

The Boy in the Temple

January 10, 2021

10:30 a.m.

PRELUDE

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word" BWV 731

Johann Sebastian Bach

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."

Amen.

OPENING HYMN

"Dearest Jesus, at Your Word"

(see end of bulletin)

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Let us pray.

God of all learning, When the boy, Jesus, stayed in the temple to learn from the elders, it was the elders who in turn learned from him. Teach us, Lord, as you have taught others, and grant us wisdom and willingness to learn.

Amen.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 2:7-8

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

⁷I will tell of the decree of the LORD:

God said to me, "You are my son;
today I have begotten you.
⁸Ask of me, and I will make the nations your heritage,
and the ends of the earth your possession.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

NARRATIVE READING

Luke 2:41-52

Today's narrative reading is from Luke:

⁴¹Now every year his parents went to Jerusalem for the festival of the Passover. ⁴²And when he was twelve years old, they went up as usual for the festival. ⁴³When the festival was ended and they started to return, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem, but his parents did not know it. ⁴⁴Assuming that he was in the group of travelers, they went a day's journey. Then they started to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem to search for him. ⁴⁶After three days they found him in the temple, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸When his parents saw him they were astonished; and his mother said to him, "Child, why have you treated us like this? Look, your father and I have been searching for you in great anxiety." ⁴⁹He said to them, "Why were you searching for me? Did you not know that I must be in my Father's house?" ⁵⁰But they did not understand what he said to them. ⁵¹Then he went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them. His mother treasured all these things in her heart.

⁵²And Jesus increased in wisdom and in years, and in divine and human favor.

Word of God. Word of life.

Thanks be to God.

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY

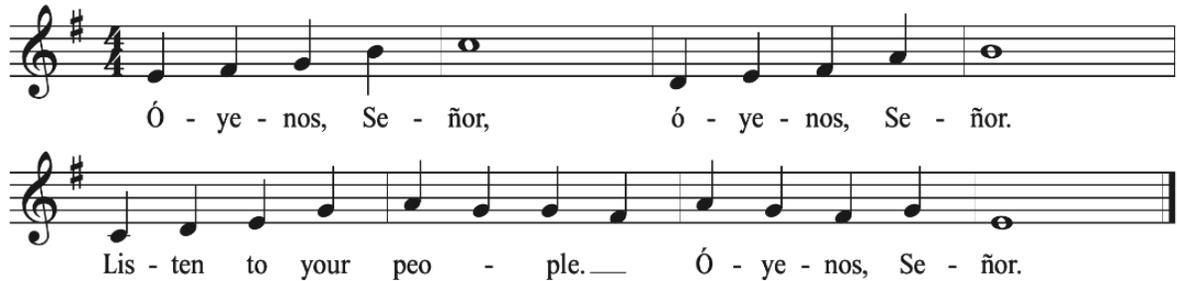
"Open Your Ears, O Faithful People"

(see end of bulletin) arr. Robert Hobby

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.

Text and Music: Bob Hurd
© 1988, 1990 Bob Hurd, admin, OCP Publications
Reproduced under OneLicense A-704052

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.

CLOSING CANTICLE

“Glory to God in the Highest”

During the Epiphany season we remember the angels’ song over Bethlehem with the traditional canticle – today used as our closing hymn. (Setting from “Missa Centralis” by Cantor Sedio written in celebration of Central’s centenary.)

All sing the refrain, choir sings the verses:

first time: All (refrain):

Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God in the high-est!

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God and peace to God's peo - ple on earth. ___

Choir: Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. *Refrain*

Choir: Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father, Lord God, Lamb of God, you take away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. You are seated at the right hand of the Father, receive our prayer. *Refrain*

Choir: For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord.
You alone are the Lord. You alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ,
in the glory of God the Father. *Amen. Refrain*

PEACE

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

POSTLUDE

If you but Trust in God to Guide you, BWV 642

Johann Sebastian Bach

PREACHING Pastor Stephanie Friesen
PRESIDING Pastor Melissa Pohlman
ASSISTING Pastor Peter Nycklemoe
ORGANISTS Isaac Drewes, Cantor Mark Sedio
QUARTET Froya Olson, Robin Helgen, Bill Pederson, David Gindra
VIDEO/SOUND Mark Kieffer

Portions of the liturgy are from Sundays and Seasons.com

© 2021 Augsburg Fortress.

All rights reserved.

Reprinted by permission under

Augsburg Fortress liturgies license #26515.

Hymns reproduced under OneLicense A-704051

Opening Sentences © 2021 Central Lutheran Church

Prayer of the Day – <http://www.narrativelectionary.org>

***Chancel flowers this weekend are given by the Floral Guild. If you wish to donate flowers,
contact Judy Korogi at 612-788-1288.***

Stanzas 1 – unison; 2 & 3 - harmony; 4 - omit

Dearest Jesus, at Your Word

1 Dear - est Je - sus, at your word we have come a -
 2 All our knowl - edge, sense, and sight lie in deep - est
 3 Ra - diance of God's glo - ry bright, Light of Light from
 4 Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost, praise to you and

gain to hear you; let our thoughts and hearts be stirred
 dark - ness shroud - ed till your Spir - it breaks the night,
 God pro - ceed - ing, Je - sus, send your bless - ed light;
 ad - o - ra - tion! Grant us what we need the most:

and in glow - ing faith be near you as the prom - is -
 fill - ing us with light un - cloud - ed. All good thoughts and
 help our hear - ing, speak - ing, heed - ing, that our prayers and
 all your gos - pel's con - so - la - tion while we here on

es here giv - en draw us whol - ly up to heav - en.
 all good liv - ing come but by your gra - cious giv - ing.
 songs may please you, as with grate - ful hearts we praise you.
 earth a - wait you, till in heav'n with praise we greet you.

Open Your Ears, O Faithful People



1 O - pen your ears, O faith-ful peo-ple, o - pen your ears and hear God's word.
 2 They who have ears to hear the mes-sage, they who have ears, now let them hear;



O - pen your hearts, O roy - al priest-hood, God has come to you.
 they who would learn the way of wis - dom, let them hear God's word.



Refrain
 To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken to the peo - ple, hal - le - lu - jah!



To - rah o - ra, To - rah o - ra, hal - le - lu - jah!
 God has spo - ken words of wis - dom, hal - le - lu - jah!

Text: Hasidic traditional; Willard F. Jabusch, b. 1930, English version
 Music: YISRAEL V'ORAITA, Hasidic tune
 Text © 1966, 1982 Willard F. Jabusch, admin. OCP Publications, 5536 NE Hassalo, Portland, OR 97213. All rights reserved. Used by permission.
 Duplication in any form prohibited without permission or valid license from copyright administrator.

3. Israel comes to greet the Savior, Judah is glad to see this day,
 From east and west the people travel, God will show the way.
Refrain.