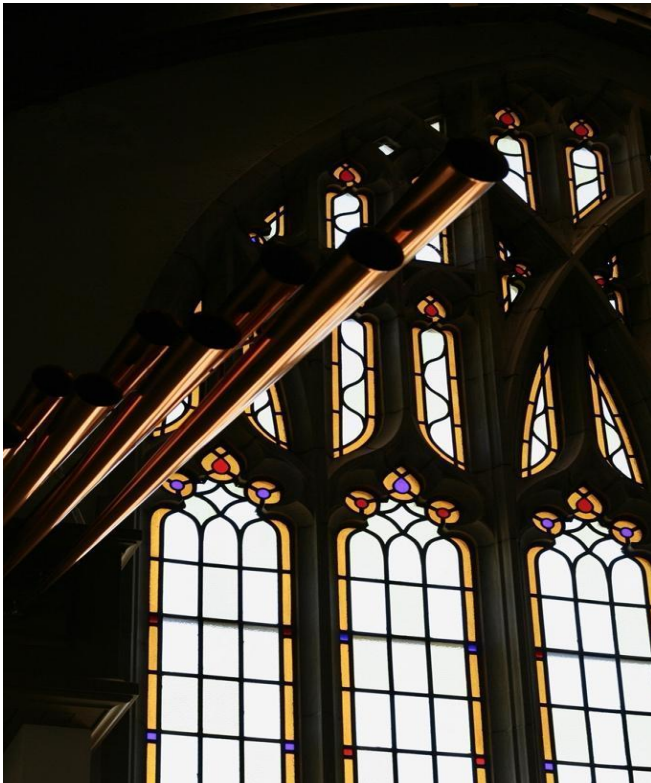


March 26, 2023 7pm

Night Church

"Yours is the day, yours also the night."
Psalm 74:16



Loving God. Loving People.
Growing in Christ Together.

Leading: The Rev. Brian Suggs

Welcome

The Greeting:

Leader: Jesus Christ is the light of the world:
a light no darkness can quench.

A candle is lit.

Leader: Stay with us, Lord, for it is evening:
All: **and the day is almost over.**

Leader: Even the darkness is not dark for you:
All: **and the night shines like the day.**

Leader: Let your light scatter the darkness:
All: **and fill your church with your glory.**

Opening Prayer:

Leader: God of our days and years,
we set this time apart for you.
Form us in the likeness of Christ
so that our lives may glorify you.
All: **Amen.**

Song of Praise:
How Great Is Our God
Chris Tomlin

Verse 1:

The splendor of the King, clothed in majesty
Let all the earth rejoice, all the earth rejoice
He wraps Himself in light, and darkness tries to hide
And trembles at his voice, trembles at his voice

Chorus:

How great is our God, sing with me
How great is our God, all will see
How great, how great is our God

Verse 2:

Age to age He stands, and time is in His hands
Beginning and the end, beginning and the end
The Godhead, three in one: Father, Spirit, Son
The Lion and the Lamb, the Lion and the Lamb

Chorus

Bridge:

Name above all names
Worthy of all praise
My heart will sing
How great is our God

Chorus

Bible Reading:

Psalm 126

When the LORD brought back his exiles to Jerusalem,
it was like a dream!

**We were filled with laughter,
and we sang for joy.**

And the other nations said,
"What amazing things the LORD has done for them."

**Yes, the LORD has done amazing things for us!
What joy!**

Restore our fortunes, LORD,
as streams renew the desert.

**Those who plant in tears
will harvest with shouts of joy.**

They weep as they go to plant their seed,
but they sing as they return with the harvest.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever.
Amen.

Bible Reading:
John 11:1-7,11-15,17-27,33-45

A reading from John's Gospel.

A man named Lazarus was sick. He lived in Bethany with his sisters, Mary and Martha. This is the Mary who later poured the expensive perfume on the Lord's feet and wiped them with her hair. Her brother, Lazarus, was sick. So the two sisters sent a message to Jesus telling him, "Lord, your dear friend is very sick."

But when Jesus heard about it he said, "Lazarus's sickness will not end in death. No, it happened for the glory of God so that the Son of God will receive glory from this." So although Jesus loved Martha, Mary, and Lazarus, he stayed where he was for the next two days. Finally, he said to his disciples, "Let's go back to Judea."

Then he said, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but now I will go and wake him up." The disciples said, "Lord, if he is sleeping, he will soon get better!" They thought Jesus meant Lazarus was simply sleeping, but Jesus meant Lazarus had died. So he told them plainly, "Lazarus is dead. And for your sakes, I'm glad I wasn't there, for now you will really believe. Come, let's go see him."

When Jesus arrived at Bethany, he was told that Lazarus had already been in his grave for four days. Bethany was only a few miles down the road from Jerusalem, and many of the people had come to console Martha and Mary in their loss. When Martha got word that Jesus was coming, she went to meet him. But Mary stayed in the house. Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if only you had been here, my brother would not have died. But even now I know that God will give you whatever you ask." Jesus told her, "Your brother will rise again." "Yes," Martha said, "he will rise when everyone else rises, at the last day." Jesus told her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Anyone who believes in me will live, even after dying. Everyone who lives in me and believes in me will never ever die. Do you believe this, Martha?" "Yes, Lord," she told him. "I have always believed you are the Messiah, the Son of God, the one who has come into the world from God."

When Jesus saw Mary weeping and saw the other people wailing with her, a deep anger welled up within him, and he was deeply troubled. "Where have you put him?" he asked them. They told him, "Lord, come and see." Then Jesus wept. The people who were standing nearby said, "See how much he loved him!" But some said, "This man healed a blind man. Couldn't he have kept Lazarus from dying?"

Jesus was still angry as he arrived at the tomb, a cave with a stone rolled across its entrance. "Roll the stone aside," Jesus told them. But Martha, the dead man's sister, protested, "Lord, he has been dead for four days. The smell will be terrible." Jesus responded, "Didn't I tell you that you would see God's glory if you believe?" So they rolled the stone aside. Then Jesus looked up to heaven and said, "Father, thank you for hearing me. You always hear me, but I said it out loud for the sake of all these people standing here, so that they will believe you sent me." Then Jesus shouted, "Lazarus, come out!" And the dead man came out, his hands

and feet bound in graveclothes, his face wrapped in a headcloth. Jesus told them, “Unwrap him and let him go!”

Many of the people who were with Mary believed in Jesus when they saw this happen.

Reader: The Gospel of Christ.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

The Talk:
The Rev. Brian Suggs

Response to God's Word:
After hearing the scriptures read and hearing more about them during 'the talk', we respond with our beliefs about who God is.

Let us declare our faith in God.

All: **We believe in God the Father,
from whom every family
in heaven and on earth is named.**

**We believe in God the Son,
who lives in our hearts through faith,
and fills us with his love.**

**We believe in God the Holy Spirit,
who strengthens us
with power from on high.**

**We believe in one God;
Father, Son and Holy Spirit.
Amen.**

Song of Praise:
Reckless Love
Cory Asbury, Bethel Music

Verse 1:

Before I spoke a word, You were singing over me
You have been so, so good to me
Before I took a breath, You breathed Your life in me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus:

Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God
Oh, it chases me down, fights 'til I'm found, leaves the
ninety-nine
I couldn't earn it, I don't deserve it,
still You give Yourself away
Oh, the overwhelming, never-ending, reckless love of God

Verse 2:

When I was Your foe, still Your love fought for me
You have been so, so good to me
When I felt no worth, You paid it all for me
You have been so, so kind to me

Chorus**Bridge:**

There's no shadow You won't light up
Mountain You won't climb up, coming after me
There's no wall You won't kick down
Lie You won't tear down, coming after me

Chorus**Prayer:**

This is a time to bring those people and things that are on our hearts and minds to God. Intercessions (prayers said for others) are offered and we end by saying the prayer that Jesus taught us, The Lord's Prayer.

Blessed are you, eternal God,
to be praised and glorified for ever.

Hear us as we pray for your holy catholic Church:
make us all one, that the world may believe.

Grant that every member of the Church
may truly and humbly serve you:
that the life of Christ may be revealed in us.

Strengthen all who minister in Christ's name:
give them courage to proclaim your Gospel.

Inspire and lead those who hold authority
in the nations of the world:
guide them in the ways of justice and peace.

Make us alive to the needs of our community:
help us to share each other's joys and burdens.

Look with kindness on our homes and families:
grant that your love may grow in our hearts.

Bless all who suffer from sickness, grief or trouble:
may you strengthen, heal, and comfort them.

We thank you, God of all creation, for your great love toward
us and for your many blessings in this life.
(take a moment and aloud or silently to offer thanks to God).

Lord of the Church,
**hear our prayer,
and make us one in heart and mind
to serve you with joy for ever. Amen.**

Leader: Jesus taught us to call God our Father,
so in faith and trust we pray:

All: **Our Father in heaven
hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come,
your will be done,
on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins,
as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial,
and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power,
and the glory, are yours
now and for ever. Amen.**

Prayer of Confession:

During confession we all say sorry to God and ask for forgiveness for the wrong things (called sin) we've done and for the things we've thought in our minds that aren't pleasing to God. We also say sorry and ask forgiveness for the things we haven't done but should have done. We all need God's forgiveness, so we ask for it. God has promised to always forgive us.

Leader: When the Lord comes,
he will bring to light the things now hidden in
darkness, and will disclose the purposes of the
heart. Therefore in the light of Christ let us
confess our sins.

All: **Lord God,
we have sinned against you;
we have done evil in your sight.
We are sorry and repent.
Have mercy on us according to your love.
Wash away our wrongdoing and cleanse us from
our sin. Renew a right spirit within us
and restore us to the joy of your salvation,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution:

The priest now confirms God's forgiveness of us all.

Leader: May the Father of all mercies
cleanse you from your sins,
and restore you in his image
to the praise and glory of his name,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Song of Praise:
Hymn of Heaven
Phil Wickham

Verse 1:

How I long to breathe the air of Heaven
Where pain is gone and mercy fills the streets
To look upon the One who bled to save me
And walk with Him for all eternity

Chorus:

There will be a day when all will bow before Him
There will be a day when death will be no more
Standing face to face with He who died and rose again
Holy, holy is the Lord

Verse 2:

And every prayer we prayed in desperation
The songs of faith we sang through doubt and fear
In the end, we'll see that it was worth it
When He returns to wipe away our tears

Chorus

Verse 3:

And on that day, we join the resurrection
And stand beside the heroes of the faith
With one voice, a thousand generations

Sing, worthy is the Lamb who was slain
Forever He shall reign

Ending Chorus:

So let it be today we shout the hymn of Heaven
With angels and the saints, we raise a mighty roar
Glory to our God who gave us life beyond the grave
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord
Holy, holy is the Lord

Closing Prayer:

***All:* God, you are everything to us,
giving us life,
filling us with love,
and setting us free from sin
that we might live in you.
Accept the work of our hands this day,
take our lives,
give us your peace
and renew us in the service of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Blessing (sung):

***All:* Go now in peace; go now in peace.
May the love of God surround you
everywhere, everywhere you may go.**

You're invited to join us for these services:

HOLY WEEK & EASTER

APRIL 6 MAUNDY THURSDAY

6pm - Dinner

7pm - Holy Communion

APRIL 7 GOOD FRIDAY

10am - Family Service

12pm - Solemn Service

APRIL 8 EASTER VIGIL

8pm - Holy Communion

APRIL 9 EASTER SUNDAY

8am, 10am, 7pm - Holy Communion

Join us for an Easter Egg Hunt
following the 10am service!



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