Welcome to Worship

May 7, 2023

<u>Prelude</u> Enigma Variations: Adagio, "Nimrod" ~ Edward Elgar

Gathering Hymn I Know That My Redeemer Lives! ~ ELW 619 (vs. 1, 4-5, 7-8)

Prayer of the Day

Almighty God, your Son Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Give us grace to love one another, to follow in the way of his commandments, and to share his risen life with all the world, for he lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

First Reading 1 Peter 2:2-10

Christ is the cornerstone of God's saving work and the foundation of our lives. We are God's chosen, holy people who continuously celebrate and declare the mercy of God we experience through Jesus Christ.

Psalm 31: 1-5,15-16

The congregation sings the refrain, and the choir sings the verses.



¹In you, O LORD, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness.

²Incline your ear to me;

make haste to deliver me.

³Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe, for you are my crag and my stronghold; for the sake of your name, lead me and guide me. **Refrain**

⁴Take me out of the net that they have secretly set for me,

for you are my tower of strength.

⁵Into your hands I commend my spirit,

for you have redeemed me, O LORD, God of truth.

¹⁵My times are in your hand;

rescue me from the hand of my enemies, and from those who persecute me.

¹⁶Let your face shine upon your servant;

save me in your steadfast love." Refrain

On the night that he is to be arrested, Jesus shares final words with his disciples. As the one through whom God is known, he promises to go before them and act on their behalf.

Hymn of the Day Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life ~ ELW 816

A hymn most appropriate for the day is the remarkable poem by George Herbert, "Come, my way, my truth, my life" (ELW 816). First published in 1633, this poem, written by one of the English language's greatest poets of the Christian faith, was first set to music as a hymn in 1908. Herbert, who was eventually ordained an Anglican priest, died of tuberculosis before his fortieth birthday. In this poem, Herbert expanded on the meanings of "way, truth, and life" from John 14:6 in an artful way. Perhaps to more fully grasp the poem, the assembly can first read the words of the poem aloud, after which it is sung as a hymn.

Musical Offering The Call ~ K. Lee Scott (All Saints Choir)

<u>Communion Hymn</u> Lord of All Hopefulness ~ ELW 765

Sending Hymn Christ Is Alive! Let Christians Sing ~ ELW 389

<u>Postlude</u> Pomp & Circumstance, Op. 39: March No. 1 ~ Edward Elgar



Join us after worship for a reception honoring our high school graduates:

Lilia Carillo

Estrella Montaño

Natalie Reil