

EVENSONG & COMMUNION

January 18, 2015, 6:00 P.M.

PRELUDE

SILENT PREPARATION

ENTRANCE ANTHEM

“The Lord Is My Light”

Mode 6 melody; adapt. Bruce E. Ford

Cantor: The Lord is my light and my salvation.

People repeat:



Cantor: The Lord is the strength of my life:

People:



Cantor: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

People:



Cantor: I will bless the Lord at all times:

Cantor and Choir: His praise shall ever be in my mouth.

ENTRANCE OF THE LIGHT

Minister: Bless the Lord who forgives all our sins.

People: *His mercy endures forever.*

Unison: *Jesus said, “You are the light of the world. A city built on a hill cannot be hid. No one lights a lamp to put it under a bucket, but on a lampstand where it gives light for everyone in the house. And you, like the lamp, must shed light among your fellow men, so that they may see the good you do, and give glory to your Father in heaven.”*

PRAYER FOR LIGHT

Minister and People: *Blessed are You, O Lord, the God of our fathers, Creator of the changes of day and night, giving rest to the weary, renewing the strength of those who are spent, bestowing upon us occasions of song in the evening. As You have protected us in the day that is past, so be with us in the coming night; keep us from every sin, every evil, and every fear; for You are our light and salvation, and the strength of our life. To You be glory for endless ages. Amen.*

*HYMN #285

“Jesus, Lord, Redeemer”

KING’S WESTON

*NEW TESTAMENT LESSON

Pew Bible, page 857

Luke 2:1–14

Minister: The Word of the Lord!

People: *Thanks be to God!*

HOMILY

Dr. Don Kistler

“The Neglected Part of the Christmas Story”

LITANY FOR EVENING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: *And also with you.*

Minister: O Lord, our God, we thank You that You have brought this day to its close.

People: *We thank You, O Lord.*

Minister: We thank You that You give rest to body and soul.

People: *We bless You, O Lord.*

Minister: Your hand has been over us, guarding and preserving us.

People: *Defend us, O Lord.*

Minister: Forgive our feeble faith and all the wrong we have done this day.

People: *Lord, have mercy.*

Minister: Grant that we may sleep in peace, and defend us from temptation of darkness.

People: *Spare us, good Lord.*

Minister: Into your hands we commend our loved ones, our homes, our bodies and souls.

People: *O God, your holy Name be praised. Amen.*

CONFESSION OF SIN & SILENT PRAYER

The congregation is invited to kneel.

Minister and People: *Most Holy and Merciful God, who has searched and known us, and are acquainted with all our ways, we confess before You our sinfulness and seek your forgiveness. We have failed in our duty; we have forgotten our high calling; we have fallen into many temptations. We have dishonored your name; we have injured our neighbors; we have hurt our own souls. Give us, we pray, the spirit of true repentance, that we may turn from our sins and forsake them with our whole heart; and in your great love, have mercy on us and absolve us from our guilt; for the sake of your dear son, our saviour Jesus Christ.*

CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

Minister: The Lord be with you!

People: *And also with you!*

Minister: Lift up your hearts!

People: *We lift them up to the Lord!*

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord!

People: *It is good and right so to do!*

Minister: It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to You, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth, through Jesus Christ our Lord. All your creatures praise You, and your faithful servants bless You, confessing before the rulers of this world the great Name of your only Son. Countless throngs of angels stand before You to serve You night and day; and, beholding the glory of your presence, they offer You unceasing praise. Joining with them, and giving voice to every creature under heaven, we acclaim You, and glorify your name as we sing,

*SANCTUS

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord, God of
pow'r and might. Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly,
Lord, God of pow'r and might. Hea - ven and
Bles - sed is
earth are full, full of your glo -
ry, he who comes in the name of the Lord.
ry, Ho - san - na in the high -
Ho - san - na in the high -
est, ho - san - na in the high - est.
est, ho - san - na in the high - est.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

Minister: Therefore we proclaim the faith:

Unison: *Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again*

The people come forward to receive the sacrament.

COMMUNION HYMNS

The congregation is invited to sing as the sacrament is observed.

Hymn #486, “God, Be Merciful to Me”

Hymn #508, “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Hymn #182, “My Song Is Love Unknown”

Hymn #420, “At the Lamb’s High Feast We Sing”

***PRAYER OF THANKS**

Minister and People: *Dearest Lord, heavenly Father, we give You thanks for satisfying our hungry hearts with this holy meal shared in the Spirit with your Son who is the true bread from heaven. Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood may abide in Him and He in us; through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Soloist: *Keep watch, dear Lord, with those who work, or watch, or weep this night, and give your angels charge over those who sleep. Tend the sick, Lord Christ; give rest to the weary, bless the dying, soothe the suffering, pity the afflicted, shield the joyous; and all for your love's sake. Amen.*

***BENEDICTION**

Minister: The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you. The Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

People: *Amen. Thanks be to God!*

***DISMISSAL HYMN**

“Nunc Dimittis”
Plainsong, Tone 8

Lord, bid your ser - vant go in peace, your word is
This is the Sa - vior of the world, the Gen - tiles'
now ful - filled These eyes have seen sal
prom - ised light, God's glo - ry dwel - ling
va - tion's dawn, this child so long fore - told.
in our midst, the joy of Is - ra - el.

POSTLUDE

* Congregation standing
♠ Additional worshippers seated

THE CELTIC CROSS is an ancient Christian symbol. The cross proper recalls the death of Christ for the sins of his people, while the circle is a historic symbol of God's eternalness. Jesus' name is at the center, depicted by the Greek letters "IHS," and is surrounded by the vine and branches, representing our relationship to Him. At the bottom, CHRISTUS VICTOR, "Christ is Victorious," testifies to his triumph over sin and death on the cross. Each panel represents a significant event in Christ's life.



HIS REIGN

The wounded lamb as Christ reclining on the Book of Seven Seals is a historic symbol of the reigning Christ. The three-rayed nimbus is an ancient symbol of deity. (Revelation 5:9-12)

HIS RESURRECTION

Lilies traditionally represent the resurrection; the trumpet heralds Christ's certain and triumphal return.

(I Corinthians 15:54; Matthew 24:31; Luke 12:27)



HIS ATONEMENT

The crown of thorns and nails testify to Christ's sacrificial death on the cross. (Hebrews 2:17; John 19:2; 20:27)

HIS BAPTISM

The dove and tongues of fire symbolically portray the Holy Spirit. (Matthew 3:16; Acts 2:3)



HIS INCARNATION

The open Bible is the Word of God. The double lighted candlesticks represent the dual nature of Christ—his deity and his humanity. (John 1:1-14)

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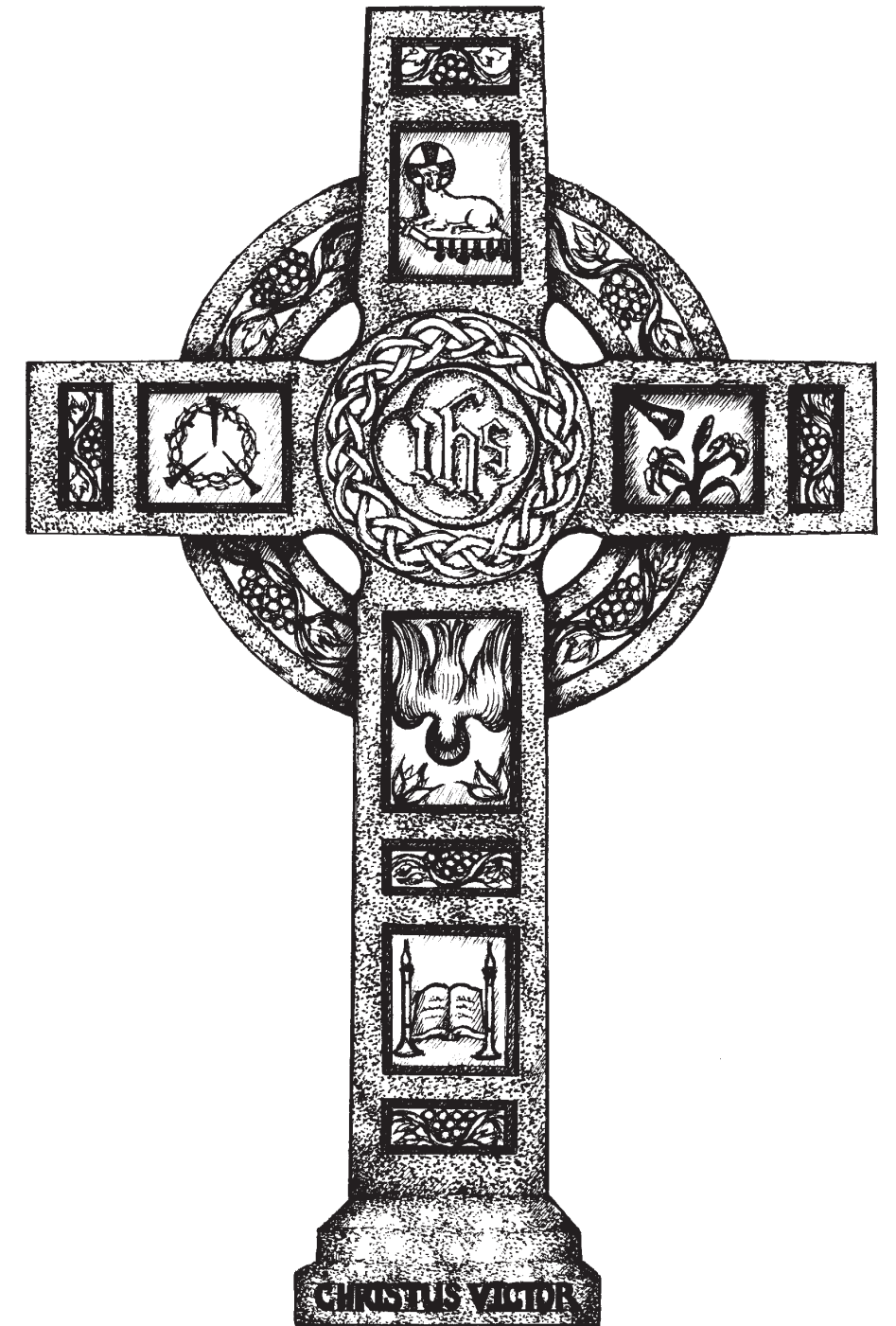
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to all who mourn and long for comfort; to all who struggle and desire hope;
to all who sin and need a Savior; to all who are strangers and yearn for fellowship;
to all who hunger and thirst after righteousness; and to whoever will come;
this church opens wide her doors and offers welcome in
the name of the risen Lord Jesus Christ.