

St Andrew Worship February 27, 2022

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Sunday at 10:30 Worship
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Welcome and Announcements

Call to Worship

We have seen the light of God;
on high mountains of celebration and in the ecstasy of a lover's embrace.
We have seen the light of God;
through the bitter scorn of betrayal and the searing chasm of grief.
We have seen the light of God;
with eyes that have been shaded,
with eyes that have been opened,
with eyes that have been blinded.
We have seen the light of God.

Hymn 192 Lord, the Light of Your Love is Shining

Lord, the light of your love is shining, in the midst of the darkness, shining; Jesus, Light of the World, shine upon us; set us free by the truth you now bring us. Shine on me; shine on me.

Refrain

Shine, Jesus, shine; fill this land with the Father's glory. Blaze, Spirit, blaze; set our hearts on fire. Flow, river, flow; flood the nations with grace and mercy. Send forth your word, Lord, and let there be light.

Lord, I come to your awesome presence, from the shadows into your radiance; by the blood I may enter your brightness. Search me; try me; consume all my darkness. Shine on me; shine on me.

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As we gaze on your kingly brightness, so our faces display your likeness; Ever changing from glory to glory, mirrored here may our lives tell your story. Shine on me; shine on me.

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Prayer of Confession

*Holy God, when you call us to hope and to act with great boldness, we tremble at your presence and cover our eyes. We are afraid of what we will see for your greatness unveils our weakness,
your justice unveils our brokenness, and your holiness unveils our stained past.
O Lord, hear our prayer.*

*Giver of all grace, forgive us our sins.
Give us the strength to renounce that which hides you from us.
Give us the wisdom to execute justice and righteousness.
Give us the courage to uncover our hearts
that we might see the grace of your Son
and not lose heart.
Time for silent reflection.*

Assurance of Grace

You are God's Beloved; with you, God is well pleased.
You are renewed and restored.
You are forgiven and loved.
You are a new creation in Christ, everything old has passed away;
see, everything is becoming new.
Go and share the good news of God's love. Amen.

Response "Glory Be To The Father"

Special Music Played by Don Adkins

Prayers of the People Lord Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, listen to your children praying, Lord, send your Spirit in this place;
Lord, listen to your children praying, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

Hymn 193 Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain

Jesus, take us to the mountain, where, with Peter, James, and John, we are dazzled by your glory, light as blinding as the sun. There prepare us for the night by the vision of that sight.

What do you want us to see there, that your close companions saw? Your divinity revealed there fills us with the selfsame awe. Clothed in flesh like ours you go, matched to meet our deadliest foe.

What do you want us to hear there, that your dear disciples heard? Once again the voice from heaven says of the Incarnate Word, "Listen, listen, everyone: this is my beloved Son."

Take us to that other mountain where we see you glorified, where you shouted "It is finished!" where for all the world you died. Hear the stunned centurion: "Truly this was God's own Son!"

We who have beheld your glory, risen and ascended Lord, cannot help but tell the story, all that we have seen and heard; Say with Peter, James, and John: "You are God's beloved Son!"

Prayer for Illumination

*Reveal your presence to us this day, O God of light, love, and glory.
As you did to your servants at the foot of the mountain,
send your Spirit to show us your story.
May the brilliance of your face illuminate this place
as we dare to proclaim your Word
and may we, your people, be never unable
to tell all of that we have heard. Amen.*

First Lesson: Luke 9:28-36

²⁸ Now about eight days after these sayings Jesus took with him Peter and John and James, and went up on the mountain to pray. ²⁹ And while he was praying, the appearance of his face changed, and his clothes became dazzling white. ³⁰ Suddenly they saw two men, Moses and Elijah, talking to him. ³¹ They appeared in glory and were speaking of his departure, which he was about to accomplish at Jerusalem. ³² Now Peter and his companions were weighed down with sleep; but since they had stayed awake, they saw his glory and the two men who stood with him. ³³ Just as they were leaving him, Peter said to Jesus, “Master, it is good for us to be here; let us make three dwellings, one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah”—not knowing what he said. ³⁴ While he was saying this, a cloud came and overshadowed them; and they were terrified as they entered the cloud. ³⁵ Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my Son, my Chosen; listen to him!” ³⁶ When the voice had spoken, Jesus was found alone. And they kept silent and in those days told no one any of the things they had seen.

Second Lesson: 2 Corinthians 3:12-4:2

¹² Since, then, we have such a hope, we act with great boldness, ¹³ not like Moses, who put a veil over his face to keep the people of Israel from gazing at the end of the glory that was being set aside. ¹⁴ But their minds were hardened. Indeed, to this very day, when they hear the reading of the old covenant, that same veil is still there, since only in Christ is it set aside. ¹⁵ Indeed, to this very day whenever Moses is read, a veil lies over their minds; ¹⁶ but when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. ¹⁷ Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. ¹⁸ And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.

⁴ Therefore, since it is by God’s mercy that we are engaged in this ministry, we do not lose heart. ² We have renounced the shameful things that one hides; we refuse to practice cunning or to falsify God’s word; but by the open statement of the truth we commend ourselves to the conscience of everyone in the sight of God.

Affirmation by Dorothy McRae-McMahon

We believe in a God who is

never confined to our imagining,

is never in bondage to our beliefs,

and never held fast in our dwelling places.

*Our God is the mystery of divine and human bound together,
of power and vulnerability, of crucifixion and resurrection.*

*Our God is the wonder of truth and compassion,
of liberation and responsibility*

of eternal wisdom and costly grace.

We celebrate this God who leaps free of all our boundaries in love

stretching out from horizon to horizon, and in mercy bending deep into fragile human hearts.

Amen.

Offering

Doxology

Offering Prayer

O God of all people and places, who created all the earth and called it good. We come bringing our gifts with the earnest prayer that you will bless them. Take these gifts, we ask you, and multiply them, so that the world may know the light of Christ in the midst of darkness.

Hymn 688 Spirit of God, Descend upon My Heart

Spirit of God, descend upon my heart; wean it from earth, through all its pulses move;
Stoop to my weakness, mighty as thou art, and make me love thee as I ought to love.

I ask no dream, no prophet ecstasies, no sudden rending of the veil of clay,
No angel visitant, no opening skies; but take the dimness of my soul away.

Hast thou not bid us love thee, God and King; all, all thine own, soul, heart, and strength, and
mind? I see thy cross; there teach my heart to cling. O let me seek thee, and O let me find!

Teach me to feel that thou art always nigh. Teach me the struggles of the soul to bear, to check
the rising doubt, the rebel sigh. Teach me the patience of unanswered prayer.

Teach me to love thee as thine angels love, one holy passion filling all my frame; The baptism of
the heaven-descended Dove, my heart an altar, and thy love the flame.

Benediction