

Lenten Midweek Worship

March 16, 2022

Resurrection Lutheran Church

Opening

Behold, now is the acceptable time;
now is the day of salvation.
Turn us again, O God of our salvation,
that the light of your face may shine on us.
May your justice shine like the sun;
and may the poor be lifted up.

Psalm 105:1-15, 42

¹Give thanks to the LORD and call upon God's name;
make known the deeds of the LORD among the peoples.
²Sing to the LORD, sing praises,
and speak of all God's marvelous works.
³Glory in God's holy name;
let the hearts of those who seek the LORD rejoice.
⁴Search for the strength of the LORD;
continually seek God's face.
⁵Remember the marvels God has done,
the wonders and the judgments of God's mouth,
⁶O offspring of Abraham, God's servant,
O children of Jacob, God's chosen ones.
⁷The LORD is our God,
whose judgments prevail in all the world,
⁸who has always been mindful of the covenant,
the promise made for a thousand generations:
⁹the covenant made with Abraham,
the oath sworn to Isaac,
¹⁰which God established as a statute for Jacob,
an everlasting covenant for Israel,
¹¹saying, "To you will I give the land of Canaan
to be your allotted inheritance."
¹²When they were few in number,
of little account, and sojourners in the land,

¹³wandering from nation to nation
and from one kingdom to another,
¹⁴God let no one oppress them
and rebuked kings for their sake,
¹⁵saying, “Do not touch my anointed ones
and do my prophets no harm.”
⁴²For you remembered your holy word
and Abraham your servant.

Reading + Luke 13:22-31

²²Jesus went through one town and village after another, teaching as he made his way to Jerusalem. ²³Someone asked him, “Lord, will only a few be saved?” He said to them, ²⁴“Strive to enter through the narrow door; for many, I tell you, will try to enter and will not be able. ²⁵When once the owner of the house has got up and shut the door, and you begin to stand outside and to knock at the door, saying, ‘Lord, open to us,’ then in reply he will say to you, ‘I do not know where you come from.’ ²⁶Then you will begin to say, ‘We ate and drank with you, and you taught in our streets.’ ²⁷But he will say, ‘I do not know where you come from; go away from me, all you evildoers!’ ²⁸There will be weeping and gnashing of teeth when you see Abraham and Isaac and Jacob and all the prophets in the kingdom of God, and you yourselves thrown out. ²⁹Then people will come from east and west, from north and south, and will eat in the kingdom of God. ³⁰Indeed, some are last who will be first, and some are first who will be last.” ³¹At that very hour some Pharisees came and said to him, “Get away from here, for Herod wants to kill you.”

Word of God, word of life. **Thanks be to God.**

Comments on the Reading

Long ago God spoke to our ancestors in many and various ways by the prophets,
but in these last days God has spoken to us by the Son.

Hymn: “In Christ there is no east or west” (ELW 650)

In Christ There Is No East or West

1 In Christ there is no east or west, in him no south or north,
2 In Christ shall true hearts ev-'ry-where their high com - mu - nion find;
3 Join hands, dis - ci - ples of the faith, what-e'er your race may be.
4 In Christ now meet both east and west, in him meet south and north;

but one com - mu - ni - ty of love through-out the whole wide earth.
his ser - vice is the gold - en cord close bind - ing hu - man - kind.
All chil - dren of the liv - ing God are sure - ly kin to me.
all Christ - ly souls are one in him through-out the whole wide earth.

The musical score consists of two systems. Each system has a vocal line on a treble clef staff and a piano accompaniment line on a bass clef staff. The first system contains the first four lines of lyrics, and the second system contains the remaining lyrics. The music is in a simple, hymn-like style with a key signature of one flat (Bb).

Text: John Oxenham, 1852–1941, alt.
Music: MCKEE, African American spiritual; adapt. Harry T. Burleigh, 1866–1949

Prayers

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God,
and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For our holy assemblies, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the health of the creation, for abundant harvests that all may share,
and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For public servants, the government, and those who protect us;
for those who work to bring peace, justice, healing, and protection
in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For those who travel, for those who are sick and suffering,
and for those who are in captivity, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For deliverance in the time of affliction, wrath, danger, and need,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For all servants of the church, for this assembly,
and for all people who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy,
let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Other petitions may be added.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A time of silence follows.

Giving thanks for all who have gone before us and are at rest, rejoicing in the
communion of all the saints, we commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life
to you, through Christ our Lord.

To you, O Lord.

We give thanks to you, heavenly Father, through Jesus Christ your dear Son, that you
have graciously protected us today. We ask you to forgive us all our sins, where we
have done wrong, and graciously to protect us tonight. Into your hands we commend
ourselves: our bodies, our souls, and all that is ours. Let your holy angels be with us,
so that the wicked foe may have no power over us.

Amen.

Lord's Prayer

Lord, remember us in your kingdom and teach us to pray.

**Our Father in heaven,
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins
as we forgive those
who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

Blessing

Let us bless the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Almighty God, the Father, ✝ the Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve us.
Amen.