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**Hymn**      *Morning Has Broken*      #8

Morning has broken like the first morning, blackbird has spoken like the first bird. Praise for the singing! Praise for the morning! Praise for them, springing fresh from the Word!

Sweet the rain's new fall sunlit from heaven, like the first dewfall on the first grass. Praise for the sweetness of the wet garden, sprung in completeness where his feet pass.

Mine is the sunlight! Mine is the morning born of the one light Eden saw play! Praise with elation, praise every morning, God's re-creation of the new day!

*Celebrant*    Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

*People*    **And blessed be God's kingdom, now and for ever.  
Amen.**

Holy God, Holy and Mighty, Holy Immortal One,  
**Have mercy upon us.**

The Lord be with you.    **And also with you.**

Let us pray.

Your hand is upon your people, O God, to guide and protect them through the ages. Keep in your service those you have called, that the powers of this world may not overwhelm us, but that, secure in your love, we may carry out your will

even in the face of adversity; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

## **The Lessons**

A reading from Genesis

*Genesis 3:8-15*

They heard the sound of the Lord God walking in the garden at the time of the evening breeze, and the man and his wife hid themselves from the presence of the Lord God among the trees of the garden. But the Lord God called to the man, and said to him, "Where are you?" He said, "I heard the sound of you in the garden, and I was afraid, because I was naked; and I hid myself." He said, "Who told you that you were naked? Have you eaten from the tree of which I commanded you not to eat?"

The man said, "The woman whom you gave to be with me, she gave me fruit from the tree, and I ate." Then the Lord God said to the woman, "What is this that you have done?" The woman said, "The serpent tricked me, and I ate." The Lord God said to the serpent, "Because you have done this, cursed are you among all animals and among all wild creatures; upon your belly you shall go, and dust you shall eat all the days of your life. I will put contempt between you and the woman, and between your offspring and hers; he will strike your head, and you will strike his heel."

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God.**

The psalm for this morning is Psalm 130.

Out of the depths have I called to you, O Lord;  
Lord, hear my voice;

**let your ears consider well  
the voice of my supplication.**

If you, Lord, were to note what is done amiss,  
**O Lord, who could stand?**

For there is forgiveness with you;  
**therefore you shall be honored and respected.**

I wait for the Lord; my soul waits for him;  
**in his word is my hope.**

My soul waits for the Lord,  
more than watchmen for the morning,  
**more than watchmen for the morning.**

O Israel, wait for the Lord,  
**for with the Lord there is mercy;**

With him there is plenteous redemption,  
**and he shall redeem Israel from all their sins.**

Intro: The Apostle Paul wrote two letters to the Church in Corinth. In this section, Paul writes about the criticism he and his co-workers for the Gospel received about their preaching – specifically that because bad things are happening to them their words are not from the Lord. On the contrary, even though Paul and his preachers are

breaking down on the outside, who they are on the inside is being made new day by day.

A reading from the 2nd Letter to the Corinthians *2 Cor. 4:13-5:1*

We have the same faithful spirit as what is written in scripture: *I had faith, and so I spoke.*

We also have faith, and so we also speak. We do this because we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will also raise us with Jesus, and he will bring us into his presence along with you. All these things are for your benefit. As grace increases to benefit more and more people, it will cause gratitude to increase, which results in God's glory.

So we do not lose heart. But even if our bodies are breaking down on the outside, the person that we are on the inside is being renewed every day. Our temporary minor problems are producing an eternal stockpile of glory for us that is beyond all comparison. We do not focus on the things that can be seen but on the things that cannot be seen. The things that can be seen do not last, but the things that cannot be seen are eternal. We know that if the tent that we live in on earth is torn down, we have a building from God. It is a house that is not made with human hands, which is eternal and located in heaven.

The Word of the Lord.

**Thanks be to God**

**Gradual Hymn** *God Be in My Head* #694

God be in my head, and in my understanding;  
God be in mine eyes, and in my looking;  
God be in my mouth, and in my speaking;  
God be in my heart, and in my thinking;  
God be at mine end, and at my departing.

The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark  
**Glory to you Lord Christ.** *Mark 3:20-35*

The crowd came together again, so that Jesus and his disciples could not even eat. When his family heard it, they went out to restrain him, for people were saying, “He has gone out of his mind.” And the scribes who came down from Jerusalem said, “He has Beelzebul, and by the ruler of the demons he casts out demons.” And he called them to him, and spoke to them in parables, “How can Satan cast out Satan? If a kingdom is divided against itself, that kingdom cannot stand. And if a house is divided against itself, that house will not be able to stand. And if Satan has risen up against himself and is divided, he cannot stand, but his end has come. But no one can enter a strong man’s house and plunder his property without first tying up the strong man; then indeed the house can be plundered. “Truly I tell you, people will be forgiven for their sins and whatever blasphemies they utter; but whoever blasphemes against the Holy Spirit can never have forgiveness, but is

guilty of an eternal sin” — for they had said, “He has an unclean spirit.”

Then his mother and his brothers came; and standing outside, they sent to him and called him. A crowd was sitting around him; and they said to him, “Your mother and your brothers and sisters are outside, asking for you.” And he replied, “Who are my mother and my brothers?” And looking at those who sat around him, he said, “Here are my mother and my brothers! Whoever does the will of God is my brother and sister and mother.”

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Christ.

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### **The Sermon**

The Rev. David J. Marshall

### **Reflection Hymn** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

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Fairest Lord Jesus, Ruler of all nature, O thou God of man the Son; thee will I cherish, thee will I honor, thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

Fair are the meadows, fairer still the woodlands, robed in the blooming garb of spring: Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, who makes the woeful heart to sing.

Fair is the sunshine, fairer still the moonlight, and all the twinkling, starry host: Jesus shines brighter, Jesus shines purer, than all the angels heaven can boast.

## **The Nicene Creed**

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father. Through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven: by the power of the Holy Spirit he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary, and was made man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son. With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified. He has spoken through the Prophets. We believe in one holy, catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

## The Prayers of the People

By the power of the Holy Spirit, let us pray for the Church, the world, and for all people according to their need.

*A brief silence*

Heavenly Father, thank you for inviting us to share in the company with you and all the saints. Purify and renew your Church. Strengthen all who are baptized to do your will, to show your love, and live as true sisters and brothers of Jesus.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

For those who are mistreated for their faith, grant refreshment and strength to all Christians, to those of the Jewish faith, and for all those of other faith traditions that are persecuted throughout the world. Ease their burdens and give them rest.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give faith, wisdom, and righteousness to all people, especially those who take counsel for the nations. Conform the hearts of all people to your will and grant us grace to love one another as you love us.

And we urgently pray for peace in Gaza, Israel and Ukraine. Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**



With your mighty hand and outstretched arm, protect, guide, and defend all those who stand in harm's way on behalf of others. Use them to establish safety and order in places of danger and chaos; and bring them home safely and soon.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Breathe health, wholeness, and hope into the hearts of all who suffer, especially: Downs IV, Holden, Anne, Victoria, Kim, Michael, Barbara, Lorraine, Maria Christine, Caitlin, Amelia, Dennis, Alice and Angie. Bring them rest and peace.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Give the comfort of your Holy Spirit to all who receive the care of skilled nursing, especially Timothy, Barbara, Kim, Lou and Ann. Give peace to those going through cancer treatments, and those in remission, especially, Margaret, Downs III, Victoria, Alex, Connie, Douglas, Frank, Gerta, Lauren, Jennifer, TJ, Jim, Stephanie, Cara, Todd, Valerie, Joan and Nancy.

We pray for those in Hospice that they will have comfort in you, especially Mary Jo.

Lord, in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Heavenly Father, we thank you for gathering all those who we love but see no longer into your eternal sabbath of your Kingdom. Give rest to those who grieve.

Keep our hearts firmly fixed on you, the Lord and Giver of life. Bring us, with the whole company of the redeemed of every time and place, every nation, tribe, and tongue, into your presence, where we shall forever adore: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, our Lord and our God. **Amen.**

*Celebrant:*

Gracious Father, through the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, we are bold to ask these things in Jesus' name. Whatever is in accordance with your will, grant us for your dear Son's sake. **Amen.**

Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

*Silence*

**Most merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.**

**We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.**

**For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, have mercy on us and forgive us; that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways, to the glory of your Name. Amen.**

*Celebrant:* Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

The Peace of the Lord be with you.            **And also with you.**

## **Greetings, Announcements and Introductions**

### **Offertory Anthem**            *Healing River of the Spirit*

Healing river of the Spirit, bathe the wounds that living brings. Plunge our pain, our sin, our sadness deep beneath your sacred springs. Weary from the restless searching that has lured us from your side, we discover in your presence peace that world can not provide.

Wellspring of the healing Spirit, stream that flows to bring release, as we gain ourselves, our senses, may our lives reflect your peace. Grateful for the flood that heals us, may your church enact your grace. As we meet both friend and stranger, may we see our Savior's face.

Living stream that heals the nations, make us channels of your power. All the world is torn by conflict; wars are raging at this hour. Saving Spirit, move among us; guide our winding human course, till we find our way together, flowing homeward to our source.

## **The Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,  
praise him all creatures here below,  
Praise him above ye heavenly host:  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

**It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

God of all power, Ruler of the Universe, you are worthy of glory and praise. **Glory to you for ever and ever.**

At your command all things came to be: the vast expanse of interstellar space, galaxies, suns, the planets in their courses, and this fragile earth, our island home.

**By your will they were created and have their being.**

From the primal elements you brought forth the human race, and blessed us with memory, reason, and skill. You made us the rulers of creation. But we turned against you, and betrayed your trust; and we turned against one another.

**Have mercy, Lord, for we are sinners in your sight**

Again and again, you called us to return. Through prophets and sages you revealed your righteous Law. And in the fullness of time you sent your only Son, born of a woman, to fulfill your Law, to open for us the way of freedom and peace.

**By his blood, he reconciled us.**

**By his wounds, we are healed.**

And therefore we praise you, joining with the heavenly chorus, with prophets, apostles, and martyrs, and with all those in every generation who have looked to you in hope,

to proclaim with them your glory, in their unending hymn:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the  
highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the  
Lord. Hosanna in the highest**

Father, we who have been redeemed by him, and made a new people by water and the Spirit, now bring before you these gifts. Sanctify them by your Holy Spirit to be the Body and Blood of Jesus Christ our Lord.

On the night he was betrayed he took bread, said the blessing, broke the bread, and gave it to his friends, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper, he took the cup of wine, gave thanks, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Remembering now his work of redemption, and offering to you this sacrifice of thanksgiving,

**We celebrate his death and resurrection,  
as we await the day of his coming.**

Lord God of Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebeka, Jacob and Rachel; God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ: Open our eyes to see your hand at work in the world about us.

Bring us to your Table for solace and for strength; for pardon and for renewal. Let the grace of this Holy Communion make us one body, one spirit in Christ, that we may worthily serve the world in his name.

**Risen Lord, be known to us in the breaking of the Bread.**

Accept these prayers and praises, Father, through Jesus Christ our great High Priest, to whom, with you and the Holy Spirit, your Church gives honor, glory, and worship, from generation to generation. **AMEN.**

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say, **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, for ever and ever. Amen.**

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;

**Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.**

The Gifts of God for the People of God.

**Communion**      *Meditation Music*      David Stasney

**Prayer After Communion**

Let us pray. **Almighty and everliving God, we thank you for feeding us with the spiritual food of the most precious Body**

**and Blood of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ; and for assuring us in these holy mysteries that we are living members of the Body of your Son, and heirs of your eternal kingdom. And now, Father, send us out to do the work you have given us to do, to love and serve you as faithful witnesses of Christ our Lord. To him, to you, and to the Holy Spirit, be honor and glory, now and for ever. Amen.**

## **The Blessing**

**Closing Hymn** *Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies #7*

1 Christ, whose glory fills the skies, Christ, the true, the only Light, Sun of Righteousness, arise! Triumph o'er the shades of night: Dayspring from on high, be near; Daystar, in my heart appear.

2 Dark and cheerless is the morn unaccompanied by thee; joyless is the day's return, till thy mercy's beams I see, till they inward light impart, glad my eyes, and warm my heart.

3 Visit then this soul of mine! Pierce the gloom of sin and grief! Fill me, radiancy divine; scatter all my unbelief; more and more thyself display, shining to the perfect day.

## **The Dismissal**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia

**Thanks be to God. Alleluia. Alleluia. Alleluia**