

Redeemer Church

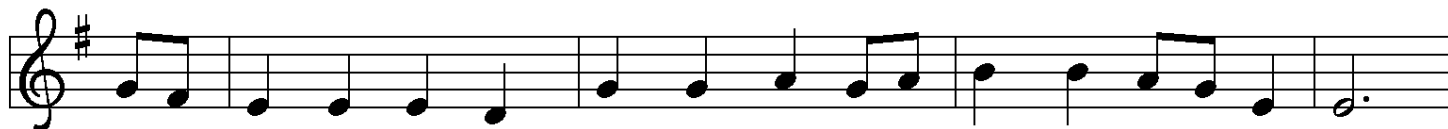
Sunday 21 July 2024

Mark's gospel makes clear how great is the press of the crowd, with its countless needs to be met, on Jesus and his disciples. Yet in today's gospel Jesus advises his disciples to get away and rest, to take care of themselves. Sometimes we think that when others are in great need we shouldn't think of ourselves at all; but Jesus also honors the caregivers' need. We are sent from Christ's table to care for others and for ourselves.

I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say



1 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Come un - to me and rest;
2 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "Be - hold, I free - ly give
3 I heard the voice of Je - sus say, "I am this dark world's light;



lay down, O wea - ry one, lay down your head up - on my breast."
the liv - ing wa - ter, thirst - y one; stoop down and drink and live."
look un - to me, your morn shall rise, and all your day be bright."



I came to Je - sus as I was, so wea - ry, worn, and sad;
I came to Je - sus, and I drank of that life - giv - ing stream;
I looked to Je - sus, and I found in him my star, my sun;



I found in him a rest-ing-place, and he has made me glad.
my thirst was quenched, my soul re - vived, and now I live in him.
and in that light of life I'll walk till trav-'ling days are done.

Text: Horatius Bonar, 1808–1889

Music: KINGSFOLD, English folk tune

✠ Confession & Forgiveness

P Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open,
all desires known, and from whom 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 Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Silence is kept for reflection.

P Most merciful God,

**C We confess that we are captive to sin
and cannot free ourselves.
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.
For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ,
have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us,
so that we may delight in your will
and walk in your ways, to the glory
of your holy name. Amen.**

P In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given
to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us
all our sins. As a called and ordained minister
of the church of Christ, and by his authority,
I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness
of all your sins, in the name of the Father,
and of the ✠ Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen!**

✠ Prayer of the Day

Heavenly Shepherd, we find comfort knowing You are our guide and protector. In green pastures, beside still waters, You restore our souls. Even in the valley of shadows, we fear no evil, for You are with us. Your rod and staff bring comfort. As You prepare a table before us, may Your goodness and mercy follow us all our days. **Amen.**

✠ First Lesson {Jeremiah 23:1-6}

Today's Reader: Lon Strand

Jeremiah prophesied before the exile in 587 BC. In this passage, he uses the metaphor of a shepherd to describe the bad kings who have scattered the "flock" of Israel. God promises to gather the flock and to raise up a new king from David's line to save Israel and Judah.

Our First Lesson is taken from Jeremiah the 23rd Chapter,

23 "Woe to the shepherds who are destroying and scattering the sheep of my pasture!" declares the LORD. ² Therefore this is what the LORD, the God of Israel, says to the shepherds who tend my people: "Because you have scattered my flock and driven them away and have not bestowed care on them, I will bestow punishment on you for the evil you have done," declares the LORD.

³ "I myself will gather the remnant of my flock out of all the countries where I have driven them and will bring them back to their pasture, where they will be fruitful and increase in number. ⁴ I will place shepherds over

them who will tend them, and they will no longer be afraid or terrified, nor will any be missing,” declares the LORD.

⁵ *“The days are coming,” declares the LORD,
“when I will raise up for David a righteous Branch,
a King who will reign wisely
and do what is just and right in the land.*

⁶ *In his days Judah will be saved
and Israel will live in safety.
This is the name by which he will be called:
The LORD Our Righteous Savior.*

Word of God, Word of Life

Thanks be to God

✠ **Psalm 23 {Read Responsively}**

23 The LORD *is* my shepherd;
I shall not want.

² **He makes me to lie down in green pastures;
He leads me beside the still waters.**

³ He restores my soul;
He leads me in the paths of righteousness
For His name’s sake.

⁴ **Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil;
For You are with me;
Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me.**

⁵ You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies;
You anoint my head with oil;
My cup runs over.

⁶ **Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
All the days of my life;
And I will dwell in the house of the LORD
Forever.**

✠ **Second Lesson {Ephesians 2:11-22}**

Paul reminds his Gentile audience that originally they were not part of God’s chosen people. Through Jesus’ death, however, they are included in God’s household of faith, whose cornerstone is Jesus Christ.

Our Second Lesson is taken from Ephesians the 2nd Chapter,

¹¹ Therefore, remember that formerly you who are Gentiles by birth and called “uncircumcised” by those who call themselves “the circumcision” (which is done in the body by human hands)— ¹² remember that at that time you were separate from Christ, excluded from citizenship in Israel and foreigners to the covenants of the promise, without hope and without God in the world. ¹³ But now in Christ Jesus you who once were far away have been brought near by the blood of Christ.

¹⁴ For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, ¹⁵ by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, ¹⁶ and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. ¹⁷ He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. ¹⁸ For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

¹⁹ Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, ²⁰ built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. ²¹ In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. ²² And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

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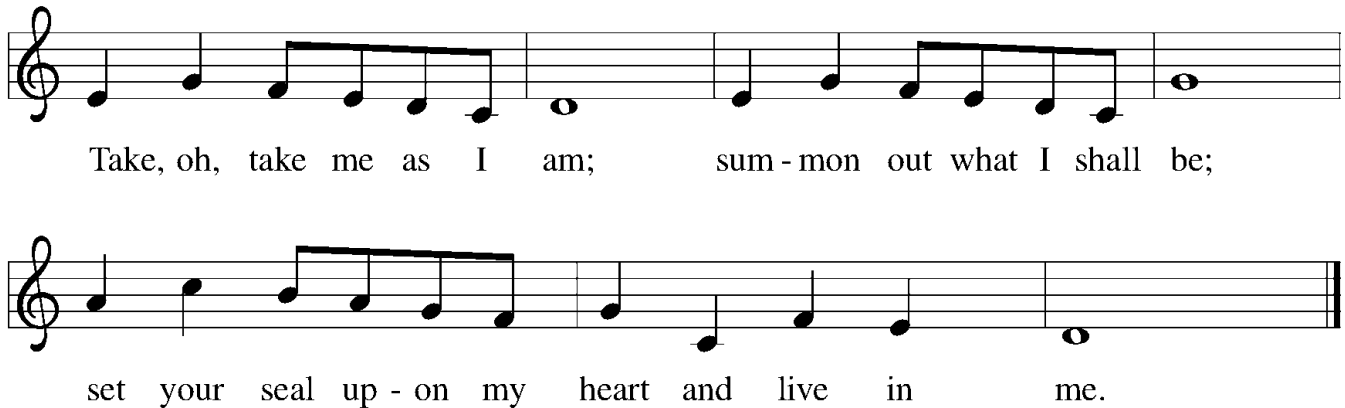
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✦ Penny Offerings & Children's Time

(Sung as children gather) Praise Him, Praise Him. Praise Him in the morning, Praise Him in the noontime. Praise Him, Praise Him, Praise Him when the sun goes down.

✦ Holy Gospel Reading {Mark 6:30-34, 53-56}

When Jesus sends his disciples out to teach and heal, they minister among large numbers of people. Their work is motivated by Christ's desire to be among those in need.



Take, oh, take me as I am; sum - mon out what I shall be;
set your seal up - on my heart and live in me.

The Holy Gospel according to St. Mark the 6th Chapter,
Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁰ The apostles gathered around Jesus and reported to him all they had done and taught. ³¹ Then, because so many people were coming and going that they did not even have a chance to eat, he said to them, "Come with me by yourselves to a quiet place and get some rest."

³² So they went away by themselves in a boat to a solitary place. ³³ But many who saw them leaving recognized them and ran on foot from all the towns and got there ahead of them. ³⁴ When Jesus landed and saw a large crowd, he had compassion on them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd. So he began teaching

⁵³ When they had crossed over, they landed at Gennesaret and anchored there. ⁵⁴ As soon as they got out of the boat, people recognized Jesus. ⁵⁵ They ran throughout that whole region and carried the sick on mats to wherever they heard he was. ⁵⁶ And wherever he went—into villages, towns or countryside—they placed the sick in the marketplaces. They begged him to let them touch even the edge of his cloak, and all who touched it were healed.

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

✦ Sunday Praise: *Way Maker*

You are here, moving in our midst

I worship You

I worship You

You are here, working in this place

I worship You

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You are here, moving in our midst

I worship You

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You are here, working in this place

I worship You

I worship You

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper

Light in the darkness, my God

That is who You are

Way maker, miracle worker, promise keeper

Light in the darkness, my God

That is who You are

You are here, touching every heart

I worship You

I worship You

You are here, healing every heart

I worship You

I worship you

You are here, turning lives around

I worship You

I worship You

You are here, mending every heart

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✦ **Sunday Message: Pastor Casey Lieneman**

✦ **Offertory Prayer**

We thank you for your support of Redeemer's mission to spread the word of our salvation both near and far. At Redeemer we gather our offering in the basket located at the back of the church.

Jesus, Bread of life,
you have set this table with your very self,
and called us to the feast of plenty.
Gather what has been sown among us,
and strengthen us in this meal.
Make us to be what we receive here,
your body for the life of the world. **Amen.**

✦ **Holy Communion**

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.
We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give him our thanks and praise.

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow'r and might,
 heav-en and earth are full of your glo - ry, full of your glo-ry. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high -
 est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -
 san - na, ho - san - na, ho - san - na in the high - est.

✦ Words of Institution

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, he gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples. Saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, And gave it for all to drink, saying:
 This cup is the new covenant in my blood,
 Shed for you and for all people
 For the forgiveness of sin.
 Do this for the remembrance of me.

✦ The Lord's Prayer

*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, forever and ever. Amen*

✦ Communion at Redeemer

For our visitors: here at Redeemer, we practice an open table. Meaning if you are a believer in Jesus Christ, and are communing at your home congregation, you are encouraged to take communion with us. There are two types of communion cups in the trays: the purple liquid is wine, and the yellow liquid is juice. Ushers will invite people forward by row. Come forward using the center aisle and return using the sides. Please place empty communion cups into the baskets located on the side on your way back to your seat.

✦ Communion Hymns

Hymns sung during communion are found in the red hymnal, located in the bottom of the chair in front of you.

- 474 Bread of Life from Heaven
- 638 Blessed Assurance
- 793 Be Thou My Vision

✦ Prayer After Communion

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of communion, a reminder of Christ's sacrifice and love. As we have received His body and blood, may we be filled with His grace and strength. Help us to live in unity and love, sharing Your peace with others. Bless us to be reflections of Your glory in the world .Amen.

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



1 There's a wide-ness in God's mer - cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
2 There is wel - come for the sin - ner, and a prom - ised grace made good;
3 For the love of God is broad - er than the mea - sures of our mind;
4 'Tis not all we owe to Je - sus; it is some - thing more than all:



there's a kind - ness in God's jus - tice which is more than lib - er - ty.
there is mer - cy with the Sav - ior; there is heal - ing in his blood.
and the heart of the E - ter - nal is most won - der - ful - ly kind.
great - er good be - cause of e - vil, larg - er mer - cy through the fall.



There is no place where earth's sor - rows are more felt than up in heav'n.
There is grace e - nough for thou - sands of new worlds as great as this;
But we make this love too nar - row by false lim - its of our own;
Make our love, O God, more faith - ful; let us take you at your word,



There is no place where earth's fail - ings have such kind - ly judg - ment giv'n.
there is room for fresh cre - a - tions in that up - per home of bliss.
and we mag - ni - fy its strict - ness with a zeal God will not own.
and our lives will be thanks - giv - ing for the good - ness of the Lord.

✠ Final Blessing

May the Lord bless you and keep you.

May His face shine upon you and be gracious to you.

As you go forth, may His presence guide and protect you.

Be filled with His peace, love, and strength,
carrying His light into the world.

Go in grace, serve with joy, and know His everlasting peace. **Amen.**

Go in peace. Follow the Way, Who Is Jesus Christ!

Thanks be to God.