

THE THIRD SUNDAY AFTER EPIPHANY
Holy Eucharist ❖ January 23, 2022 ❖ 9:00 am



Jesus Unrolls the Book in the Synagogue, by James Tissot

[Zoom Link to Worship](#)

Zoom Meeting ID: 912 3096 9532

Passcode: 080100

Note to Zoom congregants: You will be muted throughout the service.

Continue to say all group responses, but you will only hear yourself and the people in the Sanctuary.

Prelude

Communion

Louis Vierne (1870-1937)

1 O for a thou - sand tongues to sing my dear Re - deem - er's praise,
 2 My gra - cious Mas - ter and my God, as - sist me to pro - claim
 3 Je - sus! the Name that charms our fears and bids our sor - rows cease;
 4 He speaks; and, lis - tening to his voice, new life the dead re - ceive,
 5 Hear him, ye deaf; ye voice - less ones, your loos-ened tongues em - ploy;

1 the glo - ries of my God and King, the tri - umphs of his grace!
 2 and spread through all the earth a - broad the hon - ors of thy Name.
 3 'tis mu - sic in the sin - ner's ears, 'tis life and health and peace.
 4 the mourn-ful bro - ken hearts re - joice, the hum - ble poor be - lieve.
 5 ye blind, be - hold, your Sa - vior comes; and leap, ye lame, for joy!

6 Glory to God and praise and love
 be now and ever given
 by saints below and saints above,
 the Church in earth and heayen.

The Acclamation and Collect for Purity

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

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

The Celebrant prays the Collect for Purity

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.*



1 For the fruit of all cre - a - tion, thanks be to
 2 In the just re - ward of la - bor, God's will be
 3 For the har - vests of the Spi - rit, thanks be to



God. For his gifts to ev - ery na - tion,
 done. In the help we give our neigh - bor,
 God. For the good we all in - her - it,



thanks be to God. For the plow - ing, sow - ing, reap - ing,
 God's will be done. In our world-wide task of car - ing
 thanks be to God. For the won - ders that as - tound us,



si - lent growth while we are sleep - ing, fu - ture needs in
 for the hun - gry and de - spair - ing, in the har - vests
 for the truths that still con-found us, most of all that



earth's safe - keep - ing, thanks be to God.
 we are shar - ing, God's will be done.
 love has found us, thanks be to God.

Words: F. Pratt Green (b. 1903), alt.

Music: *East Acklam*, Francis Jackson (b. 1917)

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The Salutation and Collect of the Day

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

GIVE US GRACE, O LORD, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

The First Reading

Nehemiah 8:1-3, 5-6, 8-10

Lector A reading from the book of Nehemiah.

ALL THE PEOPLE gathered together into the square before the Water Gate. They told the scribe Ezra to bring the book of the law of Moses, which the LORD had given to Israel. Accordingly, the priest Ezra brought the law before the assembly, both men and women and all who could hear with understanding. This was on the first day of the seventh month. He read from it facing the square before the Water Gate from early morning until midday, in the presence of the men and the women and those who could understand; and the ears of all the people were attentive to the book of the law. And Ezra opened the book in the sight of all the people, for he was standing above all the people; and when he opened it, all the people stood up. Then Ezra blessed the LORD, the great God, and all the people answered, "Amen, Amen," lifting up their hands. Then they bowed their heads and worshiped the LORD with their faces to the ground. So they read from the book, from the law of God, with interpretation. They gave the sense, so that the people understood the reading.

And Nehemiah, who was the governor, and Ezra the priest and scribe, and the Levites who taught the people said to all the people, "This day is holy to the LORD your God; do not mourn or weep." For all the people wept when they heard the words of the law. Then he said to them, "Go your way, eat the fat and drink sweet wine and send portions of them to those for whom nothing is prepared, for this day is holy to our LORD; and do not be grieved, for the joy of the LORD is your strength."

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.

People Thanks be to God.

Psalm 19 *Cæli enarrant*

Lector The heavens declare the glory of God,
and the firmament shows his handiwork.

People One day tells its tale to another,
and one night imparts knowledge to another.

Lector Although they have no words or language,
and their voices are not heard,

People Their sound has gone out into all lands,
and their message to the ends of the world.

Lector In the deep has he set a pavilion for the sun;
it comes forth like a bridegroom out of his chamber;
it rejoices like a champion to run its course.

People It goes forth from the uttermost edge of the heavens
and runs about to the end of it again;
nothing is hidden from its burning heat.

Lector The law of the LORD is perfect
and revives the soul;
the testimony of the LORD is sure
and gives wisdom to the innocent.

People The statutes of the LORD are just
and rejoice the heart;
the commandment of the LORD is clear
and gives light to the eyes.

Lector The fear of the LORD is clean
and endures for ever;
the judgments of the LORD are true
and righteous altogether.

People More to be desired are they than gold,
more than much fine gold,
sweeter far than honey,
than honey in the comb.

Lector By them also is your servant enlightened,
and in keeping them there is great reward.

People Who can tell how often he offends?
cleanse me from my secret faults.

Lector Above all, keep your servant from presumptuous sins;
let them not get dominion over me;
then shall I be whole and sound,
and innocent of a great offense.

People Let the words of my mouth and the meditation of my
heart be acceptable in your sight,
O Lord, my strength and my redeemer.

The Second Reading

1 Corinthians 12:12-31a

Lector A reading from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians.

FOR JUST AS THE BODY is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ. For in the one Spirit we were all baptized into one body—Jews or Greeks, slaves or free—and we were all made to drink of one Spirit.

Indeed, the body does not consist of one member but of many. If the foot would say, "Because I am not a hand, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. And if the ear would say, "Because I am not an eye, I do not belong to the body," that would not make it any less a part of the body. If the whole body were an eye, where would the hearing be? If the whole body were hearing, where would the sense of smell be? But as it is, God arranged the members in the body, each one of them, as he chose. If all were a single member, where would the body be? As it is, there are many members, yet one body. The eye cannot say to the hand, "I have no need of you," nor again the head to the feet, "I have no need of you." On the contrary, the members of the body that seem to be weaker are indispensable, and those members of the body that we think less honorable we clothe with greater honor, and our less respectable members are treated with greater respect; whereas our more respectable members do not need this. But God has so arranged the body, giving the greater honor to the inferior member, that there may be no dissension within the body, but the members may have the same care for one another. If one member suffers, all suffer together with it; if one member is honored, all rejoice together with it.

Now you are the body of Christ and individually members of it. And God has appointed in the church first apostles, second prophets, third teachers; then deeds of power, then gifts of healing, forms of assistance, forms of leadership, various kinds of tongues. Are all apostles? Are all prophets? Are all teachers? Do all work miracles? Do all possess gifts of healing? Do all speak in tongues? Do all interpret? But strive for the greater gifts.

Lector Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.
People Thanks be to God.

Sequence Hymn: 632, O Christ, the Word Incarnate

Munich

1 O Christ, the Word In - car - nate, O Wis - dom from on high,
 2 The Church from our dear Mas - ter re - ceived the word di - vine,
 3 O make thy Church, dear Sa - vior, a lamp of pur - est gold,

O Truth, un - changed, un - chang - ing, O Light of our dark sky;
 and still that light is lift - ed o'er all the earth to shine.
 to bear be - fore the na - tions thy true light as of old;

we praise thee for the ra - diance that from the scrip-ture's page,
 It is the chart and com - pass that o'er life's surg - ing sea,
 O teach thy wan-dering pil - grims by this their path to trace,

a lan - tern to our foot - steps, shines on from age to age.
 mid mists and rocks and quick-sands, still guides, O Christ, to thee.
 till, clouds and dark-ness end - ed, they see thee face to face.

Words: William Walsham How (1823-1897), alt.
 Music: Munich, melody from *Neu-vermehrtes und zu Übung Christl. Gottseligkeit eingerichtetes Meiningsches Gesangbuch*, 1693; adapt. and harm. Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

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The Holy Gospel

Luke 4:14-21

✚ Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke.
 ✚ People Glory to you, Lord Christ.
 ✚

THEN JESUS, filled with the power of the Spirit, returned to Galilee, and a report about him spread through all the surrounding country. He began to teach in their synagogues and was praised by everyone.

When he came to Nazareth, where he had been brought up, he went to the synagogue on the sabbath day, as was his custom. He stood up to read, and the scroll of the prophet Isaiah was given to him. He unrolled the scroll and found the place where it was written:

“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me
 to bring good news to the poor.
 He has sent me to proclaim release to the captives
 and recovery of sight to the blind,
 to let the oppressed go free,
 to proclaim the year of the Lord’s favor.”

And he rolled up the scroll, gave it back to the attendant, and sat down. The eyes of all in the synagogue were fixed on him. Then he began to say to them, “Today this scripture has been fulfilled in your hearing.”

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

*A period of meditative silence follows the Sermon.
The Nicene Creed, the ancient summary
of the Christian faith, is recited by all in unison.*

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

Intercessor Guided by the light of Christ, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all people in need.

For the church throughout the world and all servants of the gospel, that the mystery of God's justice and righteousness be revealed to all, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor For all plants and animals, seas and skies, snow and rain, and all natural resources, that all of creation may grow and thrive and that we do our part as stewards of creation, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor For all nations of the world, their rulers and authorities, places torn apart by war and strife, that peace-makers be raised up to establish justice throughout the earth, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor For the sick, especially those battling COVID, and those who care for them, prisoners and those who guard them, victims of oppression and violence and those who serve them as advocates, and those who have no helper, that God's all-sufficient grace turn darkness into light, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor For the members of the body of Christ in this place, and for those traveling, that we be thrilled and rejoice at the coming of Christ, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor In thanksgiving for the faithful departed, that their witness to the gospel inspire our confidence in the boundless riches of Christ, let us pray.

People Have mercy, O God.

Intercessor Almighty God, giver of every good gift, grant us the guidance of your Holy Spirit as we seek a new Rector for Saint Michael and All Angels. Bless us with patience, courage, and foresight as you shepherd our parish family on this journey. Give us an open spirit, discerning hearts and clear minds, that we may trust your will for us. Raise up for us, we pray, a rector who will boldly proclaim your Gospel, faithfully administer your sacraments, and serve your people with love and compassion.

People Have mercy, O God.

The People may then offer their own prayers, either silently or aloud.

After a moment of silence the Celebrant prays this concluding Collect

RADIANT GOD, hear the prayers of your people, spoken or silent, for the sake of the One who has made his dwelling among us, your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.

The Confession of Sin and Absolution

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

All then pray together

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.

The Celebrant absolves the People, saying

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

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

All greet one another in the Name of the Lord. The Celebrant greets the People.

Offertory Music

The Archbishop's Fanfare (1961)

Francis Jackson (1917-1/10/22)

The Great Thanksgiving

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant 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, 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 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:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow - er and might,
 heaven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.
 Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

Setting: From *A Community Mass*; Richard Proulx (b. 1937)

The Celebrant continues the Eucharistic Prayer

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."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, 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."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

Celebrant and People

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

The Celebrant continues

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

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 Saint Michael 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.*

Celebrant And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

All then pray together

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 Celebrant breaks the consecrated Host.

Celebrant Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

People Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia.

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Congregants worshiping on Zoom or Facebook may recite the following prayer since you are unable to partake of the Communion in person.

A Prayer for Spiritual Communion

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 receive you in the Sacrament of your Body and Blood, come spiritually into my heart. Cleanse and strengthen me with your grace, Lord Jesus, and let me never be separated from you. May I live in you, and you in me, in this life and in the life to come Amen.

Communion Music

Music of Dom Gregory Murray (1905-1992)

Postcommunion Prayer

Celebrant Let us pray.

All then pray together

GOD OF ABUNDANCE, you have fed us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation; you have united us with Christ and one another; and you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. Now send us forth in the power of your Spirit, a people, forgiven, healed, renewed; that we may proclaim your love to the world and continue forever in the risen life of Christ our Savior. Amen.

The Blessing

Hymn in Procession: 530, Spread, O spread, thou mighty word

Gott sei dank

Descants by Daniel Fortune, Alan Gray

1 Spread, O spread, thou might - y word, spread the king - dom of the Lord,
 2 word of how the Fa - ther's will made the world, and keeps it, still;
 3 word of how the Sa - vior's love earth's sore bur - den doth re - move;
 4 word of how the Spi - rit came bring - ing peace in Je - sus' name;
 5 Word of life, most pure and strong, word for which the na - tions long,

1 that to earth's re - mot - est bound all may heed the joy - ful sound;
 2 how his on - ly Son he gave, earth from sin and death to save;
 3 how for - ev - er, in its need, through his death the world is freed;
 4 how his nev - er - fail - ing love guides us on to heaven a - bove.
 5 spread a - broad, un - til from night all the world a - wakes to light.

Words: Jonathan Friedrich Bahnmaier (1774-1841); tr. Arthur William Farlander (1898-1952) and Charles Winfred Douglas (1867-1944), alt. St. 4, F. Bland Tucker (1895-1984)

Music: *Gott sei Dank*, melody from *Geistreiches Gesangbuch*, 1704; adapt. and harm. William Henry Havergal (1793-1870)

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The Dismissal

Celebrant Let us go forth into the world, rejoicing in the power of the Spirit.
People Thanks be to God.

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Celebrant	The Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart
Reader	Stacie Tibbetts
Intercessor	Beth Bianchi
Organist	Dr. Ray Urwin
Altar Guild	Jim Palda
Zoom Host	Brooke Pauley
Zoom Co-Host	Ali Haghjoo
Godly Play and Formation Teacher	Susan Caldwell



Parish Prayer List

London and Kimberly	Julie	Sally
Avery	Elisabeth	Amy and Phil
Nadine	Yvette	Jennifer
Pat and Denise	Ken	Daniel
April	Katy	Jamie
Linda	Barbara	Marilyn
Charlotte	Jane	Marge
Catherine	Mark	Charlie
Sigrid	Inge	Brian
Rebecca	Mary	Peggy
Tom	Peter and Dan	



Welcome to St. Michael's Online Worship!

It's a pleasure to welcome everyone to worship this morning. However you are joining us, the joy of being a Christian community is ours to receive and share. Thanks for being a part of our worship!

COVID-19

In response to the massive spike in the number of cases of COVID-19 being reported here in Southern California, the Wardens and Priests have determined it is best to return to online-only worship until further notice. All in-person services and meetings are canceled for the next few weeks.

Office Hours

This week the church office will be open on Tuesday 8:00 am – 3:00 pm, Wednesday 9:00 am – 3:00 pm, and Thursday 9:00 am – 12:00 noon.

Tuesday Morning Eucharist

Please note that Tuesday morning worship is canceled until further notice.

Tuesday Night @ Mike's

You are invited to join us as we celebrate a birthday and share our experiences with our One Words. All are welcome.

Questions? Please contact Beth Bianchi.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83429763754>

Meeting ID: 834 2976 3754

Passcode: none required



Sunday School

Sunday School for Children and Youth continues on Zoom. Godly Play will meet first at 9:00 am and Youth Green Room Formation will meet second, at 9:30 am. Please note the shortened time frame. Sunday School is only a half hour on Zoom. This is a great way to start the week and to stay connected to our Saint Michael and All Angels Church friends. God bless you and your family! Any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Susan Caldwell, scaldwell@stmikescdm.org. Take care and stay safe!

Topic: Godly Play

Time: Jan 23, 2022 09:00 AM

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Meeting ID: 883 9951 6276

Passcode: 894039

Topic: Youth Formation

Time: Jan 23, 2022 09:30 AM

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Meeting ID: 896 7315 3585

Passcode: 376919

Bible Challenge

The Bible Challenge meets on the 3rd Sunday of the Month at 8:00 am. The discussion of our book, **Angels of the Bible** by Kate Moorehead, continues. This book has been wonderfully engaging! If you would like to participate, please email Susan Caldwell, scaldwell@stmikescdm.org. The cost of the book is \$19.00.

February 20th, 2021 8:00 am

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://zoom.us/j/95819330475?pwd=YXh2ZVkvOUhUQnd4UXJaY1dTQndFdz09>

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The Inklings

Inklings will meet the third Thursday of the month, February 17, 9:30am-11:00am, online. We will continue our study of **Reflections on the Psalms** by C. S. Lewis. All are welcome to join. This is an online event - Zoom only.

<https://zoom.us/j/93842505095?pwd=ZlpUcWUySEtNZXA5Y1o4N1ZVUVZsUT09>

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Sundays at 10:30 am

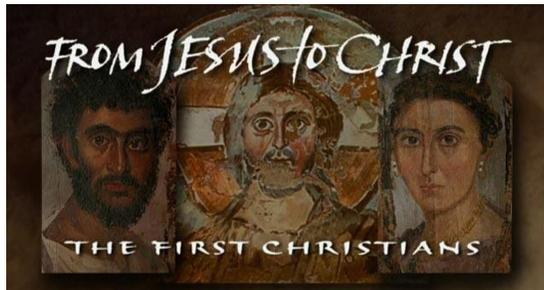
We'll meet today at 10:30 am online to watch and discuss the third part of with From Jesus to Christ, a PBS Frontline series that explores the life of Jesus and the movement he started, challenging familiar assumptions and conventional notions about the origins of Christianity. It will be an online session - Zoom only.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/9666325340?pwd=VHNOd2ZpUUd4U2JXWGhBWG1OYXhidz09>

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Password: 221426



Prayer List Update for First Wednesday, 2:00 pm, Worship

As we mourn the death of Annemaria Ballin, additions or changes to the prayer list may be directed to Brooke Pauley. Prayer requests will remain on the list for three weeks unless otherwise requested. Contact Brooke at kookiepauley@gmail.com or 949-514-7917. You may also contact the Rev. Susan Pinkerton at susan.pinkerton@stmikescdm.org, or the Rev. Dr. Barbara Stewart at barbarastewart001@gmail.com to submit a name to the prayer list.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Weather permitting, the Prayer Shawl knitters will meet outside at 10:00 am on Friday. Please join us as we knit and pray! Questions? Please contact Barbara Stewart. barbarastewart001@gmail.com



Music Notes, by Ray Urwin: RIP Francis Jackson, 1917-2022



The church music world was saddened to learn that Francis Jackson, CBE, died January 10th at the grand age of 104. He was assistant organist at York Minster, and upon his teacher's death in 1946 he became Organist and Director of Music at the Minster, where he remained for 36 years, continuing the great work of his predecessor at the largest Medieval cathedral in Northern Europe, and England's largest Gothic cathedral. Jackson left an extensive output of both sacred and secular compositions; he is also supposedly the organist who started the fashion of playing Charles Marie Widor's famous Toccata for weddings, having played the work for the wedding of a cousin of the Queen in 1961. Francis Jackson was a true giant of the Anglican choral realm, and one of the last of a generation of great Anglican musicians. As a teenager I heard him play a recital - though more known as a choral director and composer, he could definitely get around on an organ!

Jackson has one tune in our hymnal, No. 424, *For the fruit of all creation*, today's Hymn of Praise and a great modern hymn for Thanksgiving or general use. He originally wrote it for the evening hymn *God that madest earth and heaven*, but due to the great popularity of those words with the familiar Welsh tune, Jackson's tune never caught on with those words. A British hymnologist knew of Jackson's now unattached tune and suggested to a hymn author, F. Pratt Green (1903-2000) that he try writing words for it on a harvest or thanksgiving theme (new hymns on that subject being in short supply), fitting words to Jackson's music with its unusual 84.84.888.4 metre (these numbers are simply the syllables in each phrase, separated by the periods). Green rose to the challenge: his text is equally as fine as Jackson's tune, and the two, a perfect pairing of words and music, are now found in hymnals of many denominations.

Sidebar: you would be surprised to learn that this is quite often the case - the words and music of many hymns were often not originally written to go together, including *Hark the herald angels sing*, *When I survey the wondrous cross*, and *O sacred head sore wounded*. The English words of *Hark, the herald* were sung with several tunes, including *Jesus Christ is risen today!* And the original words were not always sacred or even religious: Mendelssohn's tune was written for a celebration of the anniversary of Gutenberg's invention of printing, and he wrote that his tune "would *never* do with sacred words [emphasis his]!" And the original German words of *O sacred head* were a torch song!

We'll sing Jackson's hymn, named *East Acklam* for the Yorkshire village they lived in, today as our Hymn of Praise, and as the Offertory music I'll be playing a short piece of his written for the enthronement of the Archbishop of York (who later became the Archbishop of Canterbury). A few years ago I played for a local choir's residency at York Minster; my current profile picture on Facebook is of me at the console of the Minster.



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