Hosanna in the Highest
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Credit- City of Lights Anglican Church

THE PRAYER OF CONSECRATION [*Salvation history, Jesus' words from the Last Supper, and invocation of the Holy Spirit.*]

The People stand or kneel. The Celebrant continues

Holy and gracious Father: In your infinite love you made us for yourself; and when we had sinned against you and become subject to evil and death, you, in your mercy, sent your only Son into the world for our salvation. By the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary he became flesh and dwelt among us. In obedience to your will, he stretched out his arms upon the cross and offered himself once for all, that by his suffering and death we might be saved. By his resurrection he broke the bonds of death, trampling Hell and Satan under his feet. As our great high priest, he ascended to your right hand in glory, that we might come with confidence before the throne of grace.

At the following words concerning the bread, the Celebrant is to hold it, or lay a hand upon it, and here may break the bread; and at the words concerning the cup, to hold or place a hand upon the cup and any other vessel containing the wine to be consecrated.*

On the night that he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks, he broke it,* and gave it to his disciples, saying, "Take, eat; this is my Body which is given for you: Do this in remembrance of me."

Likewise after supper, Jesus took the cup, and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, saying, "Drink this, all of you; for 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 in remembrance of me."

Therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:

Celebrant and People

Christ has died.

Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

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

Sanctify them by your Word and Holy Spirit to be for your people the Body and Blood of your Son Jesus Christ. Sanctify us also, that we may worthily receive this holy sacrament, and be made one body with him, so that he may dwell in us and we in him. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us with all your saints into the joy of your heavenly kingdom, where we shall see our Lord face to face.

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 forever. Amen.

THE LORD'S PRAYER [*A prayer from Scripture encompassing all our daily needs.*]

The Celebrant then says

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

Celebrant and People together pray

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.

THE FRACTION [*The Breaking, symbolizing Christ's Body broken for us.*]

The Celebrant breaks the consecrated Bread. A period of silence is kept.

Celebrant: Alleluia! Christ our Passover Lamb has been sacrificed, once for all upon the cross.

People: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

THE MINISTRATION OF COMMUNION

Facing the People, the Celebrant may say the following invitation

The gifts of God for the People of God. [Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.]

The Ministers receive the Sacrament in both kinds, and then immediately deliver it to the People.

The Body and Blood of Christ.

I Surrender All

Verse 1

All to Jesus I surrender

All to Him I freely give

I will ever love and trust Him

In His presence daily live

Chorus

I surrender all

I surrender all

All to Thee my blessed Savior

I surrender all

Verse 2

All to Jesus I surrender

Humbly at His feet I bow

Worldly pleasures all forsaken

Take me Jesus take me now

Verse 3

All to Jesus I surrender

Make me Savior wholly Thine

Let me feel the Holy Spirit
Truly know that Thou art mine

Verse 4

All to Jesus I surrender
Lord I give myself to Thee
Fill me with Thy love and power
Let Thy blessing fall on me

Verse 5

All to Jesus I surrender
Now I feel the sacred flame
O the joy of full salvation
Glory glory to His name

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Build My Life

Verse 1

Worthy of ev'ry song we could ever sing
Worthy of all the praise we could ever bring
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You

Verse 2

Jesus the name above ev'ry other name
Jesus the only one who could ever save
Worthy of ev'ry breath we could ever breathe
We live for You
We live for You

Chorus

*Holy there is no one like You
There is none beside You
Open up my eyes in wonder and show me who You are
And fill me with Your heart
And lead me in Your love to those around me*

Verse 2

Chorus

Bridge

I will build my life upon Your love
It is a firm foundation
I will put my trust in You alone
And I will not be shaken (Repeat Bridge)

Chorus

Bridge, Bridge

Celebrant Let us pray.

THE POST COMMUNION PRAYER

Celebrant and People

Heavenly Father, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and forever. Amen.

THE KENYAN BLESSING

Celebrant: All our problems

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our difficulties

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All the devil's works

People: **We send to the cross of Christ.**

Celebrant: All our hopes

People: **We set on the risen Christ.**

Celebrant:

Christ the Son of Righteousness shine upon you and scatter the darkness from before your path; and the blessing of God Almighty, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, be among you, and remain with you always. **Amen.**

On Jordan's Bank

Hymn 76

Verse 1

On Jordan's bank the Baptist's cry
Announces that the Lord is nigh
Awake and harken, for he brings
Glad tidings of the King of kings.

Verse 2

Then cleansed be every breast from sin
Make straight the way for God within
And let each heart prepare a home
Where such a mighty guest may come.

Verse 3

For thou are our salvation, Lord
Our refuge and our great reward
Without thy grace we waste away

Like flowers that wither and decay.

Verse 4

To heal the sick stretch out thine hand
And bid the fallen sinner stand
Shine forth and let thy light restore
Earth's own true loveliness once more.

Verse 5

All praise, eternal Son, to thee
Whose advent doth thy people free
Whom with the Father we adore
And Holy Spirit evermore.

Charles Coffin (1876-1944, William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

THE DISMISSAL

The celebrant dismisses the people

People **Thanks be to God. Alleluia, Alleluia.**

Today's Team

Chalice: Ron Kirby

Reader: Noland Pipes

Prayers: Mary Pipes

Ushers: Bill and Sudy Fisher

Counters: Ron Kirby, William Hearne

Oblationists: Lona Maupin, Danne Parham

Children's Worship: Mary Hand

Altar: Beth Laquinta

Acolytes: Mackenzie Hearne

Sermon Series...Preparing to Meet Jesus

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| • Being Ready for Final Restoration (Matthew 4:29-44 & Isaiah 2:1-5) | November | 27 |
| • Life Changing repentance (Matthew 3:1-12) | December | 4 |
| • Patiently Waiting for our Heavenly Judge (James 5:7-12) | December | 11 |
| • The Virgin Birth of Jesus (Matthew 1:18-25 & Isaiah 7:10-17) | December | 18 |
| • Jesus the Savior (Luke 2:11-14) Christmas Eve | December | 24 |

The Flowers Today...are given to the glory of God by Betty Ellard and in memory of her husband, George Ellard.

St. Nicholas at AWANA...today from 4:00 to 6:00.

A Taste of Tunisia . . . Fr. Herb and Mary will share their North Africa experience (tastes, sounds, and sights) on Sunday, December 11, immediately following worship in the Children's Ministry Center. Join us!

Youth Christmas Party...will be on December 18th at 4:00 p.m. There will be a white elephant gift exchange (\$10 or under, wrapped). Please invite your friends for a fun evening with food, a fun event, and the gift exchange! Let Amy or Laqueta know how many friends you might bring with you. We will not meet on December 11th.

Christmas Caroling...We want to go caroling to our shut-ins again this year on December 18th and would love for more people to join us. Afterwards we will meet back at Fr. Herb's. Please call Jessica Hearne or the church office to let us know if you are interested in joining us. More details to come soon.

Please remember... our Angel Tree for the adopted family at Dorothy Day House and the Reverse Advent Calendar. If you have questions, ask Candi, Chris, or Jessica.

8th Street Toy Drive...We will be collecting toys for our annual 8th Street Christmas Run for our friends. We typically collect unwrapped toys for children 1-15. Many of these people are down and out this time of year and it would be important to have something for them to give to their smaller children. Chris Shields AKA (The Life Saver) will have a table set up in the Narthex for collection. **Deadline to bring unwrapped toys is December 10th.**We will head over to West Memphis after our Service December 11 to deliver in time.

Christmas Poinsettias...are on sale for \$25.00 for a large pot and \$20.00 for a medium pot. Sign up in the narthex. Envelopes are on the round table. They may be given in thanksgiving for or in memory of a loved one. **Deadline to order is December 18.**

Altar Flowers...Sunday altar flowers can be scheduled on the sign-up sheet on the cabinet in the narthex. Cost is \$40.00 with checks payable to Faith Anglican Church and a notation of "flower fund".

Please pray for...the healing of Mansell Lancaster, Nancy Ebbing, Bill Walsh, John White, Janie Beth Covington, Jonathan Hays, Eli Ritchie, Jim Lancaster, Joyce Hall, Bob Barnett, Sherry Wilkes, Stan Bond, Jim Johnson, Mary Ellen Bryan, and George Burkhart. Please pray for Foley, our archbishop, Frank, our assisting bishop, Herb, and Noland, our priests, Frank, our pastoral associate, and the lay leaders of this parish. Through the Diocesan Cycle of Prayer we pray for the people and clergy of Christ the King, Hiawassee, GA, asking you Lord to bless and strengthen their ministry and fellowship to be good witnesses for Jesus Christ. Amen

Faith Anglican Church Zoom Meetings You Can Join

Sunday Morning Class...at 9:00 am. "A wonderful book by Bob Sorge, *Secrets of the Secret Place*, is read and discussed in class. The book is written in small chapters and is a deeply insightful work into how we may become more intimate with God. Please come and let's find our way there together. 9:00-9:45 in the adult classroom by the nursery." *Books provided!* You can join in person or with Zoom. Contact Rita Barnett at 482-9856 or rhwbarnett@bellsouth.net.

Ladies Bible Studies...Calling all ladies of Faith and friends - our fall Bible studies will begin in September. Our study is *In View of God's Mercies, the Gift of the Gospel in Romans*, by Courtney Doctor. This study provides hope for eternity plus purpose, joy, and peace for today. The cost for the book is \$22.00 and includes free access to the video teaching sessions. The Monday night Zoom group will begin on September 12 at 7:00 P.M. The Tuesday morning group will start on September 13 at 10:00 A.M. at the church. Contact Sudy Fisher to sign up. You may order your book from LifeWay, Christian Book Distributors, or Amazon. Amazon costs a little more but includes free shipping. If you are unable to order your book, let Sudy know and she will order one for you. Please join us for prayer, study, and fellowship.

Tuesday Morning Men's Bible Study...at 8:00 am. Contact Bill Fisher at 901-604-6454 or wmfisher@bellsouth.net