



SERVICE OF HOPE AND HEALING

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TRINITY EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Prelude

Star in the East - Flute/Recorder
Southern Harmony 1835, William Walker

Hymn 664: My Shepherd Will Supply My Need Hymnal
v. 1

You Are My Hiding Place - Harp
Music by Jo Ann Cate, taken from Psalm 32:7

Welcome

Opening Hymn: Here I am to Worship
Tim Hughes

Prayer

Clergy: The Lord be with you. *All: And also with you.*
Clergy: Let us pray.

Psalm 13

¹ How long, O LORD? Will you forget me forever?
How long will you hide your face from me?
² How long must I bear pain^[a] in my soul,
and have sorrow in my heart all day long?
How long shall my enemy be exalted over me?
³ Consider and answer me, O LORD my God!
Give light to my eyes, or I will sleep the sleep of death,
⁴ and my enemy will say, "I have prevailed";
my foes will rejoice because I am shaken.
⁵ But I trusted in your steadfast love;
my heart shall rejoice in your salvation.
⁶ I will sing to the LORD,
because he has dealt bountifully with me.

Reading Isaiah 25:6-9

On this mountain the LORD of hosts will make for all peoples a feast of rich food, a feast of well-aged wines, of rich food filled with marrow, of well-aged wines strained clear. And he will destroy on this mountain the shroud that is cast over all peoples, the sheet that is spread over all nations; he will swallow up death forever. Then the Lord God will wipe away the tears from all faces, and the disgrace of his people he will take away from all the earth, for the LORD has spoken. It will be said on that day, Lo, this is our God; we have waited for him, so that he might save us. This is the LORD for whom we have waited; let us be glad and rejoice in his salvation.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Hymn 512: Come, Gracious Spirit, Come Hymnal
v. 1 - 4

Psalm 42

¹ As a deer longs for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
² My soul thirsts for God, for the living God.
When shall I come and behold the face of God?
³ My tears have been my food day and night,
while people say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
⁴ These things I remember, as I pour out my soul:
how I went with the throng,
and led them in procession to the house of God,
with glad shouts and songs of thanksgiving,
a multitude keeping festival.
⁵ Why are you cast down,
O my soul, and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.
⁶ My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you
from the land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar.
⁷ Deep calls to deep at the thunder of your cataracts;
all your waves and your billows have gone over me.
⁸ By day the Lord commands his steadfast love,
and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life.
⁹ I say to God, my rock, "Why have you forgotten me?
Why must I walk about mournfully
because the enemy oppresses me?"
¹⁰ As with a deadly wound in my body, my adversaries taunt
me,
while they say to me continually, "Where is your God?"
¹¹ Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my help and my God.

Gospel

Clergy: The Holy Gospel of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to John.
All: Glory to you, Lord Christ.

John 20:11-18

But Mary stood weeping outside the tomb. As she wept, she bent over to look into the tomb; and she saw two angels in white, sitting where the body of Jesus had been lying, one at the head and the other at the feet. They said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping?" She said to them, "They have taken away my Lord, and I do not know where they have laid him." When she had said this, she turned around and saw Jesus standing there, but she did not know that it was Jesus. Jesus said to her, "Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?" Supposing him to be the gardener, she said to him, "Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away."

Jesus said to her, "Mary!" She turned and said to him in Hebrew, "Rabbouni!" (which means Teacher). Jesus said to her, "Do not hold on to me, because I have not yet ascended to the Father. But go to my brothers and say to them, 'I am ascending to my Father and your Father, to my God and your God.'" Mary Magdalene went and announced to the disciples, "I have seen the Lord"; and she told them that he had said these things to her.

Clergy: The Gospel of the Lord.

All: **Praise to you, Lord Christ.**

Sermon

Rev. Taylor Albright

Song: Blessings

Laura Story

Intercessions – **Litany of Renewal**

Reader: Redeem, O Lord the pain of loss; the loss of relationships, the loss of jobs, the loss of health. As we gather up the pain of the past, we offer it to You, O God, asking that into our open hands, You will place the gift of peace.

All: **Refresh, restore, renew us, O God and lead us into your future.**

Reader: We pause to remember ourselves this Advent Season. We remember the past weeks, months and for some of us, years of down times. We remember the grief, the sadness, the hurts, and the pain of reflecting on our own mortality.

All: **Refresh, restore, renew us, O God and lead us into your future.**

Reader: We remember our faith and the gift of hope, which God offers to us in the Christmas story. We remember the God who shares our life, promises us a place and time of no more pain and suffering.

All: **Refresh, restore, renew us, O God and lead us into your future.**

Reader: In the spirit of the season, let us now ask our God for what we need for ourselves as we participate in the pre-Christmas Season as people coping with our loss, pain, suffering, loneliness, grief and sadness. In response to the words, "Loving God, hear our prayer," you are invited to respond with,

All: **And in your merciful love, answer.**

Reader: As the nights have been growing longer, so has the darkness wrapped itself around our hearts. In this season of our longest nights, we offer to you the pain in our hearts, the traumas that some of us cannot put into words. Loving God, hear our prayer.

All: **And in your merciful love, answer.**

Reader: Compassionate God; there are those among us who are grieving over what might have been. Once it was a special day for us too, but someone has died or moved away. Or we have lost a job, our health, a dream, a goal, a cause. We find ourselves adrift, alone, lost. Loving God, hear our prayer.

All: **And in your merciful love, answer.**

Reader: Father of all, we pray to you for all those whom we love but see no longer. In your wisdom, grant us those things that will lead us toward wholeness, love and peace with justice for all.

All: **And in your merciful love, answer.**

Reader: By your grace, bless us in this time with your holy and life-giving presence. For blessed are you, O God, and blessed is all that you do. In Jesus name, **Amen.**

Confession of Sin

Clergy: Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All: **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.**

Clergy: 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

Clergy: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Time Of Prayer

To receive prayer from a member of the Healing Team, call 860-651-0201 or 860-651-7727. If the line is busy, try again shortly. Prayer will be available through the end of the service.

O Lord, Hear My Prayer - Harp

Jacques Berthier

Hymn 707: Take My Life

v. 1, 2

Hymnal

A La Aanita Aana - Flute/Recorder

Traditional Spanish Carol - Harm. W.A.

Come with Your Healing Light, O Lord

Dan Moskey

Closing Prayer

Clergy: Let us pray.

All: **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 forever, Amen.**

Blessing

Closing Song: Hymn 508 Breathe on Me, Breath of God v. 1 - 4

Hymnal

Dismissal

Clergy: Let us go forth in the name of Christ.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

Postlude:

Instrumental - Harp, Flute and Recorder selections