

A Light to the Nations

*And nations shall come to your light,
and kings to the brightness of your rising.*

Isaiah 60:3



Prelude

My Heart Ever Faithful from Cantata No. 68 organ

libretto, Christiane Mariane von Ziegler
music, Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. Lani Smith

Mein gläubiges Herze,
Frohlocke, sing, scherze,
Dein Jesus ist da!
Weg Jammer, weg Klagen,
Ich will euch nur sagen:
Mein Jesus ist nah.

My faithful heart,
rejoice, sing, be merry,
your Jesus is here!
Away with sorrow, away with lamentation
I shall just say to you:
my Jesus is close.

Holy, Holy, Holy

organ

arr. Hugh Livingston

Welcome

Pastor Michael Anderson

Silent meditation

When Pharaoh let the people go...God led the people around by the way of the wilderness toward the Red Sea.... And the Lord went before them by day in a pillar of cloud to lead them along the way, and by night in a pillar of fire to give them light, that they might travel by day and by night. The pillar of cloud by day and the pillar of fire by night did not depart from before the people. Exodus 13:17a, 18a, 21-22

Spirit of fire,
who came as a rushing wind breathing life and hope
into dead bones and cold hearts,
we praise you for the comfort and guidance
you have given the church throughout the ages:

for your presence in creation,
for changing hearts and guiding decisions,
for your work through the church universal,
for your presence in our worship,
for your sanctifying work in our lives.

We pray in the name of the Father and the Son,
who live and reign together with you,
one God forever and ever.

—excerpt from “Pentecost: Prayers of the People,” *The Worship Sourcebook*

GOD CALLS US TO WORSHIP

Call to Worship

Psalm 72:1-13

Elder John Gustafson

Give the king your justice, O God,
and your righteousness to the royal son!
May he judge your people with righteousness,
and your poor with justice!
Let the mountains bear prosperity for the people,
and the hills, in righteousness!
May he defend the cause of the poor of the people,
give deliverance to the children of the needy,
and crush the oppressor!

May they fear you while the sun endures,
and as long as the moon, throughout all generations!
May he be like rain that falls on the mown grass,
like showers that water the earth!
In his days may the righteous flourish,
and peace abound, till the moon be no more!

May he have dominion from sea to sea,
and from the River to the ends of the earth!
May desert tribes bow down before him,
and his enemies lick the dust!
May the kings of Tarshish and of the coastlands
render him tribute;
may the kings of Sheba and Seba
bring gifts!
May all kings fall down before him,
all nations serve him!

For he delivers the needy when he calls,
the poor and him who has no helper.
He has pity on the weak and the needy,
and saves the lives of the needy.

* *Jesus Shall Reign* Trinity Hymnal 441

* Invocation

We Are One!

choir

by Mama Beyeke Chorale, adapted by Ron Hurd

Oh, alleluia
We are one, alleluia

God, the Father
God, the Son
God, the Spirit
He is one
Of the Father
By the Son
Through the Spirit
We are one

GOD CALLS US TO RENEWAL

Call to confession

Ephesians 5:13-21

...when anything is exposed by the light, it becomes visible, for anything that becomes visible is light. Therefore it says,

“Awake, O sleeper,
and arise from the dead,
and Christ will shine on you.”

Look carefully then how you walk, not as unwise but as wise, making the best use of the time, because the days are evil. Therefore do not be foolish, but understand what the will of the Lord is. And do not get drunk with wine, for that is debauchery, but be filled with the Spirit, addressing one another in psalms and hymns and spiritual songs, singing and making melody to the Lord with your heart, giving thanks always and for everything to God the Father in the name of our Lord Jesus Christ, submitting to one another out of reverence for Christ.

Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Trinity Hymnal 646

Prayer of confession followed by a time of silent confession

Declaration of Forgiveness Ephesians 2:13-14a, 17-22

But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far off have been brought near by the blood of Christ. For he himself is our peace....

And he came and preached peace to you who were far off and peace to those who were near. For through him we both have access in one Spirit to the Father. So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.

8:30 service On the final verse of the song below, 4- to 5- year-olds are invited to the foyer to join Christ Kids Worship and will return following the sermon.

11:15 service Church bags are available in the foyer for 4- to 5-year-olds who need some quiet activities during the sermon.

***Shine, Jesus, Shine**

Graham Kendrick



1. Lord, the light of Your love is shin - ing
2. Lord, I come to Your awe - some pres - ence
3. As we gaze on Your king - ly bright - ness,



in the midst of the dark - ness shin - ing;
from the sha - dows in - to Your ra - di - ance;
so our fa - ces dis - play Your like - ness;



Je - sus, Light of the World, shine up - on us,
by the blood I may en - ter Your bright - ness,
ev - er chang - ing from glo - ry to glo - ry,



set us free by the truth You now bring us.
search me, try me, con - sume all my dark - ness.
mir - rored here may our lives tell Your sto - ry.



Shine on me, shine on me.



Shine, Je - sus, shine, fill this land with the Fa - ther's glo - ry,



blaze, Spir - it, blaze, set our hearts on fire;



Flow, riv - er, flow, flood the na - tions with grace and mer - cy,



send forth Your word, Lord, and let there be light.

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GOD'S WORD GIVEN TO US

* Scripture reading

Acts 2:1-21

When the day of Pentecost arrived, they were all together in one place. ² And suddenly there came from heaven a sound like a mighty rushing wind, and it filled the entire house where they were sitting. ³ And divided tongues as of fire appeared to them and rested on each one of them. ⁴ And they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in other tongues as the Spirit gave them utterance.

⁵ Now there were dwelling in Jerusalem Jews, devout men from every nation under heaven. ⁶ And at this sound the multitude came together, and they were bewildered, because each one was hearing them speak in his own language. ⁷ And they were amazed and astonished, saying, "Are not all these who are speaking Galileans?" ⁸ And how is it that we hear, each of us in his own native language? ⁹ Parthians and Medes and Elamites and residents of Mesopotamia, Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, ¹⁰ Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya belonging to Cyrene, and visitors from Rome, ¹¹ both Jews and proselytes, Cretans and Arabians—we hear them telling in our own tongues the mighty works of God." ¹² And all were amazed and perplexed, saying to one another, "What does this mean?" ¹³ But others mocking said, "They are filled with new wine."

¹⁴ But Peter, standing with the eleven, lifted up his voice and addressed them: "Men of Judea and all who dwell in Jerusalem, let this be known to you, and give ear to my words. ¹⁵ For these people are not drunk, as you suppose, since it is only the third hour of the day. ¹⁶ But this is what was uttered through the prophet Joel:

¹⁷ "And in the last days it shall be, God declares, that I will pour out my Spirit on all flesh, and your sons and your daughters shall prophesy, and your young men shall see visions, and your old men shall dream dreams;

¹⁸ even on my male servants and female servants in those days I will pour out my Spirit, and they shall prophesy.

¹⁹ And I will show wonders in the heavens above and signs on the earth below, blood, and fire, and vapor of smoke;

²⁰ the sun shall be turned to darkness and the moon to blood, before the day of the Lord comes, the great and magnificent day.

²¹ And it shall come to pass that everyone who calls upon the name of the Lord shall be saved.'

Elder: The Word of the Lord

All: Thanks be to God!

* Prayer

Sermon

Filled with the Holy Spirit

Pastor Andrew VanderMaas

Thickening Plot

Intensely Personal

Invigorating Power

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DEDICATING OURSELVES TO GOD

* Amen, We Praise Your Name, O God

S.C. Molefe

English 1. A men! We praise your name, O God.

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Chinese 2. A - men! Zhu, zan mei ni de ming.

Portuguese 3. A - mém! Nós te lou - va - mous, Deus.

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Korean 4. A - men! Ju i - reum chan - yang - hae.

Urdu 5. A - meen! Ta - reef Te - ri Khu - da.

...

Ukrainian 6. Ah-meen! Mih khva - lim - mo teh beh.

Spanish 7. A - mén! A - la - ba - mos a Dios.

A - men! We praise your name, O God. A - men, a - men,

...

A - men! Zhu, zan mei ni de ming. A men, a men.

A - mém! Nós te lou - va - mos, Deus. A - mém, a - mém.

...

A - men! Ju i - reum chan - yang - hae. A - men, a - men.

A - meen! Ta - reef Te - ri Khu - da. A - meen, a - meen.

...

Ah meen! Mih khva - lim - mo teh beh! Ah meen, ah-meen!

A - mén! A la - ba - mos a Dios. A - mén, a - mén,

a - men, a - men. A - men! We praise your name, O God.
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 Ah - meen, ah - meen. Ah - meen! Mih khva - lim - mo teh beh.
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Prayers of the People

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Offertory *The Church's One Foundation* organ arr. James Mansfield

The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
 she is his new creation by water and the Word:
 from heaven he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
 with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.

Elect from every nation, yet one over all the earth,
 her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
 one holy name she blesses, partakes one holy food,
 and to one hope she presses, with every grace endued.

*** Doxology**

Trinity Hymnal 731

*** Benediction**

Kids and All: You are invited to come forward and play rhythm instruments as we sing our closing Amen song.

*** Amen, God Will Send**

by Bruce Benedict, 2024

A - men, God will
send his Spi - rit in - to the
world to heal and mend it.

*** Postlude**

Prayer Partners are available to pray with you right now. Come to the area by the organ with anything on your heart: praise, fears, questions, thanksgiving. We'll sit down and pray together.

Worship musicians
Adult Choir
Sarah Helder, director

Jude Snyder, Rebekah LaPlaca, percussion
Susan Guerra, piano & organ