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PRELUDE Meditation from Thais
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GATHERING SONG Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory # 890

Mine eyes have seen the glory of the coming of the Lord;
he is trampling out the vintage where the grapes of wrath are stored;
he has loosed the fateful lightning of his terrible swift sword:
his truth is marching on.

Refrain
Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
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Glory, glory! Hallelujah!
His truth is marching on.

He has sounded forth the trumpet that shall never call retreat;
he is sifting out the hearts of men before his judgment seat.
Oh, be swift, my soul, to answer him; be jubilant, my feet!
Our God is marching on. *Refrain*

In the beauty of the lilies Christ was born across the sea,
with a glory in his bosom that transfigures you and me.
As he died to make men holy, let us live to make men free,
while God is marching on. *Refrain*

Text: Julia Ward Howe, 1819-1910

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WORD

FIRST READING: ZEPHANIAH 1:7, 12-18

7 Be silent before the Lord GOD, for the day of the LORD is at hand!
The LORD has prepared a sacrifice; he has consecrated his guests.

12 At that time I will search Jerusalem with lamps, and I will punish the
people who settle like dregs in wine, those who say in their hearts,
"The LORD will not do good, nor will he do harm."

13 Their wealth shall be plundered and their houses laid waste.
Though they build houses, they shall not inhabit them;
though they plant vineyards, they shall not drink wine from them.

14 The great day of the LORD is near, near and hastening fast;
the sound of the day of the LORD is bitter; the warrior cries aloud there.

15 That day will be a day of wrath, a day of distress and anguish,
a day of ruin and devastation, a day of darkness and gloom,
a day of clouds and thick darkness,

16 a day of trumpet blast and battle cry against the fortified cities
and against the lofty battlements.

(continued…)

[17] I will bring such distress upon people that they shall walk like the blind; because they have sinned against the LORD, their blood shall be poured out like dust and their flesh like dung.

[18] Neither their silver nor their gold will be able to save them
on the day of the LORD's wrath; in the fire of his passion
the whole earth shall be consumed, for a full, a terrible end
he will make of all the inhabitants of the earth.

C: Thanks be to God

PSALM 90:1-8 [9-11] 12 *Read responsively by full verse*

[1] Be pleased, O God, to deliver me; O Lord, make haste to help me.

[2] **Let those who seek my life be put to shame and confounded; let those who take pleasure in my misfortune draw back and be disgraced.**

Let those who say to me "Aha!" and gloat over me turn back because of their shame.

[4] **Let all who seek you rejoice and be glad in you; let those who love your salvation say forever, "Great | is the Lord!"**

[5] But as for me, I am poor and needy; come to me quickly, O God. You are my helper and my deliverer; O Lord, do not tarry.

(continued…)

[6] **in the morning it is green and flourishes; in the evening it is dried up and withered.**

[7] For we are consumed by your anger; we are afraid because of your wrath.

[8] **Our iniquities you have set before you, and our secret sins in the light of your countenance.**

[9] When you are angry, all our days are gone; we bring our years to an end like a sigh.

[10] **The span of our life is seventy years, perhaps in strength even eighty; yet the sum of them is but labor and sorrow, for they pass away quickly and we are gone.**

[11] Who regards the power of your wrath? Who rightly fears your indignation?

[12] **So teach us to number our days that we may apply our hearts to wisdom.**

SECOND READING: 1 THESSALONIANS 5:1-11

[1] Now concerning the times and the seasons, brothers and sisters, you do
not need to have anything written to you. [2] For you yourselves know
very well that the day of the Lord will come like a thief in the night.
[3] When they say, “There is peace and security,” then sudden destruction
will come upon them, as labor pains come upon a pregnant woman, and
there will be no escape! [4] But you, brothers and sisters, are not in
darkness, for that day to surprise you like a thief; [5] for you are all
children of light and children of the day; we are not of the night or of
darkness. [6] So, then, let us not fall asleep as others do, but let us keep
awake and be sober, [7] for those who sleep sleep at night, and those who
are drunk get drunk at night. [8] But since we belong to the day, let us be
sober and put on the breastplate of faith and love and for a helmet the
hope of salvation. [9] For God has destined us not for wrath but for
obtaining salvation through our Lord Jesus Christ, [10] who died for us, so
that whether we are awake or asleep we may live with him. [11] Therefore
encourage one another and build up each other, as indeed you are doing.

C: Thanks be to God.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (*SUNG)*

L: The Holy Gospel according to … **C: Glory to you, O Lord.**

GOSPEL: MATTHEW 25: 1-13

[Jesus said to the disciples:] 14 "For it is as if a man, going on a journey,
summoned his slaves and entrusted his property to them; 15 to one he
gave five talents, to another two, to another one, to each according to
his ability. Then he went away. At once 16 the one who had received the
five talents went off and traded with them and made five more talents.
17 In the same way, the one who had the two talents made two more
talents. 18 But the one who had received the one talent went off and dug
a hole in the ground and hid his master's money. 19 After a long time the
master of those slaves came and settled accounts with them. 20 Then the
one who had received the five talents came forward, bringing five more
talents, saying, 'Master, you handed over to me five talents; see, I have
made five more talents.' 21 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and
trustworthy slave; you have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put
you in charge of many things; enter into the joy of your master.' 22 And
the one with the two talents also came forward, saying, 'Master, you
handed over to me two talents; see, I have made two more talents.'
23 His master said to him, 'Well done, good and trustworthy slave; you
have been trustworthy in a few things; I will put you in charge of many
things; enter into the joy of your master.' 24 Then the one who had
received the one talent also came forward, saying, 'Master, I knew that
you were a harsh man, reaping where you did not sow and gathering
where you did not scatter, 25 so I was afraid, and I went and hid your
talent in the ground. Here you have what is yours.' 26 But his master
replied, 'You wicked and lazy slave! You knew, did you, that I reap
where I did not sow and gather where I did not scatter?

(*continued…*)

[27] Then you ought to have invested my money with the bankers, and on
my return I would have received what was my own with interest. [28] So
take the talent from him, and give it to the one with the ten talents.
[29] For to all those who have, more will be given, and they will have an
abundance, but from those who have nothing, even what they have will
be taken away. [30] As for this worthless slave, throw him into the outer
darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.' "

L: This is the Gospel of the Lord, **C: Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY O Christ The Same (Tune – London Derry Air) # 778

O Christ the same, through all our story's pages--
our loves and hopes, our failures and our fears;
eternal Lord, the king of all the ages,
unchanging still amid the passing years:
O living Word, the source of all creation,
who spread the skies and set the stars ablaze;
O Christ the same, who wrought our whole salvation,
we bring our thanks for all our yesterdays.

O Christ the same, the friend of sinners, sharing
our inmost thoughts, the secrets none can hide;
still as of old upon your body bearing
the marks of love in triumph glorified.
O Son of Man, who stooped for us from heaven--
O Prince of life, in all your saving power;
O Christ the same, to whom our hearts are given:
we bring our thanks for this the present hour.

(continued…)

O Christ the same, secure within whose keeping
our lives and loves, our days and years remain;
our work and rest, our waking and our sleeping,
our calm and storm, our pleasure and our pain:
O Lord of love, for all our joys and sorrows,
for all our hopes when earth shall fade and flee;
O Christ the same, beyond our brief tomorrows,
we bring our thanks for all that is to be.

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L: God in your mercy **C: Hear our prayer.**

THE PEACE

L: The peace of Christ be with you always.

C: And also with you.

THANKSGIVING

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SENDING

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SENDING SONG Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ # 674

Let us talents and tongues employ,
reaching out with a shout of joy:
bread is broken, the wine is poured,
Christ is spoken and seen and heard.

Refrain
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!
Jesus lives again, earth can breathe again,
pass the Word around: loaves abound!

Christ is able to make us one,
at the table he sets the tone,
teaching people to live to bless,
love in word and in deed express. *Refrain*

Jesus calls us in, sends us out
bearing fruit in a world of doubt,
gives us love to tell, bread to share:
God (Immanuel) ev'rywhere! *Refrain*

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DISMISSAL L: Go in peace. Serve the Lord. Pg. 222
C: Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE Battle Hymn Of The Republic- P. J. Wilhousky
- Nancy Jackman & Ross McDonald

PARISH NOTICES

WELCOME We are happy that you have chosen to join us today. You have increased our joy with your presence, and we hope you will return again soon.

PLEASE HELP EVERYONE GET TO KNOW EACH OTHER by wearing a name tag during service and coffee hour. Please return the name tag to the appropriate box before heading home.

FLOWER CHART If you would like to provide flowers for the altar on a specific day, please add your name to the sign-up sheet next to the Pastor's office.

MY SISTER'S PLACE Please leave donations at the My Sister's Place box in Koehler Hall. Some of the most needed items include toilet paper, paper towels, Kleenex, laundry detergent, hand soap, cleaning supplies, full sized toiletries, feminine hygiene products, granola bars, fruit cups and gift cards for grocery stores, Tim Hortons, Giant Tiger and pharmacies. Gift Cards can be left in the office with Angela.

SUNDAY COFFEE IN THE CAFÉ In the New Year we are changing how the coffee host scheduling is being done. Joan has done the recruiting in the past but is retiring and we thank her for her work. Starting in January, the list of dates for 2027 will be posted on the fridge door in the kitchenette. You are welcome to sign up for a Sunday or two that work for you throughout the year. For those Sundays where no one has signed up, there will be no coffee. If everyone takes a turn or two the tradition of coffee hour after service will continue.

CONGREGATIONAL CHRISTMAS DINNER will be held on Sunday November 29 (First Sunday of Advent) after the service. This will be a catered traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings. Come for the good food, fellowship, carolling and a chance to win a gift basket of Christmas goodies. The cost is $30.00 for adults and $15.00 for children 12 and under (children under 5 are free). Tickets will be available starting on Sunday, November 1. **Deadline to buy tickets is Sunday, November 22nd!**

JOIN US FOR THE MAKERS CIRCLE ON WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 18TH AT 1:00 PM. A welcoming gathering for anyone who enjoys making, creating, or exploring hobbies. Bring along your favorite craft, hobby, or creative project to work on. Materials will also be provided, so you're welcome to simply come and see what inspires you! Everyone is welcome!

KIDS CLUB meets every Sunday downstairs in Killinger Hall between September and June. We welcome all children between the ages of three and twelve. Parents are welcome to stay if their little one is shy at first. If you are interested in helping with Kids Club, please talk to one of the teachers. We are always looking for fresh faces and new ideas!

THE TADPOLE POND is located on the southwest side of the sanctuary. If you have a wiggly worshipper too young for Kids Club, this space is especially made for you.

There is also a table, chairs, crayons and paper in the Koehler Hall at the back behind the desk.

ELEVATOR ASSISTANCE is now available before and after the service. Please ask the elevator host for assistance.

IN OUR PRAYERS

If you or a family member is going into hospital, please let us know so that Pastor Nadine can plan to visit.

We pray for those in our community especially Teresa Hamilton, Rosemary Christensen, Jean Krautner, Mary Anne Stewart, Monica Spilsbury and Kathy Hough.

We also pray for those in Nursing and Retirement Homes, Otto Danner, Geraldine Wigelsworth, Susan Okkenen, Jean Keller, Christine Ruiters, Karen Stroh, Hans Stuhlemmer, Nancy Hickling, Carol Boyd, Joanne Vogel, Fred Schmidt, Don Cook & Irma Kaiser

We also pray for healing and comfort for those close to our congregation as we name –Deborah & Bobby, daughter and son of Sharon Mantle, Mavis Copeman, sister of Jean Hohnstein, Steve Hodgins, son in law of Linda Reynolds and Margy Mantz, wife of Pastor Frank Mantz

We also keep Ingrid Kornmuller's family in our prayers as they mourn the loss of their dear friend, mother, and proud Oma. May God bring them comfort, strength, and peace during this difficult time.

IN WORSHIP THIS MORNING

Lay Servant: Alan Day
Director of Music: Ross McDonald
Reader: Lydia Reinhard
Greeters: Robert and Carolyne Sellars
Coffee Host: Ted and Lydia Reinhard
Audio: George Cooper Jr. & Francis Hinnah Jr.

GIVING

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- Pre-Authorized Remittances (PAR): your contributions are automatically debited from your bank account. This method of support is more environmentally-friendly and convenient.
- Offering Envelopes: ordered with a unique giver number for tax purposes
- e-Transfers: your donations are deposited directly to Trinity
- Cheques: may be mailed to the church at 746 Colborne St., London, ON N6A 3Z7
- Making a donation in a loved one's name

Do you want to use a space in our building? **Booking rooms** can be done through Angela at 519-432-4832.

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