



## The Sermon at Nazareth

January 17, 2021

8:30 a.m.

### PRELUDE

Fantasy on "Lift Every Voice and Sing"

Mark Sedio

### OPENING SENTENCES

Jesus says to us:

**"Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?"**

Amazed, we speak well of him and his gracious works.

**How God has anointed him to bring good news to the poor,**

Release to the captives and let the oppressed go free.

**"We are not worthy; only speak the word and we will be healed."**

Jesus calls to us:

**"Come and stand here. Stretch out your hand. Do not weep. I say to you, rise!"**

Help us say:

**"A great prophet has risen among us. God has looked favorably on all people."**

### PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Almighty and ever-living God, increase in us the gifts of faith, hope, and love; and that we may obtain what you promise, make us love what you command, through your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

**Amen.**

### MUSICAL REFLECTION

"Alleluia"

Antonio Vivaldi

### FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

<sup>1</sup>Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

<sup>2</sup>I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

I will sing praises to my God all my life long.

<sup>3</sup>Do not put your trust in rulers,

in mortals, in whom there is no help.

<sup>4</sup>When their breath departs, they return to the earth;

on that very day their plans perish.

<sup>5</sup>Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,  
whose hope is in the Lord their God,  
<sup>6</sup>who made heaven and earth,  
the sea, and all that is in them;  
who keeps faith forever;  
<sup>7</sup>who executes justice for the oppressed;  
who gives food to the hungry.  
The Lord sets the prisoners free;  
<sup>8</sup>the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.  
The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;  
the Lord loves the righteous.  
<sup>9</sup>The Lord watches over the strangers;  
he upholds the orphan and the widow,  
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.  
<sup>10</sup>The Lord will reign forever,  
your God, O Zion, for all generations.  
Praise the Lord!

Word of God. Word of life.

**Thanks be to God.**

#### NARRATIVE READING

Luke 4:14-30

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

<sup>14</sup>Then Jesus, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. <sup>15</sup>He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

<sup>16</sup>When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, <sup>17</sup>and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

<sup>18</sup>"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me,  
because he has anointed me  
to bring good news to the poor.  
He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives  
and recovery of sight to the blind,  
to let the oppressed go free,  
<sup>19</sup>to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

<sup>20</sup>And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. <sup>21</sup>Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." <sup>22</sup>All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" <sup>23</sup>He said to them, "Doubtless you will quote to me this proverb, 'Doctor, cure yourself!' And you will say, 'Do here also in your hometown the things that we have heard you did at Capernaum.'" <sup>24</sup>And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown.

<sup>25</sup>But the truth is, there were many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, when the heaven was shut up three years and six months, and there was a severe famine over all the land; <sup>26</sup>yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. <sup>27</sup>There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." <sup>28</sup>When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. <sup>29</sup>They got up, drove him out of the town, and led him to the brow of the hill on which their town was built, so that they might hurl him off the cliff. <sup>30</sup>But he passed through the midst of them and went on his way.

Word of God. Word of life.  
**Thanks be to God.**

## SERMON

## MUSICAL RESPONSE

"Tis Winter Now, the Fallen Snow"

Nancy Grundahl

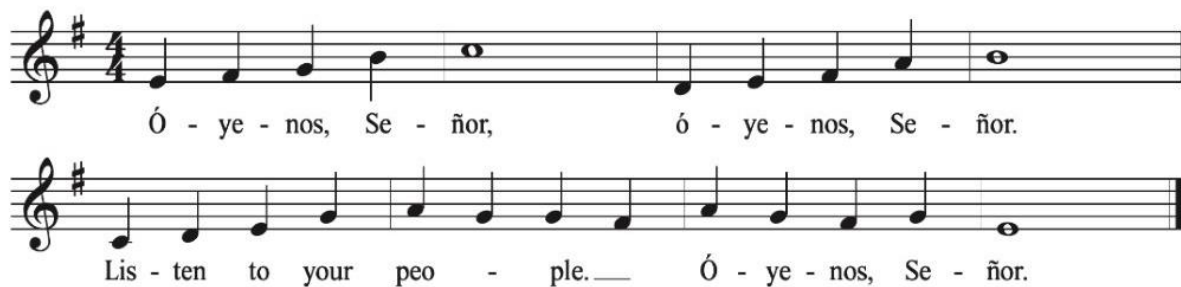
*'Tis winter now, the falling snow has left the heaven's all coldly clear,  
Through leafless boughs the sharp winds blow and all the earth lies dead and drear.  
God's love is not withdrawn, God's life within the keen air breathes.  
While beauty paints the crimson dawn and clothes the boughs with littering wreaths.  
And though abroad the sharp winds blow and skies are chill and frosts are keen,  
Home draws our circle closer now and warmer glows the light within.  
O God who gives the winter cold, as well as summer's joyous rays;  
Us warmly in thy love enfold and keep us through life's wintry days.*

*William Wadsworth Longfellow*

## PRAYERS OF THE CHURCH

*We gather our prayers using a sung response from the new supplement to the ELW "All Creation Sings."*

Guided by the spirit and gathered into one community, let us pray for the church, the world and all God's creation.



Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor, ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

Lis - ten to your peo - ple. — Ó - ye - nos, Se - ñor.

*Óyenos, Señor (Spanish): Hear us, Lord.*

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Each petition concludes:  
[Sung Response]

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting that you always hear our prayers.

**Amen.**

#### LORD'S PRAYER

Rejoicing in the presence of God here among us, let us pray as our Savior taught:

**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 power,  
and the glory are yours,  
now and forever. Amen.**

#### BENEDICTION

God the creator strengthen you;  
Jesus the beloved fill you;  
and the Holy Spirit the comforter ✠ keep you in peace.  
**Amen.**

#### PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

#### POSTLUDE

"Allegro Maestoso e Vivace" from *Sonata Op. 65, No. 2*

Felix Mendelssohn

PREACHING Pastor Melissa Pohlman  
PRESIDING Pastor Stephanie Friesen  
ASSISTING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe  
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