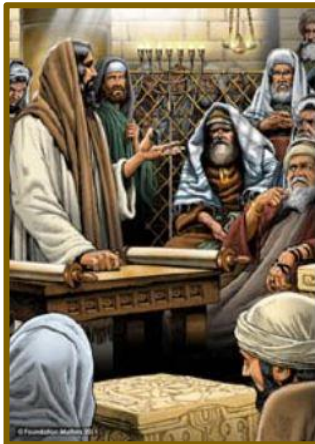


SUNDAY BULLETIN



SERVICE FOR THE LORDS DAY JANUARY 22, 2023 THIRD SUNDAY AFTER THE EPIPHANY

PRELUDE & PROCESSION *"How Firm a Foundation"* Early American Melody/W. L. Hooper

WELCOME/ANNOUNCEMENTS

LIGHTING THE CHRIST CANDLE

MUSICAL CONTEMPLATION *"Dear Lord and Father of Mankind"* F. C. Maker/H. Whitford

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who lived in a land of deep darkness...

Congregation: We are the people who have seen the great light!

Leader: ...on them the light has shined.

Congregation: Holy and loving God, magnify Your light through us.

All: Let us praise and worship God!

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

***OPENING HYMN #367** *"Come, Ye Thankful People, Come"* H. Alford/G. J. Elvey

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ALL: Almighty God, we confess that we have not been faithful to you in our thoughts and actions. We have been selfish in our desires and quarrelsome in our relationships. We have allowed fear to divide us from those who seem different, and let distrust separate us from our brothers and sisters. Shine your light into our darkened hearts. Save us from our divisive ways. Unite us in the same mind as Jesus Christ who dwells with you and the Holy Spirit in perfect harmony. Amen.

Leader: Loving God, your light reveals the needs of our world, and your salvation offers hope to the lost. Therefore, we pray for our world and our community. For your holy church, that all the baptized may live in harmony with one another, and our pastors and teachers may be wise and gracious ministers of the gospel.

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the world and all who suffer the rod of oppression: break the yoke of violence, and free all people from the burden of war and domestic strife.

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For the leaders of the nations, that they may be just and faithful in their duty and serve the good of all creation.

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who suffer disease of body and mind, that they many know the power of your healing grace.

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For those who have died and for those facing death, that they many find eternal rest; and for those who care for the dying that they may find peace and comfort.

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: For other concerns that remain unspoken, but that are heavy on our hearts, we offer in silence...

People: God of light, hear our prayer.

Leader: Hear O Lord, the cries of your people. Be gracious to us and answer us, as we pray:

THE 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.

***CLOSING HYMN #12** "Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise" T. H. Troger/J. Parry

CHARGE

***BLESSING**

***SEVEN-FOLD AMEN**

***POSTLUDE** *"Lift High the Cross"* S. H. Nicholson/A. Jordan

****Please stand as you are able.***

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