After Darkness, Light

A Journey Through the Prophets: The Gospel of Isaiah

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CALLS US BEFORE HIS PRESENCE



Pastor: In the Name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit! PASTOR GREETS

Congregation: Amen!

Matthew 28:19

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

The LORD be with you!

Ruth 2:4

• And also with you!

Arise, shine; for your light has come!

And the glory of the Lord is risen upon you.

For behold, the darkness shall cover the earth, and deep darkness the people;

But the Lord will arise over you, and His glory will be seen upon you.

The Gentiles shall come to your light,

And kings to the brightness of your rising.

Isaiah 60:1-3



purification offering, gift of glory

"In the year that King Uzziah died, I saw the Lord sitting on a throne, high and lifted up, and the train of His robe filled the temple. Above it stood seraphim; each one had six wings: with two he covered his face, with two he covered his feet, and with two he flew. And one cried to another and said: "Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts; The whole earth is full of His glory!" And the posts of the door were shaken by the voice of him who cried out, and the house was filled with smoke. So I said: "Woe is me, for I am undone! Because I am a man of unclean lips, and I dwell in the midst of a people of unclean lips; For my eyes have seen the King, the Lord of hosts." Isaiah 30:1-5

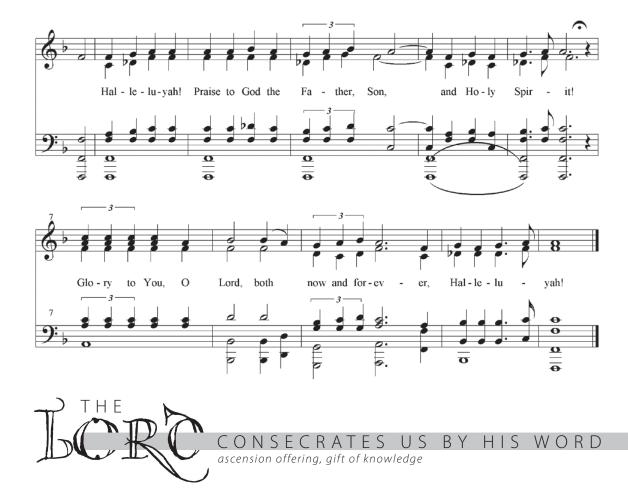
Beloved, our Lord has invited us to draw near to him with an honest heart. He has graciously promised to receive all those who come to him with heavy burdens of guilt and shame. Therefore I exhort all who are here today to accompany me with a pure heart and a humble voice, unto the throne of heavenly grace.

SILENT CONFESSION

■ Almighty and merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against JOINT CONFESSION you and against one another in both our actions and our inactions. We recognize that in Jesus our light has come, yet often we choose to walk in the shadows and ignore the light. Gracious God, forgive our sins and remove from us the veil of darkness which shrouds our lives. Illumine us by your Word so we may shine with the radiance of Christ's glory. Amen.

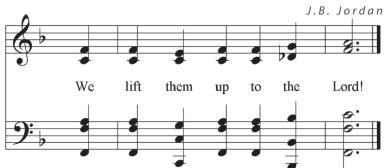
Then one of the seraphim flew to me, having in his hand a live coal which he had taken with the tongs from the altar. And he touched my mouth with it, and said: "Behold, this has touched your lips; your iniquity is taken away, and your sin purged."

Almighty God in His mercy has given His Son to die for your sins and to be raised for your justification; and for His sake forgives you all your sins. This I declare in the name and authority of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit. St Amen



SURSUM CORDA—lift up your heart





PASTOR LEADS LIFTING

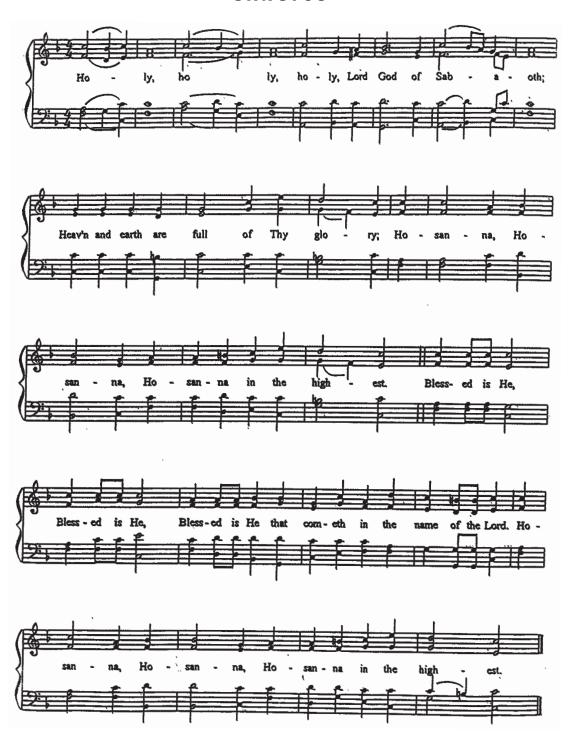
UP OF YOUR HANDS

Let us give thanks to the LORD, our God!



It is truly proper, right, wholesome, and beneficial that we should at all times, PASTOR SPEAKS and in all places, give praise unto Thee, O LORD, Holy Father, Almighty, Everlasting God. Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your son Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore, with angels and archangels, and with all the company of heaven, we laud and magnify Thy glorious Name; evermore worshipping Thee!

SANCTUS



Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise



PSALM 48

Great is the LORD and greatly to be praised in the city of our God!

His holy mountain, beautiful in elevation, is the joy of all the earth,

Mount Zion, in the far north, the city of the great King.

Within her citadels God has made himself known as a fortress.

For behold, the kings assembled; they came on together.

As soon as they saw it, they were astounded;

They were in panic; they took to flight.

Trembling took hold of them there, anguish as of a woman in labor.

By the east wind you shattered the ships of Tarshish.

As we have heard, so have we seen

In the city of the LORD of hosts, in the city of our God, which God will establish forever.

We have thought on your steadfast love, O God, in the midst of your temple.

As your name, O God, so your praise reaches to the ends of the earth.

Your right hand is filled with righteousness. Let Mount Zion be glad!

Let the daughters of Judah rejoice because of your judgments!

Walk about Zion, go around her, number her towers, consider well her ramparts, go through her citadels,

That you may tell the next generation that this is God,

- Our God forever and ever.
- ALL: He will guide us forever.

PASTOR STARTS CONGREGATION RESPONDS

Anon., Latin, 7th century Tr. by John Mason Neale, 1851 REGENT SQUARE 8.7.8.7.8.7. Alt. in Hymns Ancient and Modern, 1861 Henry Smart, 1867 1. Christ is made the sure Foun-da-tion, Christ the Head and Cor-ner-stone. that ded - i - cat - ed cit - y, Dear - ly loved of God on high, this tem - ple, where we call thee Come, O Lord of hosts, to - day: 4. Here vouch-safe to all thy serv-ants What they ask of thee to gain, the Fa-ther, Laud and hon-or 5. Laud and hon - or to Cho sen of the Lord and pre-cious, Bind-ing all the church in one; ex - ul - tant ju - bil - a - tion Pours per-pet - ual mel - 0 - dy; lov - ing-kind-ness Hear thy peo - ple With thy wont - ed as they pray; What they gain from thee for ev - er With the bless - ed to re - tain. Laud and hon - or to the Spir-it, Ev - er Three and ev - er One, Ho - ly Zi - on's help for ev - er, And her con - fi - dence a - lone. God the One in Three a - dor-ing In glad hymns e - ter-nal-ly. And thy full-est ben-e-dic-tion Shed with-in its walls al-way. And here-af - ter in thy glo-ry Ev - er-more with thee to reign. One in might, and One in glo-ry, While un-end-ing a-ges run.

ISAIAH 2:1-5

English Standard Version (ESV)

The word that Isaiah the son of Amoz saw concerning Judah and Jerusalem.

It shall come to pass in the latter days that the mountain of the house of the LORD shall be established as the highest of the mountains,

and shall be lifted up above the hills; and all the nations shall flow to it, and many peoples shall come, and say:

"Come, let us go up to the mountain of the LORD,

to the house of the God of Jacob,
that he may teach us his ways
and that we may walk in his paths."
For out of Zion shall go forth the law,
and the word of the LORD from Jerusalem.
He shall judge between the nations,
and shall decide disputes for many peoples;
and they shall beat their swords into
plowshares,

and their spears into pruning hooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation,

neither shall they learn war anymore.

O house of Jacob,

come, let us walk

in the light of the LORD.

THE MOUNTAIN OF THE LORD

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1 Peter 1:10-12

Concerning this salvation, the prophets who prophesied about the grace that was to be yours searched and inquired carefully, inquiring what person or time the Spirit of Christ in them was indicating when he predicted the sufferings of Christ and the subsequent glories. It was revealed to them that they were serving not themselves but you, in the things that have now been announced to you through those who preached the good news to you by the Holy Spirit sent from heaven, things into which angels long to look.

- 1. What was the historical setting of the prophecy?
- 2. What would the audience of that time heard/expected?
- 3. How were the words of that prophet/prophecy fulfilled during those days but not fully (already/not yet)?
- 4. How are the words of the Holy Spirit speaking through the prophet fulfilled more fully with the advent (coming) of Jesus?

RESPONSE TO GOD'S WORD - TRIBUTE OFFERING

"Give to the LORD the glory due His name; bring an offering, and come into His courts. O, worship the LORD in the beauty of holiness! Tremble before Him, all the earth." Psalm 96:8–9

PLEASE BRING FORWARD YOUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS DURING THIS SONG

Now to God Our King

PSALM 81

TRUMPET 5 6 5 5 5 6

Attributed to Maitre Pierre, 1562 Harmonized by Henry Bruinsma, 1954



- 4 "Open," saith the Lord,
 "Wide thy mouth, believing
 This My covenant-word:
 'I will, if thou plead,
 Fill thine every need,
 All thy wants relieving.'"
- 5 "O that to My voice
 Israel would hearken!
 Then they would rejoice,
 Walking in My ways,
 Bright and joyous days
 Ne'er a foe would darken."
- 6 "Most abundant good,
 —If thou wouldst but prove Me—
 E'en the choicest food,
 Honey from the comb,
 Wheat the finest known,
 I would pour upon thee."

Benjamin Essenburg, 1931

THE GREAT PRAYER

CONCLUDING WITH THE 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.

Matthew 6:9-13

CONGREGATION PRAYS ALONG WITH PASTOR



PREPARATION FOR COMMUNION

Congregation of the LORD Jesus Christ, the LORD has prepared His table for all who love and trust in Him for their salvation. All those who have repented of their sins, have been baptized and are in good standing in the Church of Jesus Christ are welcome at this table. For the promise is to you and to your children, and to all who are afar off, as many as the LORD our God will call.

Leader: Christian, in Whom do you believe?

LEADER BEGINS

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth: And in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hades; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy, catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

CONGREGATION RESPONDS

EUCHARIST DISTRIBUTION SONG

How Sweet and Awful Is the Place





FINAL SCRIPTURE READING

CONGREGATION STANDS

Jesus Shall Reign



BENEDICTION

"Then Aaron lifted his hand toward the people, blessed them, and came down from offering the purification offering, the ascension offering, and peace offerings."

Leviticus 9:22

