

SEEING



through a NEW lens

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GATHERING FOR WORSHIP

Pastoral Welcome

Prelude

“Shine, Jesus, Shine”

Annette Nolan

Confession and Forgiveness

L: We gather in the name of the Father and of the + Son and of the Holy Spirit.

L: Let us confess together.

C: God, we confess that sometimes we prefer to hide under cover of darkness where we justify our actions and behaviors as if they were secret and hidden from you.

We become calloused by our apathy.

We become complicit by our silence.

We become co-opted by our desires.

But, your light of true freedom shines *even* in the darkness, calling us to a more excellent way.

(Silence for reflection and self-examination)

L: God has forgiven you all your sins in Jesus Christ and filled you with the power of the Holy Spirit. May your light so shine before others that they may see your good works and glorify God forever.

C: Amen.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

Greeting

L: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

Prayer of Illumination

Let us pray. Lord Jesus Christ, we come before you, many of us feeling like we have climbed just a part of the mountain, and there is so much more of a climb left to even get to point to dream that we might be dazzled by what is Divine.

Our loads are heavy, with worry, with regret, with fatigue, with illness, with despair for all in the world that is hurting, in danger, in bondage and more.

We trudge ahead, following you, stumbling, hoping, praying . . . breathing hard, hearts pounding, and yes, even some of us are nimble and skipping.

Lead us Lord, to the top of that mountain, where we might be dazzled by your Light, lifted by what is Divine, filled by the sheer delight of what is numinous and ethereal and grounded and real.

We pray this, for ourselves, for one another, and for the places in which we live.⁺

C: Amen.

The First Reading

Exodus 34:29-35

L: Word of God, Word of Life.

C: Thanks be to God!

The Gospel Acclamation

Rob Beyersdorf



Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go? You have the
words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia. Al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

The Message

⁺ Written by Rev Karla, and posted on RevGalBlogPals



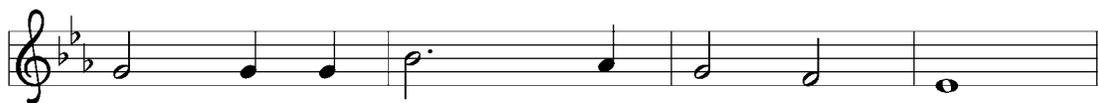
1 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, King of cre - a - tion,
 2 Fair are the mead - ows, fair are the wood - lands,
 3 Fair is the sun - shine, fair is the moon - light,
 4 Beau - ti - ful Sav - ior, Lord of the na - tions,



Son of God and Son of Man!
 robed in flow'rs of bloom - ing spring;
 bright the spar - kling stars on high;
 Son of God and Son of Man!



Tru - ly I'd love thee, tru - ly I'd serve thee,
 Je - sus is fair - er, Je - sus is pur - er,
 Je - sus shines bright - er, Je - sus shines pur - er,
 Glo - ry and hon - or, praise, ad - o - ra - tion,



light of my soul, my joy, my crown.
 he makes our sor - rowing spir - it sing.
 than all the an - gels in the sky.
 now and for - ev - er - more be thine!

A New Creed ⁺

We are not alone,
 we live in God's world.

We believe in God:
 who has created and is creating,
 who has come in Jesus,
 the Word made flesh,
 to reconcile and make new,
 who works in us and others by the Spirit.
 We trust in God.

⁺ *A New Creed* from The United Church of Canada (1968)

We are called to be the Church:
to celebrate God's presence,
to live with respect in Creation,
to love and serve others,
to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our judge and our hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,
God is with us.
We are not alone.
Thanks be to God.

Prayers of the Faithful

L: Siblings in Christ, from the waters of baptism, we have received the fullness of the Holy Spirit. Teach us to yield to the Spirit, who shapes us to embody the life of Jesus Christ and empowers us to reveal his love for the world. May our hands and feet be the hands and feet of Christ as we serve all people and strive for justice and peace in all the earth.

A brief silence.

L: God of revelation, on mountaintops and valley floors you reveal to us the light of your love. Our hearts desire is to bask in the amazing glory of the divine presence. With each encounter we are changed and transformed. Draw us nearer that we might experience a deeper sense of your Holy Spirit. Help us to live our lives as a reflection of divine glory. May we walk among our brothers and sister as a blessing, bearing light into dark places, hope to displace despair, and love that casts out hate.

L: Gracious God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, look upon our world with mercy, that we delight in an abundance of peace. Protect all whose lives are marred by war and civil unrest, especially with Russia's invasion of Ukraine and in the country of Ethiopia. Filled with your Spirit, we pray for courage to lift our own voices as we seek forgiveness and pursue nonviolent solutions in our own communities, in our nation, and within the world.

L: Gracious God,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, let your Spirit fall afresh on us today, heal those who long for healing and make whole those who hunger for wholeness. As we speak their names, we bring them to you in the confidence that you love them and know their every need and that your healing power will bring comfort and restoration.

L: We especially pray for:

- Val Allred
- Lemont Bell
- J.C. Bunn
- Rajiv & Ashish Choudhrie
- Tommy Currin
- Seena Drapala
- Charliese Eichler
- Abby Hibbeler
- Donnell Horton
- Waylon Kuklantz
- Ray Matthews
- Andrew Milholland
- Dave Miller
- **Da hood** (Daoud) & **Da hair** (Dahare)Nassar
- Carolyn Osborne
- Donna Parrish
- Leo Peeler
- Joyce Quigley
- Beverly Rector
- Shannon Roberson
- L.D. Shockley
- Reponda Smith
- Kelly Taylor
- David Townsend
- Jackie Torrence
- Renda Torrence
- Laura Tucker
- Debbie Vick
- Herbert Watson
- Velia Watson
- Renate Wilson

L: And for the deepest hopes of our hearts, we pray now.

Time for the community to pray.

L: We pray for our guests at Room in the Inn this past Monday: Trina, Leslie, Skicylene, Elliott, Anissa, Thomas, Kimberly, James, Teresa, and Sydni.

L: We remember and celebrate the lives of those who have died, especially:

- Richard Schulz, brother-in-law of Dan & Jan Otolski, died February 10.
- Kim Solaris, friend of Laura Torrence, died February 25.
- Michael Train, former member of Advent, died January 26.

L: By your Holy Spirit, comfort their families, and all who grieve, give peace to those who mourn, strengthen all through the promise of eternal life in Jesus Christ.

L: God of grace,

C: hear our prayer.

L: Gracious God, you have called us through the goodness of your grace to be your hands and do your work, to be your voice and share your words, to bring healing to a fallen world and wholeness to broken lives. Let your light shine through us and light the path for others, so that all may experience your love and share in the joy of your Holy Spirit.

C: **Amen.**

SHARING THE MEAL

Words of Institution

The Lord's Prayer (*sung*)

C: **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. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil, for the kingdom, the pow'r and the glory are yours, now and forever.**

Post-Communion Blessing

L: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ and the gifts of his body and blood strengthen, keep and unite us now and forever.

C: **Amen.**

SENDING GOD'S PEOPLE

Franciscan Blessing

L: May God bless us with discomfort at easy answers, half-truths, and superficial relationships, so that we may live deep within our hearts.

May God bless us with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that we may work for justice, freedom, and peace.

And may God bless us with enough foolishness to believe that we can make a difference in this world, so that we can do what others claim cannot be done.

C: **Amen.**

These are the days of Elijah
Declaring the Word of the Lord
And these are the days
Of Your servant Moses
Righteousness being restored
And though these are days
Of great trials
Of famine and darkness and sword
Still we are the voice
In the desert crying
Prepare ye the way of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

And these are the days of Ezekiel
The dry bones becoming as flesh
And these are the days
Of Your servant David
Rebuilding a temple of praise
And these are the days of the harvest
The fields are as white in the world
And we are the laborers
In Your vineyard
Declaring the Word of the Lord

Chorus

Behold He comes
Riding on the clouds
Shining like the sun
At the trumpet call
So lift your voice
It's the year of Jubilee
And out of Zion's hill
Salvation comes

There is no god like Jehovah
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Chorus

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CCLI Song # 1537904

Robin Mark

Dismissal

L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

C: **Thanks be to God.**