

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church

FEBRUARY 7, 2021

FIFTH SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY

WELCOME

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Pastorale on 'Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us'

Music by William Bradbury
Setting by Dale Wood

CALL TO WORSHIP

Jesus says: Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven.

And blessed is the church that serves with the love of God to eradicate systemic poverty.

Jesus says: Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.

And blessed is the church that trusts in the grace of Christ to build congregational vitality.

Jesus says: Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.

And blessed is the church that seeks by the power of the Spirit to dismantle structural racism.

Blessed are you, O holy, triune God,

and blessed is your holy realm forever.

HYMN

Soon and Very Soon

SOON AND VERY SOON

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more crying there: we are going to see the King. (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

No more dying there: we are going to see the King. (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

Soon and very soon we are going to see the King. (3x)
Hallelujah, hallelujah, we're going to see the King!

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that we have wandered from your way of truth and life.

You call us to share all that we have and work together for the common good, but we hoard up treasures for ourselves and deny others their daily bread.

You call us to set the captives free and seek justice for the oppressed, but we live in fear of our neighbors and hide ourselves from our own kin.

You call us to walk in newness of life and to be witnesses to the resurrection, but we dwell in the valley of dry bones and keep silent about your saving love.

Forgive us, God of grace.

Set us free from sin, death and fear so that we may serve you with gladness; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Silence is kept for personal prayers of confession

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

JOYFUL RESPONSE TO THE DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

The Church of Christ in Every Age

WAREHAM

We have no mission but to serve in full obedience to our Lord:
To care for all, without reserve, and spread Christ's liberating word.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

David McCowen

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 5:3-12

MUSICAL OFFERING

Jesus, Be with Us

David Gambrell and Phillip Morgan

GOSPEL READING

Matthew 25:31-46

SERMON

Seeing Jesus

The Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

excerpts from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives.**

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

**In sovereign love God created the world good
and makes everyone equally in God's image to live as one community.**

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

**The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith
and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church.**

With believers in every time and place,

**we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us
from the love of God in Jesus Christ our Lord.**

JOYS AND CONCERNS OF GOD'S CHURCH, COMMUNITY AND WORLD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS

Offertory Response

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

LASST UNS ERFREUN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia, alleluia!
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication

THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Sanctus

Holy, Holy, Holy Lord

Elise Eslinger

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.

Breaking of the Bread and Pouring of the Cup

Communion of the People

Prayer after Communion

HYMN

When the Lord Redeems the Very Least

I'LL FLY AWAY

When the Lord redeems the very least, we will rejoice.
When the hungry gather for the feast, we will rejoice.

Refrain: We will rejoice with gladness.

We will rejoice.

All our days we'll sing to God in praise.

We will rejoice!

When the Lord restores the sick and weak, we will rejoice.
When the earth is given to the meek, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord revives the world from death, we will rejoice.
When the word of God fills every breath, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

When the Lord returns in victory, we will rejoice.
When we live in glorious liberty, we will rejoice. (*Refrain*)

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE PASSING OF THE PEACE

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.
And also with you.

BENEDICTION IN MUSIC

Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven
Based on the tune by Mark Andrews composed in 1930

Anna Laura Page



Today's Worship Leaders

Call to Worship led by: Ruling Elder Elona Street-Stewart and The Rev. Gregory Jerome Bentley, Co-Moderators of the 224th PC(USA) General Assembly

First Hymn led by: Carter Anderson II and William McConnell

Musical Offering written, composed, and led by: David Gambrell Phillip Morgan

Gospel Reading from Matthew 25 led by: Jihyun Oh, Denise Anderson, Moongil Cho (Korean), Ralph Su (Mandarin), Rosa Miranda (Spanish), Princeton Abaraoha (Igbo), William McConnell, David Gambrell

Sermon preached by: The Rev. Dr. Diane Givens Moffett, President/Executive Director, Presbyterian Mission Agency

Affirmation of Faith led by: David Gambrell

Second Hymn led by: Carter Anderson II William McConnell David Gambrell

Charge and Benediction led by: Rev. Dr. J. Herbert Nelson, PC(USA) Stated Clerk

Notes on Today's Music

Opening Voluntary William Batchelder Bradbury (1816-1868) is best known as a composer and publisher of a series of musical collections for choirs and schools. He was the author and compiler of fifty-nine books. He composed many tunes, including those for "He Leadeth Me"; "Just As I Am"; "Sweet Hour of Prayer" "Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us" and "My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less", all of which can still be found in hymnbooks and songbooks today. In 1862, Bradbury found the poem "Jesus Loves Me". Bradbury wrote the music and added the chorus: "Yes, Jesus loves me, ..." The arrangement is by Dale Wood (1934-2003), an American composer, organist, and choral director best known for his church music compositions.

The text of the **Joyful Response** was written by Fred Pratt Scott (1903-2000) an ordained minister of the Methodist Church in Britain, He is one of the best-known of the contemporary school of hymn writers in the British Isles. His name and writings appear in practically every new hymnal and "hymn supplement" wherever English is spoken and sung. This text was written in 1969 and was first published London in 1971. There are 11 hymns in our hymnal from his pen. The music was composed by William Knapp (1698-1768), an English composer of anthems, hymns, and psalm tunes.

The **Benediction in Music** is a setting of the hymn "Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven" with a a new tune, ANDREWS, composed by Mark Andrews (b. 1930). This tune first appeared in the 1986 *Great Songs Revised* edited by Forrest M. McCann. The text of the hymn, a paraphrase of Psalm 103, is by Henry Francis Lyte (1793-1847) was first published in *The Spirit of the Psalms* (London, 1834).

This setting is by Anna Laura Page (b. 1943), active as a composer, clinician, and organist. Her publications include choral works for children, youth and adults, and compositions for handbells, organ, and piano.