

February 25, 2015

Service of Light

Versicles

- P** Jesus Christ is the Light of the world,
C **the light no darkness can overcome.**
P Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening,
C **and the day is almost over.**
P Let Your light scatter the darkness
C **and illumine Your Church.**

Responsive Psalm Reading

Psalm 30:1–12

- P** I will extol you, O LORD, for you have drawn me up and have not let my foes rejoice over me.
C **O LORD my God, I cried to you for help, and you have healed me.**
P O LORD, you have brought up my soul from Sheol; you restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.
C **Sing praises to the LORD, O you his saints, and give thanks to his holy name.**
P For his anger is but for a moment, and his favor is for a lifetime. Weeping may tarry for the night, but joy comes with the morning.
C **As for me, I said in my prosperity, “I shall never be moved.”**
P By your favor, O LORD, you made my mountain stand strong; you hid your face; I was dismayed.
C **To you, O LORD, I cry, and to the Lord I plead for mercy:**
P “What profit is there in my death, if I go down to the pit? Will the dust praise you? Will it tell of your faithfulness?
C **Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me! O LORD, be my helper!”**
P You have turned for me my mourning into dancing; you have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,
C **that my glory may sing your praise and not be silent. O LORD my God, I will give thanks to you forever!**
C **Glory be to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.**

Hymn – *Congregation’s Choice*

The Feast of Dedication

Reading

John 10:22–42

P A reading from John, the tenth chapter.

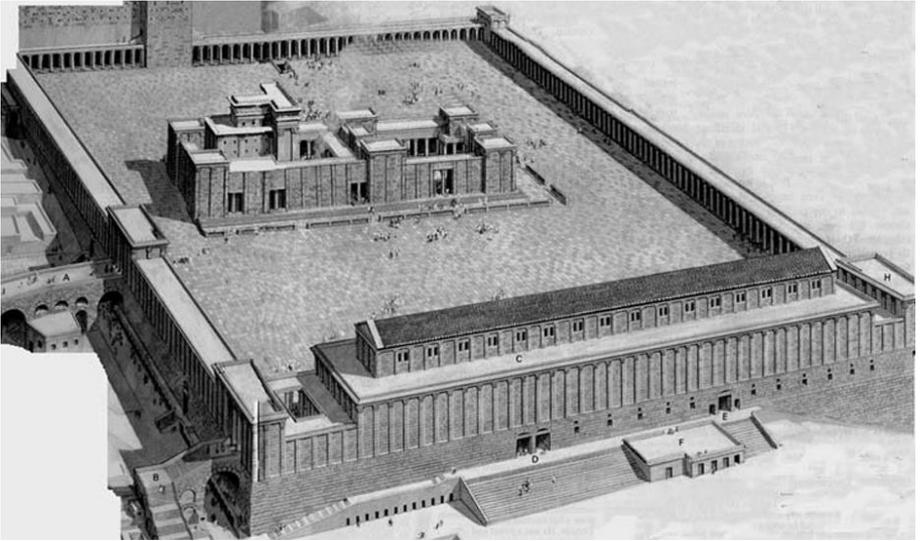
²²At that time the Feast of Dedication took place at Jerusalem. It was winter, ²³and Jesus was walking in the temple, in the colonnade of Solomon. ²⁴So the Jews gathered around him and said to him, “How long will you keep us in suspense? If you are the Christ, tell us plainly.” ²⁵Jesus answered them, “I told you, and you do not believe. The works that I do in my Father’s name bear witness about me, ²⁶but you do not believe because you are not part of my flock. ²⁷My sheep hear my voice, and I know them, and they follow me. ²⁸I give them eternal life, and they will never perish, and no one will snatch them out of my hand. ²⁹My Father, who has given them to me, is greater than all, and no one is able to snatch them out of the Father’s hand. ³⁰I and the Father are one.”

³¹The Jews picked up stones again to stone him. ³²Jesus answered them, “I have shown you many good works from the Father; for which of them are you going to stone me?” ³³The Jews answered him, “It is not for a good work that we are going to stone you but for blasphemy, because you, being a man, make yourself God.” ³⁴Jesus answered them, “Is it not written in your Law, ‘I said, you are gods’? ³⁵If he called them gods to whom the word of God came—and Scripture cannot be broken— ³⁶do you say of him whom the Father consecrated and sent into the world, ‘You are blaspheming,’ because I said, ‘I am the Son of God’? ³⁷If I am not doing the works of my Father, then do not believe me; ³⁸but if I do them, even though you do not believe me, believe the works, that you may know and understand that the Father is in me and I am in the Father.” ³⁹Again they sought to arrest him, but he escaped from their hands.

⁴⁰He went away again across the Jordan to the place where John had been baptizing at first, and there he remained. ⁴¹And many came to him. And they said, “John did no sign, but everything that John said about this man was true.” ⁴²And many believed in him there.

P O Lord, have mercy on us.

C **Thanks be to God.**



Hymn – *Congregation's Choice*

Jesus at the Feast

Litany

P In peace let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace from above and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the Church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For this holy house and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all pastors in Christ, for all servants of the Church, and for all the people, let us pray to the Lord:

C Lord, have mercy.

P For all public servants, for the government and those who protect us, that they may be upheld and strengthened in every good deed, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who work to bring peace, justice, health, and protection in this and every place, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For those who bring offerings, those who do good works in this congregation, those who toil, those who sing, and all the people here present who await from the Lord great and abundant mercy, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For favorable weather, for an abundance of the fruits of the earth, and for peaceful times, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P For our deliverance from all affliction, wrath, danger, and need, let us pray to the Lord:

C **Lord, have mercy.**

P Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

Silence for individual prayer may follow.

P Rejoicing in the fellowship of the saints, let us commend ourselves, one another, and our whole life to Christ, our Lord:

C **To You, O Lord.**

Collect For Peace

P O God, from whom come all holy desires, all good counsels, and all just works, give to us, Your servants, that peace which the world cannot give, that our hearts may be set to obey Your commandments and also that we, being defended from the fear of our enemies, may live in peace and quietness; through Jesus Christ, Your Son, our Lord, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C **Amen.**

Lord's Prayer

P Taught by our Lord and trusting in His promises, we are bold to pray:

C Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be Thy name,
Thy kingdom come,
Thy will be done on earth
as it is in heaven;
give us this day our daily bread;
and forgive us our trespasses
as we forgive those
who trespass against us;
and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For Thine is the kingdom
and the power and the glory
forever and ever. Amen.

Benedicamus

P Let us bless the Lord.

C Thanks be to God.

Benediction

P The almighty and merciful Lord, the Father, the ✠ Son, and the Holy Spirit, bless and preserve you.

C Amen.

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SELF-DENIAL
REPENTANCE
LENT
PREPARATION GRACE
FORGIVENESS

FASTING PRAYER



LENT &
HOLY WEEK
WORSHIP
SCHEDULE

~~Ash Wednesday, February 18~~ @ 7:00pm

Lent Wednesdays Supper @ 5:30, Worship @ 6:15

February 25 German Supper

March 4 Mexican Supper

March 11 Homemade Soup & Sandwiches

March 18 Italian Supper

March 25 Chili & Baked Potato Bar – Youth Group

Palm Sunday, March 29 @ 9:00am & 11:30am

Maundy Thursday, April 2 @ 7:00pm

Good Friday, April 3 @ 7:00pm

Easter Sunday, April 5

6:30am - Sunrise Worship

7:15-8:30am - Breakfast: served by the Youth Group

9:00am - Worship

10:30am - Easter Egg Hunt

11:30am - Worship



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