

# THE DIVINE SERVICE

January 26, 2020

*The Third Sunday After the Epiphany*

## *In Preparation*

*Please observe silence as you read, pray, and meditate.*

### PRELUDE

Michael Phillips

*Toccata Settima* – Michelangelo Rossi (1601-1656)

### WORDS OF PREPARATION

John 1:29-42

The next day he saw Jesus coming toward him, and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world! This is he of whom I said, 'After me comes a man who ranks before me, because he was before me.' I myself did not know him, but for this purpose I came baptizing with water, that he might be revealed to Israel." And John bore witness: "I saw the Spirit descend from heaven like a dove, and it remained on him. I myself did not know him, but he who sent me to baptize with water said to me, 'He on whom you see the Spirit descend and remain, this is he who baptizes with the Holy Spirit.' And I have seen and have borne witness that this is the Son of God."

The next day again John was standing with two of his disciples, and he looked at Jesus as he walked by and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God!" The two disciples heard him say this, and they followed Jesus. Jesus turned and saw them following and said to them, "What are you seeking?" And they said to him, "Rabbi" (which means Teacher), "where are you staying?" He said to them, "Come and you will see." So they came and saw where he was staying, and they stayed with him that day, for it was about the tenth hour. One of the two who heard John speak and followed Jesus was Andrew, Simon Peter's brother. He first found his own brother Simon and said to him, "We have found the Messiah" (which means Christ). He brought him to Jesus. Jesus looked at him and said, "You are Simon the son of John. You shall be called Cephas" (which means Peter).

### COLLECT OF THE DAY

Almighty God, because you know that we are set among so many and great dangers that by reason of the weakness of our fallen nature we cannot always stand upright, grant us your strength and protection to support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

# The Service of Entrance



## CHORAL INTROIT

*The People That in Darkness Sat* – J. S. Bach (1685-1750)

The people that in darkness sat a glorious light have seen;  
The light has shined on them who long in shades of death have been.

## ❖ HYMN OF INVOCATION

Isaiah 9:2-8, John Morison, 1781

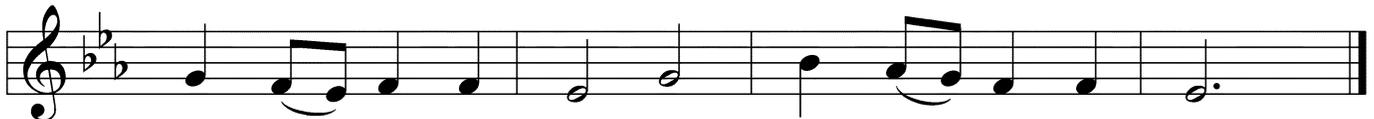
Nikolaus Herman, 1480-1561



1. The peo - ple that in dark - ness sat a glo - rious light have  
2. To hail you, Sun of Righ - teous - ness, the gath - 'ring na - tions  
3. To us the Child of hope is born, to us the Son is  
4. His name shall be the Prince of Peace, the Ev - er - last - ing



seen; the light has shined on them who long in  
come; they joy as when the reap - ers bear their  
giv'n, and on his shoul - der ev - er rests all  
Lord, the Won - der - ful, the Coun - sel - or, the



shades of death have been, in shades of death have been.  
har - vest trea - sures home, their har - vest trea - sures home.  
pow'r in earth and heav'n, all pow'r in earth and heav'n.  
God by all a - dored, the God by all a - dored.

5. His righteous government and pow'r  
Shall over all extend;  
On judgment and on justice based,  
His reign shall have no end,  
His reign shall have no end.

6. Lord Jesus, reign in us, we pray,  
And make us yours alone,  
Who with the Father ever are  
And Holy Spirit, one,  
And Holy Spirit, one.

Minister: In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God.

**People:** **And the Word became flesh, and dwelt among us, and we beheld his glory.**

Minister: In the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

**People:** **Amen.**

Minister: Let us pray.

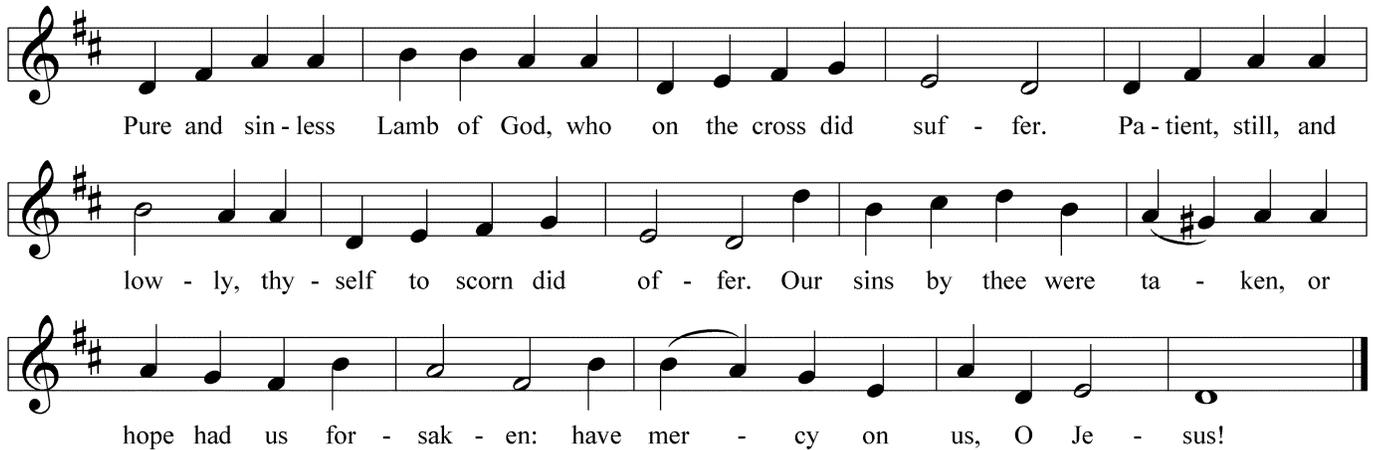
## PRAYER OF ADORATION

... world without end. **Amen.**

## CONFESSION OF SIN

Nikolaus Decius, 1531

German chorale, 1540



Pure and sin-less Lamb of God, who on the cross did suf - fer. Pa - tient, still, and  
low - ly, thy - self to scorn did of - fer. Our sins by thee were ta - ken, or  
hope had us for - sak - en: have mer - cy on us, O Je - sus!

Minister: Hear what our Lord says, “The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. These words that I command you today shall be on your heart. You shall teach them diligently to your children, and shall talk of them when you sit in your house, and when you walk by the way, and when you lie down, and when you rise.”

Minister: Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

People: **Almighty God, our Maker and Redeemer, we poor sinners confess unto thee, that we are by nature sinful and unclean, and that we have sinned against thee by thought, word, and deed. Wherefore we flee for refuge to thine infinite mercy, seeking and imploring thy grace, for the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ. Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF ABSOLUTION

Minister: Hear the Word of the Gospel: “Christ has died for our sins and been raised for our justification.” All you who repent of your sin and trust in the Lord Jesus Christ for your salvation, rejoice and be glad and give glory to the Lord who has taken away all of your sins in the name of the Father, and the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

People: **Amen.**

❖ Minister: Our help is in the name of the Lord,

People: **the Maker of heaven and earth.**

Minister: O Lord, open our lips,

People: **and our mouth will declare your praise.**

❖ THE GLORIA AND HYMN OF GRATITUDE

*Gloria in Excelsis*  
Nikolaus Decius, 1525

*Deutsche Evangelisch Messze*, 1539

All glo - ry be to thee, Most High, to thee all ad - o - ra - tion; in grace and  
truth thou draw - est nigh to of - fer us sal - va - tion; thou show - est thy good - will to  
men, and peace shall reign on earth a - gain; we praise thy name for - ev - er.

Cælis Sedulius, 5th cent.

Leonard R. Payton, 1998

1. When Christ's ap - pear - ing was made known, King  
2. *The east - ern sa - ges saw from far and*  
3. With - in the Jor - dan's sa - cred flood the  
4. *And, oh, what mir - a - cle di - vine, when*  
5. For this his glad e - pi - phan - y all

Her - od trem - bled for his throne; but he who of - fers heav'n - ly  
*fol - lowed on his guid - ing star; by light their way to Light they*  
heav'n - ly Lamb in meek - ness stood that he, of whom no sin was  
*wa - ter red - dened in - to wine! He spoke the word, and forth it*  
glo - ry un - to Je - sus be, whom with the Fa - ther we a -

birth seeks not the king - doms of this earth.  
*trod, and by their gifts con - fessed their God.*  
known, might cleanse his peo - ple from their own.  
*flowed in streams that na - ture ne'er be - stowed.*  
dore, and Ho - ly Ghost for - ev - er - more.

# The Service of the Word



THE PSALTER

Psalms 40:1-11



*Choir:* I waited patiently up- | on the LORD;  
he stooped to me and | heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the | mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my | footing sure.

**All:** He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise | to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust | in the LORD.  
Happy are they who trust | in the LORD!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to | false gods.

Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!

how great your wonders and your | plans for us!  
there is none who can be com- | pared with you.  
Oh, that I could make them known and | tell them!  
but they are more than | I can count.

In sacrifice and offering you take no | pleasure  
you have given me ears to | hear you;  
Burnt-offering and sin-offering you have | not required,  
and so I said, “Be- | hold, I come.

In the roll of the book it is written con- | cerning me:  
‘I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep | in my heart.’”  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congre- | gation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O | LORD, you know.

Your righteousness have I not hidden | in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your de- | liverance;  
I have not concealed your love and | faithfulness  
from the great congre- | gation.

Glory be to the Father and | to the Son  
and to the Holy | Spirit;  
As it was in the be- | ginning,  
is now, and will be forever. | Amen.

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God!**

CHORAL ANTHEM

*Ach, arme Welt (O World So Vain)* – Johannes Brahms (1833-1897)

Ach, arme Welt, du trügest mich,  
ja, das bekenn ich eigentlich,  
und kann dich doch nicht meiden.

Alas, poor world, you deceive me;  
indeed, I recognize this for sure  
and yet I cannot avoid you.

Du falsche Welt, du bist nicht wahr,  
dein Schein vergeht, das weiß ich zwar,  
mit Weh und großem Leiden.

You false world, you are not true;  
your visions dissolve, as I surely know,  
with woe and great sorrow.

Dein Ehr, dein Gut, du arme Welt,  
im Tod, in rechten Nöten fehlt,  
dein Schatz ist eitel falsches Geld,  
dess hilf mir, Herr, zum Frieden.

Your honor, your goods, you poor world,  
are lacking in death and in real necessity,  
your treasure is vain, false money;  
from this help me, Lord, find peace.

THE EPISTLE LESSON

1 Corinthians 1:1-9

Leader: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God!

❖ OUR RESPONSE

Latin, 7th cent.

*Rheinfelsisches Deutes  
Catholisches Gesangbuch, 1666*



1. O heav'n - ly Word, e - ter - nal Light, be - got - ten  
 2. *Pour light up - on us from a - bove, and fire our*  
 3. And when, as judge, thou draw - est nigh the sec - rets  
 4. *O let us not, for e - vil past, be driv - en*  
 5. To God the Fa - ther, God the Son, and God the



of the Fa - ther's might, who in these lat - ter days wast  
*hearts with ar - dent love, that, as we hear thy truth to -*  
 of our hearts to try, to rec - om - pense each hid - den  
*from thy face at last, but with thy saints for ev - er -*  
 Spir - it, ev - er One, praise, hon - or, might, and glo - ry



born for bless - ing to a world for - lorn;  
*day, all wrong de - sires may burn a - way;*  
 sin and bid the saints their reign be - gin;  
*more be - hold thee, love thee, and a - dore.*  
 be from age to age e - ter - nal - ly.

## WELCOME

*At this time, please sign and pass the attendance pads down the row.*

## INTERLUDE

## PRAYER OF SUPPLICATION AND THANKSGIVING

Ruling Elder Randy Scott

**Unison: 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.**

### Sermon Lesson | Prayer for Illumination | Sermon

Although Redeemer follows a lectionary to give guidance to our regular reading of God's Word in the worship service, the sermon text may be based on other considerations. Some sermon series are born out of an issue that the pastors and elders want to consider together as a congregation. Some are driven by special circumstances unique to a church or its community. Still others are the result of the patient exposition of a particular book of the Bible. After we read the text for the day, we pause to ask God to show us Jesus. We believe that Jesus was telling the truth when he told the disciples on the road to Emmaus that all the Scriptures point to his person and work (Luke 24:27). So, we pray that the Holy Spirit would be active in our midst: opening up spiritually blind eyes and deaf ears so that we might be drawn back to the center of God's grand narrative of redemption and recreation: Jesus Christ—crucified and risen again.

## ❖ THE GOSPEL LESSON

John 8:21-30

Minister: This is the Gospel of the Lord.

People: **Praise be to you, O Christ.**

## ❖ PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## MORNING SERMON

Rev. Eric Landry

*The Exclusive Christ*

John 8:21-30

# *The Service of the Table*



## ❖ CORPORATE CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

**Unison:** I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

**And in Jesus Christ, his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.**

## PASSING OF THE PEACE

❖ Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

**People: And also with you!**

Minister: Let us offer one another a sign of peace.

*Members of the congregation greet one another with a sign of friendship such as the ancient words that the church has used over the centuries, "The peace of Christ be with you," and the response, "And also with you."*

## TITHES AND OFFERINGS

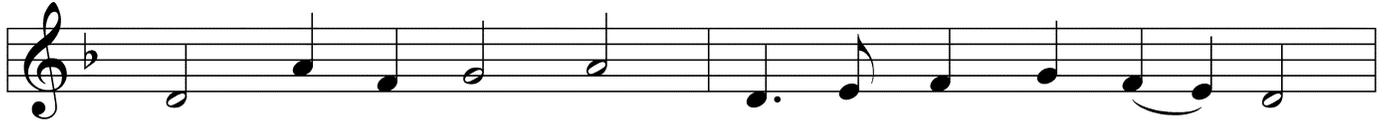
Minister: The earth is the Lord's, and the fullness thereof;

People: **the world, and they that dwell therein.**

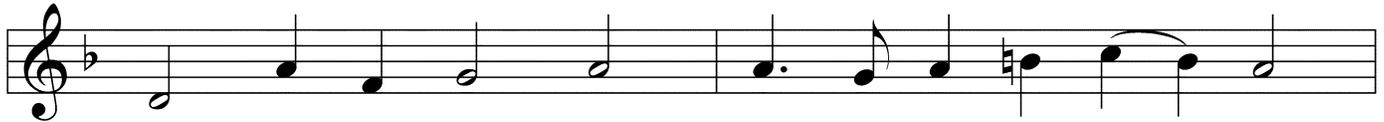
## HYMN OF GRATITUDE TO GOD

Matthaeus A. von Loewenstern, 1594-1648

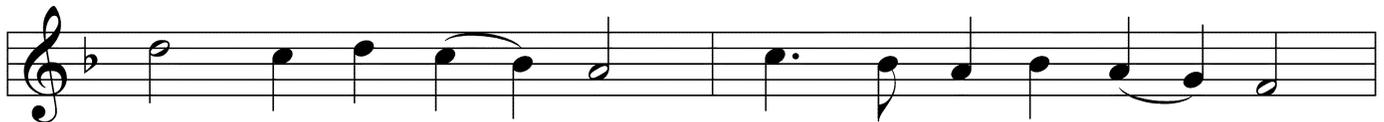
*Antiphoner, Poitiers, 1746*



1. Lord of our life and God of our sal - va - tion,  
2. See round your ark the hun - gry bil - lows curl - ing,  
3. Lord, you can help when earth - ly ar - mor fails us;  
4. Peace in our hearts, where sin - ful thoughts are rag - ing,



star of our night and hope of ev - 'ry na - tion:  
see how your foes their ban - ners are un - furl - ing.  
Lord, you can save when dead - ly sin as - sails us;  
peace in your Church, our trou - bled souls as - suag - ing,



hear and re - ceive your Church's sup - pli - ca - tion,  
Lord, while their poi - soned ar - rows they are hurl - ing,  
and in the day when hell it - self ap - palls us,  
peace when the world its end - less war is wag - ing,



Lord God Al - might - - - y.  
you can pre - serve us.  
grant us your peace, Lord.  
peace in your heav - - - en.

- ❖ Minister: Yours, Lord, is the greatness, the power, the glory, the splendor, and the majesty; for everything in heaven and on earth is yours.

DOXOLOGY

L. Bourgeois' *Genevan Psalter*, 1551

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow;      praise him, all crea - tures here be - low;  
 praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:      praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost.      A - men.

❖ PRAYER OF DEDICATION

- Minister: Our gracious God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ, giver of all good gifts, receive these offerings as our worship properly given to you for the glory due your name. Use them to strengthen your church, expand your kingdom, and show mercy to our neighbors. In the name of your Son we pray.
- People: **Amen.**

❖ THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

- Minister: The Lord be with you!
- People: **And also with you!**
- Minister: Lift up your hearts!
- People: **We lift them up to the Lord!**
- Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God!
- People: **It is good and right to do so!**
- Minister: It is very good and right that we should at all times and in all places give thanks to you, O Holy Lord, Father Almighty, Everlasting God, through Jesus Christ our Lord. And now we do praise you who sent your only begotten Son, and that in him, being found in fashion as a man, you did reveal the fullness of your glory. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we praise and magnify your glorious name, evermore praising you and singing:

SANCTUS

11th cent. Plainsong, Steinau, 1726

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - - - ly,      Lord God of Sab - a - oth;  
 heav'n and earth are full      of thy glo - ry;      Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is he that com - eth in the Name      of the Lord;      Ho - san - na in the high - est.

# INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

## PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

### THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Bread

The Lord Jesus on the night when he was betrayed took bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it, and said, "This is my body, which is for you. Do this in remembrance of me." (1 Cor. 11:23-24)

William Cowper, 1771

Lowell Mason, 1830



1. There is a foun - tain filled with blood, drawn from Im - man - uel's veins;  
2. *The dy - ing thief re - joiced to see that foun - tain in his day;*  
3. E'er since by faith I saw the stream your flow - ing wounds sup - ply,  
4. *Then in a no - bler, sweet - er song I'll sing your pow'r to save,*  
5. Dear dy - ing Lamb, your pre - cious blood shall nev - er lose its pow'r,



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains:  
*and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way:*  
re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die:  
*when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave:*  
till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more:



lose all their guilt - y stains, — lose all their guilt - y stains;  
*washed all my sins a - way, — washed all my sins a - way;*  
and shall be till I die, — and shall be till I die;  
*lies si - lent in the grave, — lies si - lent in the grave;*  
be saved to sin no more, — be saved to sin no more;



and sin - ners, plunged be - neath that flood, lose all their guilt - y stains.  
*and there have I, as vile as he, washed all my sins a - way.*  
re - deem - ing love has been my theme, and shall be till I die.  
*when this poor lisp - ing, stam - m'ring tongue lies si - lent in the grave.*  
till all the ran - somed church of God be saved to sin no more.

**THE WORDS OF OUR LORD – The Cup**

In the same way also he took the cup, after supper, saying, “This cup is the new covenant in my blood. Do this, as often as you drink it, in remembrance of me.” (1 Cor. 11:25)

John of Damascus, c. 696-c. 754

Johann Horn, c. 1490-1547



1. Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!  
 2. *This the spring of souls to - day: Christ has burst his pris - on*  
 3. Now the queen of sea - sons, bright with the day of splen - dor,  
 4. *For to - day a - mong his own Christ ap - peared, be - stow - ing*  
 5. Al - le - lu - ia! Now we cry to our King im - mor - tal,



God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness,  
*and from three days' sleep in death as a sun has ris - en;*  
 with the roy - al feast of feasts comes its joy to ren - der;  
*his deep peace, which ev - er - more pass - es hu - man know - ing.*  
 who, tri - um - phant, burst the bars of the tomb's dark por - tal.



loosed from Phar - oah's bit - ter yoke Ja - cob's sons and daugh - ters,  
*all the win - ter of our sins, long and dark, is fly - ing*  
 comes to glad - den faith - ful hearts which with true af - fec - tion  
*Nei - ther could the gates of death nor the tomb's dark por - tal*  
 Come, you faith - ful, raise the strain of tri - um - phant glad - ness!



led them with un - moist - ened foot through the Red Sea wa - ters.  
*from his light, to whom is giv'n laud and praise un - dy - ing.*  
 wel - come in un - wea - ried strain Je - sus' res - ur - rec - tion!  
*nor the watch - ers nor the seal hold him as a mor - tal.*  
 God has brought his Is - ra - el in - to joy from sad - ness!

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **DEPARTING HYMN**

*Nunc Dimittis*

Song of Simeon

Luke 2:29-32, para. James Quinn

Traditional American melody



1. Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is now ful - filled.  
2. This is the Sav - ior of the world, the Gen-tiles' prom - ised light,



These eyes have seen sal - va-tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.  
God's glo - ry dwell - ing in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

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An elder will be available at the front of the sanctuary immediately after the service concludes to pray with you and help answer questions you may have about the Christian faith or Redeemer Presbyterian Church.

## LESSONS

### **Psalm 40:1-11**

I waited patiently upon the LORD;  
he stooped to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the desolate pit, out of the mire and clay;  
he set my feet upon a high cliff and made my footing sure.  
He put a new song in my mouth, a song of praise to our God;  
many shall see, and stand in awe, and put their trust in the LORD.  
Happy are they who trust in the LORD!  
they do not resort to evil spirits or turn to false gods.  
Great things are they that you have done, O LORD my God!  
how great your wonders and your plans for us!  
there is none who can be compared with you.  
Oh, that I could make them known and tell them!  
but they are more than I can count.  
In sacrifice and offering you take no pleasure  
(you have given me ears to hear you);  
Burnt offering and sin offering you have not required,  
and so I said, "Behold, I come.  
In the roll of the book it is written concerning me:  
'I love to do your will, O my God; your law is deep in my heart.'"  
I proclaimed righteousness in the great congregation;  
behold, I did not restrain my lips; and that, O LORD, you know.  
Your righteousness have I not hidden in my heart;  
I have spoken of your faithfulness and your deliverance;  
I have not concealed your love and faithfulness from the great congregation.  
You are the LORD; do not withhold your compassion from me;  
let your love and your faithfulness keep me safe for ever.

### **Isaiah 49:1-7**

Listen to me, O coastlands, and give attention, you peoples from afar. The LORD called me from the womb, from the body of my mother he named my name. He made my mouth like a sharp sword; in the shadow of his hand he hid me; he made me a polished arrow; in his quiver he hid me away. And he said to me, "You are my servant, Israel, in whom I will be glorified." But I said, "I have labored in vain; I have spent my strength for nothing and vanity; yet surely my right is with the LORD, and my recompense with my God."

And now the LORD says, he who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to bring Jacob back to him; and that Israel might be gathered to him— for I am honored in the eyes of the LORD, and my God has become my strength— he says: "It is too light a thing that you should be my servant to raise up the tribes of Jacob and to bring back the preserved of Israel; I will make you as a light for the nations, that my salvation may reach to the end of the earth."

Thus says the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel and his Holy One, to one deeply despised, abhorred by the nation, the servant of rulers: "Kings shall see and arise; princes, and they shall prostrate themselves; because of the LORD, who is faithful, the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you."

### **1 Corinthians 1:1-9**

Paul, called by the will of God to be an apostle of Christ Jesus, and our brother Sosthenes, To the church of God that is in Corinth, to those sanctified in Christ Jesus, called to be saints together with all those who in every place call upon the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, both their Lord and ours: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

I give thanks to my God always for you because of the grace of God that was given you in Christ Jesus, that in every way you were enriched in him in all speech and all knowledge— even as the testimony about Christ was confirmed among you— so that you are not lacking in any gift, as you wait for the revealing of our Lord Jesus Christ, who will sustain you to the end, guiltless in the day of our Lord Jesus Christ. God is faithful, by whom you were called into the fellowship of his Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sermon Lesson – John 8:21-30**

<sup>21</sup>So he said to them again, “I am going away, and you will seek me, and you will die in your sin. Where I am going, you cannot come.” <sup>22</sup>So the Jews said, “Will he kill himself, since he says, ‘Where I am going, you cannot come?’”

<sup>23</sup>He said to them, “You are from below; I am from above. You are of this world; I am not of this world. <sup>24</sup>I told you that you would die in your sins, for unless you believe that I am he you will die in your sins.” <sup>25</sup>So they said to him, “Who are you?” Jesus said to them, “Just what I have been telling you from the beginning. <sup>26</sup>I have much to say about you and much to judge, but he who sent me is true, and I declare to the world what I have heard from him.” <sup>27</sup>They did not understand that he had been speaking to them about the Father. <sup>28</sup>So Jesus said to them, “When you have lifted up the Son of Man, then you will know that I am he, and that I do nothing on my own authority, but speak just as the Father taught me. <sup>29</sup>And he who sent me is with me. He has not left me alone, for I always do the things that are pleasing to him.” <sup>30</sup>As he was saying these things, many believed in him.