

All thy works with joy surround thee; earth and heaven reflect thy rays;
stars and angels sing around thee, center of unbroken praise.
Field and forest, vale and mountain, flowery meadow, flashing sea,
chanting bird and flowing fountain, call us to rejoice in thee.

Mortals, join the happy chorus which the morning stars began.
Love divine is reigning o'er us, joining all in heaven's plan.
Ever singing, march we onward, victors in the midst of strife.
Joyful music leads us sunward in the triumph song of life.

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

With humble hearts, trusting in grace, let us confess our sins before God and one another.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty God, you brought forth the world for the love of Christ, yet we have lived in rebellion and turned away from our created purpose. We have acknowledged the Lordship of Christ with our lips, but we have not honored him with our lives. We have served the idols of wealth and privilege; we have sought the protection of violence to oppose violence; we have lived in fear of death and loss; we have not loved our neighbors, nor sought reconciliation with our enemies. Forgive us our sins, and instruct our hearts in the way of peace.

Silent Prayer

In the name of Jesus Christ we pray, **Amen.**

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

God has rescued us from the power of darkness and brought us into the light of the kingdom of the beloved Son. It is through Jesus Christ that we have redemption and the forgiveness of our sins.

Thanks be to God!

***GLORIA PATRI (581)**

**Glory be to the Father; and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
World without end. Amen, Amen.**

CHOIR ANTHEM “Jesus, Name Above All Names” Words & Music by Naida Hearn

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Lord, open our hearts to receive your Word; by your Spirit free us from the power of darkness and show us the light of your love through your Word. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READINGS

2 SAMUEL 23:1-7

Now these are the last words of David:

The oracle of David, son of Jesse, the oracle of the man whom God exalted, the anointed of the God of Jacob, the favorite of the Strong One of Israel:

² The spirit of the LORD speaks through me, his word is upon my tongue.

³ The God of Israel has spoken, the Rock of Israel has said to me:

One who rules over people justly, ruling in the fear of God,

⁴ is like the light of morning, like the sun rising on a cloudless morning, gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

⁵ Is not my house like this with God?

For he has made with me an everlasting covenant, ordered in all things and secure. Will he not cause to prosper all my help and my desire?

⁶ But the godless are all like thorns that are thrown away;

for they cannot be picked up with the hand;

⁷ to touch them one uses an iron bar or the shaft of a spear.

And they are entirely consumed in fire on the spot.

PSALM 132:1-12

¹ O LORD, remember in David's favor all the hardships he endured;

² **how he swore to the LORD and vowed to the Mighty One of Jacob,**

³ "I will not enter my house or get into my bed;

⁴ **I will not give sleep to my eyes or slumber to my eyelids,**

⁵ until I find a place for the LORD, a dwelling place for the Mighty One of Jacob."

⁶ **We heard of it in Ephrathah; we found it in the fields of Jaar.**

⁷ "Let us go to his dwelling place; let us worship at his footstool."

⁸ **Rise up, O LORD, and go to your resting place, you and the ark of your might.**

⁹ Let your priests be clothed with righteousness, and let your faithful shout for joy.

¹⁰ **For your servant David's sake do not turn away the face of your anointed one.**

¹¹ The LORD swore to David a sure oath from which he will not turn back:

"One of the sons of your body I will set on your throne.

¹² **If your sons keep my covenant and my decrees that I shall teach them, their sons also, forevermore, shall sit on your throne."**

JOHN 18:33-37

³³ Then Pilate entered the headquarters^[1] again, summoned Jesus, and asked him, "Are you the King of the Jews?" ³⁴ Jesus answered, "Do you ask this on your own, or did others tell you about me?" ³⁵ Pilate replied, "I am not a Jew, am I? Your own nation and the chief priests have handed you over to me. What have you done?" ³⁶ Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not from this world. If my kingdom were from this world, my followers would be fighting to keep me from being handed over to the Jews. But as it is, my kingdom is not from here." ³⁷ Pilate asked him, "So you are a king?" Jesus answered, "You say that I am a king. For this I was born, and for this I came into the world, to testify to the truth. Everyone who belongs to the truth listens to my voice." ³⁸ Pilate asked him, "What is truth?"

SERMON

THE WRONG KIND OF KING

Rev. Dr. Nancy K. Young

HYMN 264

AT THE NAME OF JESUS

**At the name of Jesus every knee will bow;
Every tongue confess him King of glory now;
'tis the Father's pleasure we should call him Lord,
Who from the beginning was the mighty Word.**

**Humbled for a season to receive a name
From the lips of sinners unto whom he came,
Faithfully he bore it spotless to the last,
Brought it back victorious, when from death he passed.**

**Bore it up triumphant, with its human light,
Through all ranks of creatures, to the central height,
To the throne of Godhead, to the Father's breast,
Filled it with the glory of that perfect rest.**

**Christians, this Lord Jesus shall return again,
With his Father's glory o'er the earth to reign;
For all wreaths of empire meet upon his brow,
And our hearts confess him King of glory now.**

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Phil. 2:6-11)

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore, God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth, and every tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord!

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

LORD'S PRAYER

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

HYMN 265

JESUS SHALL REIGN WHERE'ER THE SUN

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does its successive journeys run;
his kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till moons shall wax and wane no more.

To him shall endless prayer be made, and praises throng to crown his head;
his name, like sweet perfume, shall rise with every morning sacrifice.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on his love with sweetest song,
and infant voices shall proclaim their early blessings on his name.

Blessings abound where'er he reigns: the prisoners leap to loose their chains;
the weary find eternal rest, and all who suffer want are blest.

Let every creature rise and bring honors peculiar to our King;
angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

“Allegro”

by Anonymous

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ADULT BIBLE STUDIES

SUNDAYS, 9:00 AM GENESIS

For next Sunday

We meet in the Fellowship Hall.

Email Pastor Nancy for further information and the schedule.

Youngnancy501@gmail.com

TUESDAY MORNING STUDY – THE PARABLES OF JESUS

9:30 am. We meet on Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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HOLIDAY WISHES

There are almost 200 children who attend school in Rockaway Borough or Township who qualify for the federal program providing free (or reduced price) lunches. We have the opportunity to help them enjoy the holidays this year. If you would like to provide gifts for one or more children you can contact Brenda Budd at Rockawayholidaywishes@gmail.com. If you would rather send a check, make it out to Holiday Wishes and send it to her at 43 Willow Ave. Rockaway, NJ 07866. She is asking that all gifts be collected by Nov 30.

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The Greening

The Congregational Care Committee is busy getting ready for Advent. We will have the Greening on November 21st right after church. Unfortunately, this year we are unable to serve treats before the Greening. Lots of decorating needs to be done. Please stay after church and lend a hand.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS AND MUSIC

Would you like to help carry on the music and flower traditions we enjoy during the holiday season? A donation of any amount to the MUSIC FUND enables us to enjoy wonderful music for Christmas and Advent. A donation of \$10.00 to the Flower Fund buys one Poinsettia Plant. As a special bonus, the plant is yours to take home on Sunday, December 26. You can print the form below. Forms will also be available in the church office. Place you form and check in the offering plate, bring or mail to the church office no later than December 12.

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Advent Evening Prayer

Tuesdays, 7:00 pm

November 28

Psalm 27:1

The LORD is my light and my salvation;
whom shall I fear?

The LORD is the stronghold of my life;
of whom shall I be afraid?

December 7

Revelation 21:23

And the city has no need of sun or moon to shine on it,
for the glory of God is its light, and its lamp is the Lamb.

December 14

1 Peter 2:9

⁹ But you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation,
God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him
who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light.

December 21

Isaiah 60:1

Arise, shine; for your light has come,
and the glory of the LORD has risen upon you.

ZOOM LINK

Topic: Advent Evening Prayer

Time: Nov 30, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

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