



ORDER OF
WORSHIP
VIRTUAL

3rd Sunday after Epiphany
January 23, 2022

MEDITATION

Call out to them.

I don't see them.

Call out anyway.

Did you see their faces?

Claudia Rankin, "August 29, 2005 / Hurricane Katrina," *Citizen*

PRELUDE: Double Fugue in G major
John Finney, organist

William Boyce

WELCOME

Liturgist: Rev. Judy Swahnberg

CALL TO WORSHIP [adapted from Luke 4:14-21]

One: Today this Scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing:

To the poor there is good news to tell,
to the captive and blind release and recovery proclaimed,
to the oppressed freedom pours forth, and to all God's favor is declared.

Let us pray,

All: **On this holy day, we come together to make sense of our lives. Revive our souls that our hearts may rejoice in your presence. Liberate us from self-imposed limitations and employ us in your service. Amen.**

HYMN: Brethren, We Have Met to Worship (insert)

Holy Manna

"Brethren, We Have Met to Worship,"

Text by George Atkins; Tune "Holy Manna" by William Moore

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PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: Jesus brought good news of mending and healing, of release and redemption, of God's coming rule. Our lives do not always reflect that we have heard or trusted this news to be good. Let us confess to God.

All: **O God of freedom, we remain captive, bruised and broken, convinced that we are stuck where we are, as we are. Help us hear your liberating word, we pray.**

– *Silent confession* –

One: Friends, God is eager to teach, inspire, and strengthen you. Through the Spirit God is at work to cleanse us and change us so that all God has declared we may receive; and all we have received, we may declare. Thanks be God. **Amen.**

SUMMARY OF THE LAW

GLORIA

Music by Alice Jordan

**Glory to God the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Spirit:
As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

PASSING OF THE PEACE

LESSON: 1 Corinthians 12:12-14, 20-21, 27, *NRSV*

Reader: Jim McKinney

The metaphor of a body and its parts was commonly used as organic proof that some people (or classes) were more significant than others. Paul subverts this common usage to show how all parts of the body are necessary and dependent on one another.

For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body - Jews or Greeks, slaves or free - and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you."

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it.

GOSPEL LESSON: Luke 4:14-21, *NRSV*

This sermon is often referred to as Jesus' inaugural address as Jesus reads the text proclaiming the time of Jubilee – the provision that every fiftieth year land was to be returned to the original owners and slaves released. This provision in the Law thus protected the poor from the loss of land and the loss of freedom.

Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because God has anointed me to bring good news to the poor.

God has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free,

to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

Reader: For the Word of God in scripture, among us, and within us.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON: Telling the Whole Story

Rev. Dr. Jill Edens

SOLO: The King of Love My Shepherd Is
Garrett Murphy, baritone

Charles Gounod

PRAYER CONCERNS & CELEBRATIONS

Liturgist: Rev. Anne Marie Holloway

SILENT PRAYER

PASTORAL PRAYER AND OUR LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS and OFFERING

Warrant for Annual Meeting, January 30, 2022
Mission Moment for African Indian Alliance

Richard Sweeting, Clerk
Kelly Ford

COMMISSION & BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE: Salvation Now Is Come to Us
John Finney, organist

F. W. Zachau

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Holy Manna



1. Breth - ren, we have met to wor - ship And a - dore the
2. Sis - ters, will you come and help us? Mo - ses' sis - ters
3. Is there here a trem - bling jail - er, Seek - ing grace and
4. Let us love our God su - preme-ly, Let us love each



Lord our God. Will you pray with all your pow - er
aid - ed him. Will you help the trem - bling mourn - ers
filled with tears? Is there here a weep - ing Mar - y
oth - er, too. Let us love and pray for sin - ners



While we try to preach the word? All is vain un -
Who are strug - gling hard with sin? Tell them all a -
Pour - ing forth a flood of tears? Breth - ren, join your
Till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us



less the Spir - it Of the ho - ly One comes down.
bout the Sav - ior. Tell them that he will be found.
cries to help them, Sis - ters, let your prayers a - bound!
home to heav - en, At his ta - ble we'll sit down.



Breth - ren, pray, and ho - ly man - na
Sis - ters, pray, and ho - ly man - na
Pray, oh, pray, that ho - ly man - na
Christ will gird him - self and serve us



Will be show - ered all a - round.
Will be show - ered all a - round.
Will be scat - tered all a - round.
With sweet man - na all a - round.

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GOD
IS STILL
SPEAKING

WE ARE AN OPEN AND AFFIRMING CONGREGATION.
NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE,
NO MATTER WHERE YOU ARE
ON LIFE'S JOURNEY,
YOU ARE WELCOME HERE.