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Prelude 'What a Beautiful Name' Marimel Almodiel, Pianist

The Opening Hymn - 'Crown Him With Many Crowns'

The people standing, the Bishop says

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

People **And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.**

The Bishop prays

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Bishop The Lord be with you.

People **And also with you.**

Bishop Let us pray.

Almighty and everlasting God, whose will it is to restore all things in your well-beloved Son, the King of kings and Lord of lords: Mercifully grant that the peoples of the earth, divided and enslaved by sin, may be freed and brought together under his most gracious rule; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. **Amen.**

The Lessons

Lector A Reading from the Prophet Ezekiel. 34:11-16, 20-24

Barry Weiss

Thus says the Lord God: I myself will search for my sheep, and will seek them out. As shepherds seek out their flocks when they are among their scattered sheep, so I will seek out my sheep. I will rescue them from all the places to which they have been scattered on a day of clouds and thick darkness. I will bring them out from the peoples and gather them from the countries, and will bring them into their own land; and I will feed them on the mountains of Israel, by the watercourses, and in all the inhabited parts of the land. I will feed them with good pasture, and the mountain heights of Israel shall be their pasture; there they shall lie down in good grazing land, and they shall feed on rich pasture on the mountains of Israel. I myself will be the shepherd of my sheep, and I will make them lie down, says the Lord God. I will seek the lost, and I will bring back the strayed, and I will bind up the injured, and I will strengthen the weak, but the fat and the strong I will destroy. I will feed them with justice.

Therefore, thus says the Lord God to them: I myself will judge between the fat sheep and the lean sheep. Because you pushed with flank and shoulder, and butted at all the weak animals with your horns until you scattered them far and wide, I will save my flock, and they shall no longer be ravaged; and I will judge between sheep and sheep.

I will set up over them one shepherd, my servant David, and he shall feed them: he shall feed them and be their shepherd. And I, the Lord, will be their God, and my servant David shall be prince among them; I, the Lord, have spoken.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

Psalm 95:1-7a

Melmar Almodiel

prayed alternately by whole verse, as indicated

Lector Come, let us sing to the Lord; *

let us shout for joy to the Rock of our salvation.

People **Let us come before his presence with thanksgiving *
and raise a loud shout to him with psalms.**

Lector For the Lord is a great God, *

and a great King above all gods.

People **In his hand are the caverns of the earth, *
and the heights of the hills are his also.**

Lector The sea is his, for he made it, *

and his hands have molded the dry land.

People **Come, let us bow down, and bend the knee, *
and kneel before the Lord our Maker.**

Lector For he is our God,

and we are the people of his pasture and the sheep of his hand.

Lector A Reading from Paul's letter to the Ephesians. 1:15 - 23

Yvette Jackson

I have heard of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love toward all the saints, and for this reason I do not cease to give thanks for you as I remember you in my prayers. I pray that the God of our Lord Jesus Christ, the Father of glory, may give you a spirit of wisdom and revelation as you come to know him, so that, with the eyes of your heart enlightened, you may know what is the hope to which he has called you, what are the riches of his glorious inheritance among the saints, and what is the immeasurable greatness of his power for us who believe, according to the working of his great power. God put this power to work in Christ when he raised him from the dead and seated him at his right hand in the heavenly places, far above all rule and authority and power and dominion, and above every name that is named, not only in this age but also in the age to come. And he has put all things under his feet and has made him the head over all things for the church, which is his body, the fullness of him who fills all in all.

The Word of the Lord.

People **Thanks be to God.**

The Gradual - 'Be Thou My Vision'

Deacon The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Matthew. 25:31-46

People **Glory to you, Lord Christ.**

Jesus said, "When the Son of Man comes in his glory, and all the angels with him, then he will sit on the throne of his glory. All the nations will be gathered before him, and he will separate people one from another as a shepherd separates the sheep from the goats, and he will put the sheep at his right hand and the goats at the left. Then the king will say to those at his right hand, 'Come, you that are blessed by my Father, inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world; for I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you welcomed me, I was naked and you gave me clothing, I was sick and you took care of me, I was in prison and you visited me.' Then the righteous will answer him, 'Lord, when was it

that we saw you hungry and gave you food, or thirsty and gave you something to drink? And when was it that we saw you a stranger and welcomed you, or naked and gave you clothing? And when was it that we saw you sick or in prison and visited you?' And the king will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me.' Then he will say to those at his left hand, 'You that are accursed, depart from me into the eternal fire prepared for the devil and his angels; for I was hungry and you gave me no food, I was thirsty and you gave me nothing to drink, I was a stranger and you did not welcome me, naked and you did not give me clothing, sick and in prison and you did not visit me.' Then they also will answer, 'Lord, when was it that we saw you hungry or thirsty or a stranger or naked or sick or in prison, and did not take care of you?' Then he will answer them, 'Truly I tell you, just as you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to me.' And these will go away into eternal punishment, but the righteous into eternal life."

The Gospel of the Lord.
People **Praise to you, Lord Christ**

The Sermon

The Nicene Creed

All standing as they desire, or are able.

**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.**

Coronavirus Litany

[Adapted from 'A Coronavirus Prayer' by Kerry Webber]

Gina Diamante prays

Jesus Christ, you traveled through towns and villages “curing every disease and illness.” At your command, the sick were made well. Come to our aid now, in the midst of the global pandemic of the coronavirus, that we may experience your healing love. Heal those who are sick with the virus. May they regain their strength and health through quality medical care.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heal us from our fear, which prevents nations from working together and neighbors from helping one another. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Heal us from our pride, which can make us claim invulnerability to a disease that knows no borders. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Russell Higgins prays

Jesus Christ, healer of all, stay by our side in this time of uncertainty and sorrow. Be with all those who have been quarantined or restricted in their movements. Grant them patience, health and reassurance during their time of isolation and waiting.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those whose livelihoods or finances are or will be negatively affected by this virus. Help them find the resources they need to take care of themselves and their families.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with our elderly, vulnerable, and immunocompromised. Help us to be mindful and vigilant of their vulnerabilities; and guide us to avoid carelessness so that they may remain whole.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Melissa Christiansen prays

Be with the homeless in our neighborhood and across our planet. May they be shown kindness and care in this time of fear and insecurity.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those who feel overwhelmed by the torrent of media coverage and information. Help them to discern what is important to know and what to set aside.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with those who have died from the virus. May they be at eternal rest with you.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Warren Rippe prays

Be with the families of those who are sick or have died. As they worry and grieve, defend them from illness and despair. Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with the doctors, nurses, researchers and all medical professionals who seek to heal and help those affected and who put themselves at risk in the process. May they know your protection.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Be with our local, state, national and world leaders. Give them the foresight to act with charity and true concern for the well-being of all they are meant to serve. Give them the wisdom to invest in long-term solutions that will help prepare for and deal with outbreaks and its challenges. Above all, give them the courage to work together for the greater good.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lani-Karyn Jones prays

Whether we are at home, or in the community; surrounded by many people suffering from this illness or only a few, Jesus Christ, stay with us as we endure and mourn, persist and prepare.

Let us pray to the Lord: **Lord, hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus Christ, give us courage to hope for better times. Help us to be vigilant and generous. Make us courageous to continue to be your hands in our community. Teach us to pray honestly and expectantly, and when our prayers seem to fail, bring us to pray again and again; for you are our help and our shield, through our Savior Jesus Christ, now and forever. **Amen.**

The Prayers of the People Form VI

The Deacon and People pray responsively

In peace, we pray to you, Lord God.

For all people in their daily life and work;

For our families, friends, and neighbors, and for those who are alone.

For this community, the nation, and the world;

For all who work for justice, freedom, and peace.

For the just and proper use of your creation;

For the victims of hunger, fear, injustice, and oppression.

For all who are in danger, sorrow, or any kind of trouble;

For those who minister to the sick, the friendless, and the needy.

For the peace and unity of the Church of God;

For all who proclaim the Gospel, and all who seek the Truth.

For Michael our Presiding Bishop, and Susan our Bishop; and all ministers;

For all who serve God in his Church.

For the special needs and concerns of this congregation.

The People may add their own petitions

Hear us, Lord;

For your mercy is great.

We thank you, Lord, for all the blessings of this life.

The People may add their own thanksgivings

We will exalt you, O God our King;

And praise your Name for ever and ever.

We pray for all who have died, that they may have a place in your eternal kingdom.

The People may add their own petitions

Lord, let your loving-kindness be upon them;

Who put their trust in you.

We pray to you also for the forgiveness of our sins.

**Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father;
in your compassion forgive us our sins,
known and unknown,
things done and left undone;
and so uphold us by your Spirit
that we may live and serve you in newness of life,
to the honor and glory of your Name;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

The Bishop pronounces God's absolution

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.**

Recognition of New Ministry

Tom Reid, Senior Warden

Bishop, on behalf of the Bishop's Committee, I ask that you endorse the on-going ministry of The Reverend Doctor David Jackson, as a treasured member of this congregation having served as supply priest, as teacher, as evangelist, as healer and reconciler, and as a man of prayer. We ask that you name him as Assisting Priest for this congregation.

Bishop David, are you willing to serve in this capacity?

Father Jackson I will, with God's help.

Bishop Let us then offer our prayers to God for all his people, for this congregation, and for David, their Assisting Priest.

Everliving God, strengthen and sustain David, that with patience and understanding he may love and care for your people; and grant that together they may follow Jesus Christ, offering to you their gifts and talents; through him who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.**

The Peace

Bishop The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People **And also with you.**

The Offertory - 'Magnificat'

Blessing of Financial Pledge Cards for 2021, along with the Offering

The Great Thanksgiving

Bishop The Lord be with you.
People **And also with you.**
Bishop Lift up your hearts.
People **We lift them to the Lord.**
Bishop Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
People **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth. For you are the source of light and life, you made us in your image, and called us to new life in Jesus Christ our Lord. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

**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.**

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

**We remember his death,
We proclaim his resurrection,
We await his coming in glory;**

The Bishop continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with Thomas and all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. **AMEN.**

The Lord's Prayer in Seneca

The Lord's Prayer

The Bishop invites the people to join in the Lord's Prayer, saying

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.**

The Breaking of the Bread

Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us;
Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

The Gifts of God for the People of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you, and feed on him in your hearts by faith, with thanksgiving.

The Body of Christ, the Bread of Heaven.

After Communion, those who have received Communion pray

**Eternal God, heavenly Father,
you have graciously accepted us as living members
of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food
in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you
with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. Amen.**

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion for those not receiving Eucharist today

Bishop

Acknowledging our longing to be physically close to one another, to share the blessing of Communion in common, and praying that when we do so, we remember this longing for thee.

My Jesus, I believe that you are truly present in the Blessed Sacrament of the Altar. I love you above all things, and long for you in my soul. Since I cannot now receive you sacramentally, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace you as you are already there, and unite myself wholly to you. Never permit me to be separated from you. Amen.

The Blessing

The blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit, be upon you, and remain with you for ever. **Amen.**

The Dismissal

Deacon Let us go forth rejoicing in the power of the Spirit!
People **Thanks be to God!**

Closing Hymn 'Go My Children'

Postlude 'Song for Sienna' Marimel Almodiel, pianist

With gratitude to Ms. Kathy Foxen for serving as Confirmation Instructor for Camille Parady and Scheduler of Lay Ministers for this congregation; to the Altar Guild; to Warren Rippe for Music Oversight; to Lani-Karyn Jones and Sonya Jump for Clerical Assistance; and to the array of volunteers who assist with Set-up, Ushering, and Hospitality each week!

Participants in Today's Worship:

The Right Reverend Susan Brown Snook, *Bishop of San Diego*
The Reverend Cindy Campos, *Chaplain to the Bishop*
The Reverend Timothy Wetherington, *Deacon of the Gospel*

Melmar Almodiel, Melissa Christiansen, Gina Diamante, Russell Higgins, Yvette Jackson,
Lani-Karyn Jones, Warren Rippe, Barry Weiss, *Lectors and Readers*

Marimel Almodoel, *Pianist*

The Reverend Doctor David Jackson, *Assisting Priest*
The Reverend Julie D Bryant, *Priest-in-charge*

