

**We Worship our Lord**  
***Third Sunday After the Epiphany***  
**Sunday, January 22, 2023, 9:00am**

*Not witnessing is like telling a person who is sick with appendicitis to just relax, think positive thoughts, listen to some nice music and everything will be fine.*

*No it won't, they need to see a doctor!*

*Salvation is SERIOUS, life and death, heaven or hell.*

***Prelude***

**#832, *Jesus Shall Reign***

1 Jesus shall reign where'er the sun  
Does its successive journeys run;  
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore  
Till moons shall wax and wane no more.

2 To Him shall endless prayer be made,  
And endless praises crown His head;  
His name like sweet perfume shall rise  
With ev'ry morning sacrifice.

3 People and realms of ev'ry tongue  
Dwell on His love with sweetest song;  
And infant voices shall proclaim  
Their early blessings on His name.

4 Blessings abound where'er He reigns:  
The pris'ners leap, unloose their chains,  
The weary find eternal rest,  
And all who suffer want are blest.

5 Let ev'ry creature rise and bring  
Honors peculiar to our King;  
Angels descend with songs again,  
And earth repeat the loud amen.

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Leader	O Lord, open my lips,
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>and my mouth will declare Your praise.</b>
Leader	Make haste, O God, to deliver me;
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>make haste to help me, O Lord.</b>
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit;</b>
	<b>as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.</b>
	<b>Praise to You, O Christ. Alleluia.</b>

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Leader	The Christ has appeared to us.
<b>Congregation</b>	<b>O come, let us worship Him.</b>

## VENITE

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**Congregation** O come, let us sing to the Lord,  
let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation.  
Let us come into His presence with thanksgiving,  
let us make a joyful noise to Him with songs of praise.

For the Lord is a great God  
and a great king above all gods.  
The deep places of the earth are in His hand;  
the strength of the hills is His also.

The sea is His, for He made it,  
and His hand formed the dry land.  
O come, let us worship and bow down,  
let us kneel before the Lord, our maker.

For He is our God,  
and we are the people of His pasture and the sheep of His hand.

Glory be to the Father and to the Son  
and to the Holy Spirit;  
as it was in the beginning,  
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

**Leader** The Christ has appeared to us.  
**Congregation** O come, let us worship Him.

P: Together, we pray,

**C: Almighty God, mercifully look upon our infirmities and stretch forth the hand of Your majesty to heal and defend us; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever, Amen.**

## Children's Time

### Isaiah 9:1–4

There will be no gloom for her who was in anguish. In the former time He brought into contempt the land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, but in the latter time He has made glorious the way of the sea, the land beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the nations. The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; those who dwelt in a land of deep darkness, on them has light shined. You have multiplied the nation; you have increased its joy; they rejoice before you as with joy at the harvest, as they are glad when they divide the spoil. For the yoke of His burden, and the staff for His shoulder, the rod of His oppressor, you have broken as on the day of Midian.

L: This is the Word of our Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God!**

## ***No Other Name*      *Voice Choir***

### **1 Corinthians 1:10–18**

I appeal to you, brothers, by the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, that all of you agree and that there be no divisions among you, but that you be united in the same mind and the same judgment. For it has been reported to me by Chloe's people that there is quarreling among you, my brothers. What I mean is that each one of you says, "I follow Paul," or "I follow Apollos," or "I follow Cephas," or "I follow Christ." Is Christ divided? Was Paul crucified for you? Or were you baptized in the name of Paul? I thank God that I baptized none of you except Crispus and Gaius, so that no one may say that you were baptized in my name. I did baptize also the household of Stephanas. Beyond that, I do not know whether I baptized anyone else. For Christ did not send me to baptize but to preach the Gospel, and not with words of eloquent wisdom, lest the cross of Christ be emptied of its power. For the word of the cross is folly to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

**L:** This is the Word of the Lord,

**C: Thanks be to God!**

**P:** The Holy Gospel, according to St. Matthew, the 4th Chapter,

**C: Glory to You, O Lord.**

When Jesus heard that John had been arrested, He withdrew into Galilee. And leaving Nazareth He went and lived in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali, so that what was spoken by the prophet Isaiah might be fulfilled: "The land of Zebulun and the land of Naphtali, the way of the sea, beyond the Jordan, Galilee of the Gentiles—the people dwelling in darkness have seen a great light, and for those dwelling in the region and shadow of death, on them a light has dawned." From that time Jesus began to preach, saying, "Repent, for the kingdom of heaven is at hand." While walking by the Sea of Galilee, he saw two brothers, Simon, who is called Peter, and Andrew his brother, casting a net into the sea, for they were fishermen. And He said to them, "Follow Me, and I will make you fishers of men." Immediately they left their nets and followed Him. And going on from there He saw two other brothers, James the son of Zebedee and John his brother, in the boat with Zebedee their father, mending their nets, and He called them. Immediately they left the boat and their father and followed Him. And He went throughout all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues and proclaiming the Gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction among the

people. So His fame spread throughout all Syria, and they brought Him all the sick, those afflicted with various diseases and pains, those oppressed by demons, epileptics, and paralytics, and He healed them. And great crowds followed Him from Galilee and the Decapolis, and from Jerusalem and Judea, and from beyond the Jordan.

P: This is the Gospel of our Lord,  
**C: Praise to You, O Lord.**

### **#829, *Christ the Eternal Lord***

- 1 Christ the eternal Lord,  
Whose promise here we claim,  
Whose gifts of grace are freely poured  
On all who name Your name;  
With thankfulness and praise  
We stand before Your throne,  
Intent to serve You all our days  
And make Your glory known.
- 2 Christ the unchanging Word  
To ev'ry passing age,  
Whose timeless teachings still are heard  
Set forth on Scripture's page;  
Transform our thought and mind,  
Enlighten all who read,  
Within Your Word by faith to find  
The bread of life indeed.
- 3 Christ the redeeming Son,  
Who shares our human birth,  
And by His death salvation won  
For ev'ry child of earth;  
Inspire our hearts, we pray,  
To tell Your love abroad,  
That all may honor Christ today  
And follow Him as Lord.
- 4 Christ the unfading Light  
Of everlasting day,  
Our Morning Star in splendor bright,  
The Life, the Truth, the Way;  
That light of truth You give  
To servants as to friends,  
Your way to walk, Your life to live,  
Till earth's brief journey ends.
- 5 Christ the ascended King  
Exalted high above,  
Whose praise unending ages sing,  
Whom yet unseen we love;  
When mortal life is past  
Your voice from heaven's throne  
Shall call Your children home at last  
To know as we are known.

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## The Sermon

## What's Your Story

### TE DEUM

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Congregation

We praise You, O God; we acknowledge You to be the Lord.  
All the earth now worships You, the Father everlasting.  
To You all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the pow'rs therein.  
To You cherubim and seraphim continually do cry:

Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth;  
heaven and earth are full of the majesty of Your glory.  
The glorious company of the apostles praise You.  
The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise You.

The noble army of martyrs praise You.  
The holy Church throughout all the world does acknowledge You:  
The Father of an infinite majesty; Your adorable, true, and only Son;  
also the Holy Ghost, the Comforter.

You are the king of glory, O Christ;  
You are the everlasting Son of the Father.

When You took upon Yourself to deliver man,  
You humbled Yourself to be born of a virgin.  
When You had overcome the sharpness of death,  
You opened the kingdom of heaven to all believers.

You sit at the right hand of God  
in the glory of the Father.  
We believe that You will come  
to be our judge.

We therefore pray You to help Your servants,  
whom You have redeemed with Your precious blood.  
Make them to be numbered with Your saints  
in glory everlasting.

O Lord, save Your people and bless Your heritage.  
Govern them and lift them up forever.  
Day by day we magnify You.  
And we worship Your name forever and ever.

Grant, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin.  
O Lord, have mercy upon us, have mercy upon us.  
O Lord, let Your mercy be upon us, as our trust is in You.  
O Lord, in You have I trusted; let me never be confounded.

## The Gathering of our Gifts and Tithes

### The Prayers of His Children

P: Lord, in Your mercy    **C: hear our prayer.**

P: ...taught us to pray,

**C: The Lords Prayer**

P: Let us bless the Lord.

**C: Thanks be to God.**

## **God's Benediction**

### **#837, *Lift High the Cross***

ref Lift high the cross, the love of Christ proclaim  
Till all the world adore His sacred name.

1 Come, Christians, follow where our Captain trod,  
Our king victorious, Christ, the Son of God. Refrain

2 Led on their way by this triumphant sign,  
The hosts of God in conqu'ring ranks combine. Refrain

3 All newborn soldiers of the Crucified  
Bear on their brows the seal of Him who died. Refrain

4 O Lord, once lifted on the glorious tree,  
As Thou hast promised, draw us all to Thee. Refrain

5 Let ev'ry race and ev'ry language tell  
Of Him who saves our lives from death and hell. Refrain

6 So shall our song of triumph ever be:  
Praise to the Crucified for victory! Refrain

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## ***Postlude***