

January 17, 2021
Worship Guide for Livestream
Woe to You!

Words of Welcome

Call to Worship

Arise, shine, for your light has come! **The glory of the Lord has risen upon us.**
Let us praise the Lord together. **The sun shall no longer be our light by day, nor
will the brightness of the moon shine on us,**
for the Lord will be our light, and our God will be our glory.
The Lord will be our everlasting light,
and our days of sorrow will end. Come, let us sing to our light and salvation!
-based on Isaiah 60

Gathering Hymn - *Trinity Song*

Holy Father, Son and Spirit;
Holy Communion, three-in-one.

Come with your peace, with your invitation,
Bind us together in holy love.

Greeting

The Lord your God is in your midst,
a mighty one who will save;
he will rejoice over you with gladness;
he will quiet you with his love;
he will exult over you with loud singing.

- Zephaniah 3:17

The Lord be with you.
And also with you

Confession Hymn

Ho - ly God Ho - ly and might - y Ho - ly Im -
mor - tal One have mer - cy, have mer - cy on us.

Confession of Sin

Let us confess our sins before God and one another.

God of grace and truth, in Jesus Christ you came among us as light shining in darkness. We confess that we have not welcomed the light, or trusted good new to be good. We have closed our eyes to glory in our midst, expecting little, and hoping for less. Forgive our doubt and renew our hope, so that we may receive the fullness of your grace and live in light of Christ our Lord. Amen

Words of Forgiveness & Peace

For with you is the fountain of life; in your light do we see light.

-Psalm 36:9

In Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven!

Thanks be to God!

Passing of the Peace

[Invitation for congregation to share a sign of peace with one another]

Hymns of Praise and Adoration

Bless the Lord My Soul

*Bless the Lord, my soul,
and bless Gods holy name.
Bless the Lord,
my soul, who leads me into life.*

Out of My Bondage, Sorrow and Night (Jesus I Come)

Out of my bondage, sorrow, and night,
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!
Into Thy freedom, gladness, and light,
Jesus, I come to Thee!
Out of my sickness into Thy health,
Out of my want and into Thy wealth,
Out of my sin and into Thyself,
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of my shameful failure and loss,
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!
Into the glorious gain of Thy cross,
Jesus, I come to Thee!
Out of earth's sorrows into Thy balm,
Out of life's storm and into Thy calm,
Out of distress to jubilant psalm,
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of unrest and arrogant pride,
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!
Into Thy blessed will to abide,
Jesus, I come to Thee!
Out of myself to dwell in Thy love,
Out of despair into raptures above,
Upward for aye on wings like a dove,
Jesus, I come to Thee!

Out of the fear and dread of the tomb,
Jesus, I come! Jesus, I come!
Into the joy and pleasure, Thine own,
Jesus, I come to Thee!
Out of the depths of ruin untold,
Into the flock Thy love doth enfold,
Ever Thy glorious face to behold,
Jesus, I come to Thee!

In the darkness, can you hear us?
When the night comes, are we alone?
Have you forgotten all of your children?
When we remember you how we groan
But our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night
When the light is gone
Be our sheltering place
Our song in the night

We are broken are we forsaken?
Has your love gone down with the sun?
And your mercy through all history,
Is it abandoned and undone?
Oh our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night
When the light is gone
Be our sheltering place
Our song in the night

Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia

Your road, it led me down to the Red Sea
The waters trembled, and you made a way
You raised Your arm and led them to dry land
Lord, will You hear us when we say
That our hearts cannot be silent

O God, be our song in the night
When the light is gone
Be our sheltering place
Our song in the night

Our song in the night
Our song in the night
Our song in the night

Liturgy of the Word

Living Our Faith

Old Testament Reading

Psalm 14

- ¹The fool says in his heart, “There is no God.”
They are corrupt, they do abominable deeds;
there is none who does good.
- ² The Lord looks down from heaven on the children of man,
to see if there are any who understand,
who seek after God.
- ³ They have all turned aside; together they have become corrupt;
there is none who does good,
not even one.
- ⁴ Have they no knowledge, all the evildoers
who eat up my people as they eat bread
and do not call upon the Lord?
- ⁵ There they are in great terror,
for God is with the generation of the righteous.
- ⁶ You would shame the plans of the poor,
but the Lord is his refuge.
- ⁷ Oh, that salvation for Israel would come out of Zion!
When the Lord restores the fortunes of his people,
let Jacob rejoice, let Israel be glad.

Gloria Patri

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.***

Old Testament Reading

Isaiah 65:4-9

- ⁴ From of old no one has heard
or perceived by the ear,
no eye has seen a God besides you,
who acts for those who wait for him.
- ⁵ You meet him who joyfully works righteousness,
those who remember you in your ways.
Behold, you were angry, and we sinned;
in our sins we have been a long time, and shall we be saved?
- ⁶ We have all become like one who is unclean,
and all our righteous deeds are like a polluted garment.
We all fade like a leaf,
and our iniquities, like the wind, take us away.
- ⁷ There is no one who calls upon your name,
who rouses himself to take hold of you;
for you have hidden your face from us,
and have made us melt in the hand of our iniquities.
- ⁸ But now, O Lord, you are our Father;
we are the clay, and you are our potter;
we are all the work of your hand.
- ⁹ Be not so terribly angry, O Lord,
and remember not iniquity forever.
Behold, please look, we are all your people.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:15-17

The saying is trustworthy and deserving of full acceptance, that Christ Jesus came into the world to save sinners, of whom I am the foremost. ¹⁶But I received mercy for this reason, that in me, as the foremost, Jesus Christ might display his perfect patience as an example to those who were to believe in him for eternal life. ¹⁷To the King of the ages, immortal, invisible, the only God, be honor and glory forever and ever. Amen.

The Word of the Lord:

Thanks be to God.

Gospel Reading

Hear the Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Luke:
Glory to you, O Lord!

Luke 11:37-54

³⁷While Jesus was speaking, a Pharisee asked him to dine with him, so he went in and reclined at table. ³⁸The Pharisee was astonished to see that he did not first wash before dinner. ³⁹And the Lord said to him, “Now you Pharisees cleanse the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. ⁴⁰You fools! Did not he who made the outside make the inside also? ⁴¹But give as alms those things that are within, and behold, everything is clean for you.

⁴² “But woe to you Pharisees! For you tithe mint and rue and every herb, and neglect justice and the love of God. These you ought to have done, without neglecting the others. ⁴³Woe to you Pharisees! For you love the best seat in the synagogues and greetings in the marketplaces. ⁴⁴Woe to you! For you are like unmarked graves, and people walk over them without knowing it.”

⁴⁵One of the lawyers answered him, “Teacher, in saying these things you insult us also.” ⁴⁶And he said, “Woe to you lawyers also! For you load people with burdens hard to bear, and you yourselves do not touch the burdens with one of your fingers. ⁴⁷Woe to you! For you build the tombs of the prophets whom your fathers killed. ⁴⁸So you are witnesses and you consent to the deeds of your fathers, for they killed them, and you build their tombs. ⁴⁹Therefore also the Wisdom of God said, ‘I will send them prophets and apostles, some of whom they will kill and persecute,’

⁵⁰so that the blood of all the prophets, shed from the foundation of the world, may be charged against this generation, ⁵¹from the blood of Abel to the blood of Zechariah, who perished between the altar and the sanctuary. Yes, I tell you, it will be required of this generation. ⁵²Woe to you lawyers! For you have taken away the key of knowledge. You did not enter yourselves, and you hindered those who were entering.”

⁵³As he went away from there, the scribes and the Pharisees began to press him hard and to provoke him to speak about many things, ⁵⁴lying in wait for him, to catch him in something he might say.

The Gospel of the Lord.
Praise to you, O Christ!

Sermon

Pastor Peter Rowan - *Woe to You!*

Creed

Let us affirm the faith of the Church:

**I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Creator of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ,
his only Son, our Lord,
who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, died, and was buried;
he descended into hell;
on the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended to heaven,
and is seated at the right hand of God the Father almighty;
from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church,
the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,
the resurrection of the body, and life everlasting. Amen.**

The Apostles' Creed

Offering of Prayers of the People

Where ignorance, self-love, and insensitivity have fractured life in community, **give us your light, O God of love.**

Where injustice and oppression have broken the spirit of peoples, **give us your light, O God of freedom.**

Where hunger and poverty, illness and death have made life an unbearable burden, **give us your light, O God of grace.**

Where suspicion and hatred, conflict and war have challenged your goodness, **give us your light, O God of peace.**

Eternal God, remove the blindness of the nations and peoples so that they may walk in the light of love; remove the ignorance and stubbornness of nations and peoples so that they may drink from the fountains of your goodness; remove the fear in our hearts, that we might proclaim the beauty of your gospel of light. Hear us now, O Lord, as we bring before you our petitions... **Amen.**

Offering of Gifts

Friends and members of Second City Church support the extension of God's Kingdom with gifts of bread, wine, talents and resources. Guests are not expected to contribute. Tithes and offerings may be placed in the offering plates, boxes on the wall as you leave, or can be made electronically. Instructions for setting up online giving are available at the donation boxes.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise him all creatures here below
Praise him above ye heavenly host
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost

Liturgy of the table

The Prayer of Great Thanksgiving

Invitation

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right for us to give thanks and praise.

Praise God for His Mighty Acts

We thank you, God, for sending a star to guide the wise ones to the Christ child. But, even more, we praise you for signs and witnesses in every generation that lead us to Christ. We thank you for the covenant made first with Israel—promising to be Israel's light and salvation. You made Israel your people and promised that through them all the peoples of the world would be blessed.

We thank you for prophets who declared your Word, for priests who made sacrifices for the sins of many, and for kings and rulers who ruled with justice, lifted up the poor and needy, and defended the people from their enemies.

With the apostles, prophets, and martyrs; with all those through the ages who have loved the Lord Jesus Christ; and with all who strive to serve him on earth here and now, we join our voices in offering praise to the God of loving power and powerful love.

Sanctus

Holy, holy, holy Lord God of power and might.
Heaven and earth, heaven and earth, are full of your glory.
Hosannah in the highest! Hosannah in the highest!
Blessed is he! Blessed is he, who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosannah in the highest! Hosannah in the highest!
Hosannah in the highest! Hosannah in the highest!

Praise for Christ's Sacrifice

Therefore we proclaim our faith as signed and sealed in this sacrament.

Acclamation



people
We show forth your death, O Lord, and con-fess your re - sur-rec-tion.
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'Till you come, 'till you come a - gain.

Calling on the Holy Spirit and Lord's Prayer

We pray in the name of Jesus, who taught us:

**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 debts as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever.
Amen.**

Invitation to the Table

The gifts of God for the people of God. Take them in remembrance that Christ died for you and feed on him by faith, with thanksgiving.

Sharing Holy Communion

Second City Church welcomes all baptized Christians who have made a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ in a Christian church to join us in this sacrament. Non-communicants can come forward and ask for a blessing. If you need to receive communion in your seat, ask a fellow worshiper to let the communion servers know. If you are unable to receive wine, you will find a chalice containing non-alcoholic grape juice at the station the pastor is serving. The communion bread is gluten-free.

Closing Prayer

Benediction

May the light of the glorious gospel of Christ shine in our hearts, transform our lives, and brighten the world. And the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, rest upon you always. **Amen.**

Closing Hymn - *We Are Marching in the Light of God*

We are marching in the light of God,
We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are marching, marching,
We are marching, Oh

We are marching in the light of God.

(Repeat)

We are living in the love of God,
We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are living, living,

We are living, Oh

We are living in the love of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving in the power of God,
We are moving in the power of God,

(Repeat)

We are moving, moving,

We are moving, Oh

We are moving in the power of God.

(Repeat)

Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.
Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS:

Men's Tuesday Afternoon Bible Study

The Men's Tuesday afternoon Bible Study will resume meeting at the home of David Kemper this coming Tuesday, January 12th from 4-5 PM. Please contact David Kemper at kempernicus@gmail.com or Peter Rowan at peter@secondcitychurch.org

Ladies Bible Study

The Ladies Bible study will resume meeting via Zoom every Wednesday evening, beginning January 13th from 7-9 PM. They will be studying 2 Samuel. Please contact Melise Rowan with questions at melise930@gmail.com

Revelation Bible Study

The Thursday evening Revelation Bible Study will resume on Thursday, January 14th via Zoom. Please contact Cathy Prescott if you would like to participate at cprescot@messiah.edu

Epiphany Bonfire at Shaffer next Sunday, January 24th 3-7pm

For the last few years a number of us have been asking how we can celebrate Epiphany and have a time of gathering together in these cold months of the year. Given the guidelines COVID guidelines and the gift of our church's 35-acre Shaffer Retreat property out on Fishing Creek Valley Road, we have gathered a lot of used Christmas trees and are going to have a bonfire out at our property. A few things to know:

When? - Next Sunday, January 24th from 3-7pm.

What? - A bonfire, but also the opportunity to spend time hiking, playing lawn games (if it's not brutally cold or snowy), dinner, and a time to hang out together.

What's for dinner? - The church will provide hot dogs, sausages, chips, drinks, stuff for s'mores and skewers. Please bring along anything else you may want and bring some skewers if you have any.

Who? - You, your neighbors, your friends, your roommates, your family, your classmates, etc., etc. Invite folk!

What about COVID? - This is outside, so it's much safer. Even still, we would ask that you wear a mask unless you are eating or drinking.

Hope all of you can join us!

