



St Luke's Church Fontainebleau

Worship Service Third Sunday of Epiphany 23 January 2022

Introduction

The Spirit of God is upon us.

We are called to be God's people.

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We are called to be the body of Christ.

Come let us worship God, who binds us together
in love and service.

Opening Hymn: My Jesus, my Savior (SoF 935)

*My Jesus, my Savior
Lord there is none like you
All of my days, I want to praise
The wonders of your mighty love
My comfort, my shelter
Tower of refuge and strength
Let every breath, all that I am
Never cease to worship You*

*Shout to the Lord, all the earth let us sing
Power and majesty, praise to the King
Mountains bow down and the seas will roar
At the sound of Your name
I sing for joy at the work of your hands
Forever I'll love you, forever I'll stand
Nothing compares to the promise I have
In YOU*

The Opening Prayer

The Spirit of God is upon us!

This is a holy day and we are a holy people!

The joy of God is our strength!

All of us, with all our gifts, we are the body of Christ!

O wondrous God, on this holy day,
we have gathered together once again
to celebrate your presence among us,
to praise you, and to thank you for all you have given us.
May this time of worship strengthen and refresh us,
and fill us with such joy that we cannot help but share it
with everyone around us.

Though we are very different people,
with many different talents and gifts,
make us one in your Spirit,
that we may be your ministers in the world.

Amen.

Confession

By the mercies of God,
let us confess our sins and present our bodies as a living sacrifice,
holy and acceptable to him,
which is our spiritual worship.

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you
and against one another, in thought, and word, and deed.
We are truly sorry for our pride,
and for our lack of faith, of understanding and of love.
We repent of our narrow-mindedness,
of our bitterness and our prejudices.
Pardon and forgive us,
save us and renew us,
that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

First Reading: Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

All the people gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the Lord had given to Israel. ²Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. ³He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. . . ⁵And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. ⁶Then Ezra blessed the Lord, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the Lord with their faces to the ground. . . ⁸So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

⁹And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the Lord your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. ¹⁰Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our Lord; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the Lord is your strength."

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Hymn: Be Still for the glory of the Lord (SoF 40)

<p>Verse 1 Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here Come bow before Him now, With reverence and fear In Him no sin is found We stand on holy ground Be still for the presence of the Lord, The Holy One is here</p> <p>Verse 2 Be still for the glory of the Lord, Is shining all around He burns with holy fire, With splendor He is crowned How awesome is the sight Our radiant King of light Be still for the glory of the Lord, Is shining all around</p>	<p>Verse 3 Be still for the power of the Lord, Is moving in this place He comes to cleanse and heal, To minister His grace No work too hard for Him In faith receive from Him Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place Be still for the power of the Lord Is moving in this place</p>
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Second Reading: I Corinthians 12: 12-31

¹²For 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. ¹³For 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. ¹⁴Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. ¹⁵If the foot would say, “Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁶And if the ear would say, “Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body,” that would not make it any less a part of the body. ¹⁷If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? ¹⁸But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. ¹⁹If all were a single member, where would the body be? ²⁰As it is, there are many members, yet one body. ²¹The 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.” ²²On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, ²³and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; ²⁴whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, ²⁵that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. ²⁶If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

²⁷Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. ²⁸And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. ²⁹Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? ³⁰Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? ³¹But strive for the greater gifts.

This is the word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading: Luke 4:14-21

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
Glory to you, O Lord.

¹⁴Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. ¹⁵He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone. ¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written: ¹⁸“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring good news to the poor. He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives and recovery of sight to the blind, to let the oppressed go free, ¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.” ²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ.

Talk

Song: You have redeemed my soul

<p>You have redeemed my soul From the pit of emptiness You have redeemed my soul from death</p> <p>You have redeemed my soul From the pit of emptiness You have redeemed my soul from death</p>	<p>I was a hungry child A dried up river I was a burned out forest, and no one could do anything for me.</p> <p>But you put food in my belly Water in my dry bed And to my blackened branches You brought the springtime green of new life. Nothing is impossible for you . . .</p>
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The Peace:

Christ came and proclaimed the gospel,
peace to those who are far off
and peace to those who are near.
The peace of the Lord be always with you
and also with you.
Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

The Collect

Almighty God,
who called your Church to witness
that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself:
help us to proclaim the good news of your love,
that all who hear it may be drawn to you;
through him who was lifted up on the cross,
and reigns with you
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

The Profession of faith

Let us affirm our faith in Jesus Christ the Son of God.
**Though he was divine,
he did not cling to equality with God,
but made himself nothing.
Taking the form of a slave,
he was born in human likeness.
He humbled himself
and was obedient to death,
even the death of the cross.
Therefore God has raised him on high,
and given him the name above every name:
that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bow,
and every voice proclaim that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Amen.

Prayers of Intercession

Lord, hear our prayer

Believing the promises of God,
as our Saviour taught us, so we 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. Lead
us not into temptation but deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever.
Amen.**

Almighty Father,
whose Son our Saviour Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
may your people,
illuminated by your word and sacraments,
shine with the radiance of his glory,
that he may be known, worshipped, and obeyed
to the ends of the earth;
for he is alive and reigns, now and for ever.

Final Hymn: O, Lord, my God (SoF 425)

<p><i>1. O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder Consider all the worlds Thy Hands have made; I see the stars, I hear the rolling thunder, Thy power throughout the universe displayed</i></p> <p><i>Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art. Then sings my soul, My Saviour God, to Thee, How great Thou art, how great Thou art!</i></p>	<p><i>2. And when I think of God, His Son not sparing; Sent Him to die, I scarce can take it in; That on the Cross, my burden gladly bearing, He bled and died to take away my sin.</i></p> <p><i>3. When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation And lead me home, what joy shall fill my heart! Then I shall bow with humble adoration, And then proclaim, "My God, how great Thou art!!</i></p>
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The Blessing

The Lord Jesus Christ,
Son of the living God,
teach you to walk in his way more trustfully,
to accept his truth more faithfully,
and to share his life more lovingly;
that by the power of the Holy Spirit
you may come as one family to the kingdom of the Father.
And the blessing ...

Amen.



DATE	SUNDAY	MINISTER
January		
2nd	Epiphany	Churchwardens
9th	1 st Sunday of Epiphany – The Baptism of Christ	Nancy Austin, CWL
16th	2 nd Sunday of Epiphany	Rev'd Sara MacVane
19th	Ecumenical service Saint-Louis (20:30)	Father Grant Holmes
23rd	3 rd Sunday of Epiphany	Nancy Austin, CWL
30th	4 th Sunday of Epiphany	Father Grant Holmes