



The Sermon at Nazareth

January 17, 2021

10:30 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."

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 Most High Jesus Christ with the Holy Spirit
in the glory of God the Father. Amen. *Refrain*

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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.

CHILDREN'S TIME

FIRST READING

Psalm 146

Today's first reading is from the Psalms:

¹Praise the Lord!

Praise the Lord, O my soul!

²I will praise the Lord as long as I live;

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

³Do not put your trust in ruler,
in mortals, in whom there is no help.

⁴When their breath departs, they return to the earth;
on that very day their plans perish.

⁵Happy are those whose help is the God of Jacob,
whose hope is in the Lord their God,

⁶who made heaven and earth,
the sea, and all that is in them;
who keeps faith forever;

⁷who executes justice for the oppressed;
who gives food to the hungry.

The Lord sets the prisoners free;

⁸the Lord opens the eyes of the blind.

The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.

⁹The Lord watches over the strangers;
he upholds the orphan and the widow,
but the way of the wicked he brings to ruin.

¹⁰The 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:

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

¹⁶When 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, ¹⁷and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

¹⁸"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,
¹⁹to proclaim the year of the Lord's favor."

²⁰And 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. ²¹Then he began to say to them, "Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing." ²²All spoke well of him and were amazed at the gracious words that came from his mouth. They said, "Is not this Joseph's son?" ²³He 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.'" ²⁴And he said, "Truly I tell you, no prophet is accepted in the prophet's hometown. ²⁵But 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; ²⁶yet Elijah was sent to none of them except to a widow at Zarephath in Sidon. ²⁷There were also many lepers in Israel in the time of the prophet Elisha, and none of them was cleansed except Naaman the Syrian." ²⁸When they heard this, all in the synagogue were filled with rage. ²⁹They 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. ³⁰But 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

"The Spirit of the Lord Is Upon Me"

Edward Elgar

This piece is taken from the first section of Elgar's oratorio "The Apostles" with text from Isaiah 61. English composer Elgar (1857-1934) is perhaps best known for his "Pomp and Circumstance" marches and the "Enigma Variations."

The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because He hath anointed me to preach the Gospel to the poor: He had sent me to heal the brokenhearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord; to give them that mourn a garland for ashes, the oil of joy for mourning, the garment of praise for the spirit of heaviness; that they might be called trees of righteousness, the planting of the Lord, that he might be glorified. For as the earth bringeth forth her bud, and as the garden causeth the things that are sown in it to spring forth; So the Lord God will cause righteousness and praise to spring forth before all the nations.

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.

CHORAL OFFERING

"Praise His Holy Name"

Keith Hampton

Dr. Keith Hampton is an organist and choral conductor based in Chicago, serving several churches and choirs, including his appointment at Lutheran School of Theology, Chicago, as Cantor. He is perhaps best known for his gospel transcriptions and compositions.

"Praise His Holy Name" was recorded virtually by the Central Lutheran Church Choir. Members recorded their voices from their individual homes, which were then mixed together with piano accompaniment. In this way, the choir sings together even while being physically apart.

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

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