

PRELUDE

◇A time of quiet preparation *Serenade/ F. Haydn*
All Praise to Thee, My God, This Night/ T. Tallis
Harpist: Aviendha Fogie

WORDS OF GREETING

Dwight McKay

WE APPROACH GOD

IN WORD Ephesians 1: 18-23 (NIV)

Leader: I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be enlightened in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you,

People: **The riches of his glorious inheritance in the saints, and his incomparably great power for us who believe.**

Leader: That power is like the working of his mighty strength, which he exerted in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly realms,

People: **Far above all rule and authority, power and dominion, and every title that can be given, not only in the present age but also in the one to come.**

Leader: And God placed all things under his feet

People: **And appointed him to be head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills everything in every way.**

IN PRAYER

*WE PRAISE OUR GOD

HYMN OF PRAISE 296 (vss. 1-5) *All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name!*

WE CONFESS OUR FAITH

I Peter 1:3-9 (NIV)

Leader: Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ!

People: **In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,**

Leader: And into an inheritance that can never perish, spoil or fade--kept in heaven for you,

People: **Who through faith are shielded by God's power until the coming of the salvation that is ready to be revealed in the last time.**

Leader: In this you greatly rejoice though now for a little while you may have had to suffer grief in all kinds of trials.

People: **These have come so that your faith--of greater worth than gold, which perishes even though refined by fire--may be proved genuine and may result in praise, glory and honor when Jesus Christ is revealed.**

Leader: Though you have not seen him, you love him; and even though you do not see him now, you believe in him

People: **And are filled with an inexpressible and glorious joy, for you are receiving the goal of your faith, the salvation of your souls.**

*WE EXALT OUR LORD

WORSHIP SONGS

Leader: But our citizenship is in heaven. And we eagerly await a Savior from there, the Lord Jesus Christ, who, by the power that enables him to bring everything under his control, will transform our lowly bodies so that they will be like his glorious body.

Philippians 3:20-21(NIV)

WE GREET ONE ANOTHER

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN TO CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (4 years old to 1st grade)

WELCOME TO VISITORS

ORDINATION

Len Spencer

WE SEEK GOD'S FACE

Prayers of God's People

WE OFFER OUR GIFTS

OFFERING/ OFFERTORY

This is My Father's World/ arr. D. Burton

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 11: 1-50 (NIV)

¹ Now a man named Lazarus was sick. He was from Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. ² This Mary, whose brother Lazarus now lay sick, was the same one who poured perfume on the Lord and wiped his feet with her hair. ³ So the sisters sent

word to Jesus, "Lord, the one you love is sick."

⁴ When he heard this, Jesus said, "This sickness will not end in death. No, it is for God's glory so that God's Son may be glorified through it."

⁵ Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus.⁶ Yet when he heard that Lazarus was sick, he stayed where he was two more days.⁷ Then he said to his disciples, "Let us go back to Judea."

⁸ "But Rabbi," they said, "a short while ago the Jews tried to stone you, and yet you are going back there?"

⁹ Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours of daylight? A man who walks by day will not stumble, for he sees by this world's light.

¹⁰ It is when he walks by night that he stumbles, for he has no light."¹¹ After he had said this, he went on to tell them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep; but I am going there to wake him up."

¹² His disciples replied, "Lord, if he sleeps, he will get better."

¹³ Jesus had been speaking of his death, but his disciples thought he meant natural sleep.¹⁴ So then he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead,¹⁵ and for your sake I am glad I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him."

¹⁶ Then Thomas (called Didymus) said to the rest of the disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

¹⁷ On his arrival, Jesus found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb for four days.

¹⁸ Bethany was less than two miles from Jerusalem,¹⁹ and many Jews had come to Martha and Mary to comfort them in the loss of their brother.²⁰ When Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went out to meet him, but Mary stayed at home.

²¹ "Lord," Martha said to Jesus, "if you had been here, my brother would not have died.²² But I know that even now God will give you whatever you ask."

²³ Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again."

²⁴ Martha answered, "I know he will rise again in the resurrection at the last day."

²⁵ Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. He who believes in me will live, even though he dies;²⁶ and whoever lives and believes in me will never die. Do you believe this?"

²⁷ "Yes, Lord," she told him, "I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who was to come into the world."²⁸ And after she had said this, she went back and called her sister Mary aside. "The Teacher is here," she said, "and is asking for you."

²⁹ When Mary heard this, she got up quickly and went to him.

³⁰ Now Jesus had not yet entered the village, but was still at the place where Martha had met him.³¹ When the Jews who had been with Mary in the house, comforting her, noticed how quickly she got up and went out, they followed her, supposing she was going to the tomb to mourn there.

³² When Mary reached the place where Jesus was and saw him, she fell at his feet and said, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died."

³³ When Jesus saw her weeping, and the Jews who had come along with her also weeping, he was deeply moved in spirit and troubled.³⁴ "Where have you laid him?" he asked. "Come and see, Lord," they replied.

³⁵ Jesus wept.

³⁶ Then the Jews said, "See how he loved him!"

³⁷ But some of them said, "Could not he who opened the eyes of the blind man have kept this man from dying?"

³⁸ Jesus, once more deeply moved, came to the tomb. It was a cave with a stone laid across the entrance.³⁹ "Take away the stone," he said. "But, Lord," said Martha, the sister of the dead man, "by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days."

⁴⁰ Then Jesus said, "Did I not tell you that if you believed, you would see the glory of God?"⁴¹ So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, "Father, I thank you that you have heard me.⁴² I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me."⁴³ When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, "Lazarus, come out!"

⁴⁴ The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, "Take off the grave clothes and let him go."

⁴⁵ Therefore many of the Jews who had come to visit Mary, and had seen what Jesus did, put their faith in him.⁴⁶ But some of them went to the Pharisees and told them what Jesus had done.

⁴⁷ Then the chief priests and the Pharisees called a meeting of the Sanhedrin. "What are we accomplishing?" they asked. "Here is this man performing many miraculous signs."⁴⁸ If we let him go on like this, everyone will believe in him, and then the Romans will come and take away both our place and our nation."⁴⁹ Then one of them, named Caiaphas, who was high priest that year, spoke up, "You know nothing at all!

⁵⁰ You do not realize that it is better for you that one man die for the people than that the whole nation perish."

SERMON

Glimpses Behind the Curtain
series: Jesus According to John
Rev. Thomas E. Nicholas

***WE GO FORTH TO SERVE**

HYMN OF RESPONSE **647** (vss. 1-4) *How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds*

WORDS OF PEACE

DISMISSAL OF CHILDREN FOR SUNDAY SCHOOL HOUR (2nd to 5th grade)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

POSTLUDE

