

# A Service of Healing and Reconciliation

February 21, 2023, 5pm.



Please take a moment to silence your cellphone. Thank you.

## **Covid Safety Reminders**

We are happy to welcome you! For your health and safety, we strongly recommend all persons be vaccinated against COVID and influenza. Masks are not required, but encouraged, particularly for unvaccinated and immunocompromised persons.

## The Opening Acclamation

Celebrant Grace and peace be with you, from God our ✠ Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

**People And also with you.**

Celebrant Let us pray.

## The Collect of The Day

Celebrant O God of peace, you have taught us that in returning and rest we shall be saved, in quietness and confidence shall be our strength: By the might of your Spirit lift us, we pray, to your presence, where we may be still and know that you are God; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

*Please be seated for the readings.*

The First Lesson Hebrews 2:1-11

1st Reader A Reading from the Letter to the Hebrews

Therefore we must pay greater attention to what we have heard, so that we do not drift away from it. For if the message declared through angels was valid, and every transgression or disobedience received a just penalty, how can we escape if we neglect so great a salvation? It was declared at first through the Lord, and it was attested to us by those who heard him, while God added his testimony by signs and wonders and various miracles, and by gifts of the Holy Spirit, distributed according to his will.

Now God did not subject the coming world, about which we are speaking, to angels. But someone has testified somewhere,

‘What are human beings that you are mindful of them,  
or mortals, that you care for them?

You have made them for a little while lower than the angels;  
you have crowned them with glory and honour,  
subjecting all things under their feet.’

Now in subjecting all things to them, God left nothing outside their control. As it is, we do not yet see everything in subjection to them, but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.

It was fitting that God, for whom and through whom all things exist, in bringing many children to glory, should make the pioneer of their salvation perfect through sufferings. For the one who sanctifies and those who are sanctified all have one Father. For this reason Jesus is not ashamed to call them brothers and sisters,

1<sup>st</sup> Reader     The Word of the Lord

**People        Thanks be to God**

*Please remain seated*

The Response   **Psalm 39, *Benedic, anima mea***

**Reader        Let us read from together from Psalm 39.**

**To the leader: to Jeduthun. A Psalm of David.**

**<sup>1</sup> I said, 'I will guard my ways  
that I may not sin with my tongue;  
I will keep a muzzle on my mouth  
as long as the wicked are in my presence.'**

**<sup>2</sup> I was silent and still;  
I held my peace to no avail;  
my distress grew worse,**

**<sup>3</sup> my heart became hot within me.  
While I mused, the fire burned;  
then I spoke with my tongue:**

**<sup>4</sup> 'LORD, let me know my end,  
and what is the measure of my days;  
let me know how fleeting my life is.**

**<sup>5</sup> You have made my days a few handbreadths,  
and my lifetime is as nothing in your sight.  
Surely everyone stands as a mere breath.**

**<sup>6</sup> Surely everyone goes about like a shadow.  
Surely for nothing they are in turmoil;  
they heap up, and do not know who will gather.**

**<sup>7</sup> 'And now, O Lord, what do I wait for?  
My hope is in you.**

**<sup>8</sup> Deliver me from all my transgressions.  
Do not make me the scorn of the fool.**

**<sup>9</sup> I am silent; I do not open my mouth,  
for it is you who have done it.**

**<sup>10</sup> Remove your stroke from me;  
I am worn down by the blows of your hand.**

<sup>11</sup> **'You chastise mortals  
in punishment for sin,  
consuming like a moth what is dear to them;  
surely everyone is a mere breath.**

<sup>12</sup> **'Hear my prayer, O LORD,  
and give ear to my cry;  
do not hold your peace at my tears.  
For I am your passing guest,  
an alien, like all my forebears.**

<sup>13</sup> **Turn your gaze away from me, that I may smile again,  
before I depart and am no more.'**

*Please STAND as able,*

The Holy Gospel      John 1:19-28

Deacon      The Holy Gospel ✠ of our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.

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

This is the testimony given by John when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, 'Who are you?' He confessed and did not deny it, but confessed, 'I am not the Messiah.' And they asked him, 'What then? Are you Elijah?' He said, 'I am not.' 'Are you the prophet?' He answered, 'No.' Then they said to him, 'Who are you? Let us have an answer for those who sent us. What do you say about yourself?' He said, 'I am the voice of one crying out in the wilderness, "Make straight the way of the Lord" ', as the prophet Isaiah said.

Now they had been sent from the Pharisees. They asked him, 'Why then are you baptizing if you are neither the Messiah, nor Elijah, nor the prophet?' John answered them, 'I baptize with water. Among you stands one whom you do not know, the one who is coming after me; I am not worthy to untie the thong of his sandal.' This took place in Bethany across the Jordan where John was baptizing.

Deacon      The Gospel of the Lord.

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

*Please be seated for,*

The Sermon

The Rev. Jason Shelby

*There will be a moment of silence for reflection following the sermon.*

*Please STAND as able for,*  
The Apostles' Creed

**All** I believe in God, the Father almighty,  
creator of heaven and earth;  
I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord.  
He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit  
and born of the Virgin Mary.  
He suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, died, and was buried.  
He descended to the dead.  
On the third day he rose again.  
He ascended into heaven,  
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.  
He will come again to judge the living and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Spirit,  
the holy catholic Church,  
the communion of saints,  
the forgiveness of sins  
the resurrection of the body,  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say  
**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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Celebrant Let us name before God those for whom we offer our prayers.  
*Please name those for whom you wish to pray, either silently or aloud.*

Leader God the Father, your will for all people is health and salvation;  
**People** **We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Son, you came that we might have life, and might have it more abundantly;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

God the Holy Spirit, you make our bodies the temple of your presence;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Holy Trinity, one God, in you we live and move and have our being;  
**We praise you and thank you, O Lord.**

Lord, grant your healing grace to all who are sick, injured, or disabled, that they may be made whole;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to all who seek your guidance, and to all who are lonely, anxious, or despondent, a knowledge of your will and an awareness of your presence;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Mend broken relationships, and restore those in emotional distress to soundness of mind and serenity of spirit;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Bless physicians, nurses, and all others who minister to the suffering, granting them wisdom and skill, sympathy and patience;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Grant to the dying peace and a holy death, and uphold by the grace and consolation of your Holy Spirit those who are bereaved;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

Restore to wholeness whatever is broken by human sin, in our lives, in our nation, and in the world;

**Hear us, O Lord of life.**

You are the Lord who does wonders:

**You have declared your power among the peoples.**

With you, O Lord, is the well of life;

**And in your light we see light.**

Hear us, O Lord of Life:

**Heal us, and make us whole**

Let us Pray.

*A period of silence follows.*

*The Celebrant concludes the Prayers with this Collect:*

Celebrant     Almighty God, giver of life and health: Send your blessing on all who are sick; and upon those who minister to them, that all weakness may be vanquished by the triumph of the risen Christ; who lives and reigns for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## The Confession

**Celebrant** Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

**People** **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 Absolution

**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.**

## Anthem of the Anointing

**Celebrant** Savior of the world, by your cross and precious blood you have redeemed us;

**People** **Save us, and help us, we humbly beseech you, O Lord.**

**Celebrant** The Almighty Lord, who is a strong tower to all who put their trust in him, to whom all things in heaven, on earth, and under the earth bow and obey: Be now and evermore your defense, and make you know and feel that the only Name under heaven given for health and salvation is the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

## The Blessing

May God our ✠ Father Bless you; God the Son heal you; God the Holy Spirit give you strength. May God the Holy and undivided Trinity guard your body, save your soul, and bring you safely to that heavenly country; where he lives and reigns, for ever and ever. Amen

## The Sending Forth

**Deacon** Go in the light and peace of Christ.

**People** **Thanks be to God.**

# Welcome!

We warmly welcome you if you are here with us for the first time today. We joyfully welcome *all* people into our community – without exception.

*For requests for help and prayers, please feel free to reach out to our clergy*

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## Prayers this Week

We pray for all those who serve in the armed and foreign services, and for their families, especially Drew Deley, Michael Heredia, Mark Kappelmann, TJ Malzahn, Will Piepenbring, Scott Ruston, Michael Strong, Jonathan Zimmerman and Steve.

Those who are ill, recovering from surgery, or in any other kind of need or trouble: Andrea, Amy Clute, Daniel Drayling, Pauline Duley, Ceri Falk, Kathy Falk, Colette Furbush, Sally Hill, Mick Mohuchy, Marjorie Morris, Anne Marie Morris, Greg Morris, Mike Morris, Bruce Schaefer, Patricia Stewart, and Stephen.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.





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