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WORSHIP BOOKLET

PRELUDE

John Cribb

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

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Order for Confession and Forgiveness

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign that is marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

Blessed be the holy Trinity, † one God,
who makes all things new,
whose mercy endures forever.

Amen.

Trusting in God's mercy, let us confess our sin.

Silence is kept for reflection.

Holy One, source of our renewal,
**we confess that we are wrapped up in sin,
and cannot free ourselves.
We have not practiced your righteousness.
Our hearts have turned away from you.
For the sake of the world you so love,
forgive us,
that we may be reconciled to one another
for the glory of your holy name.**

Amen.

Thus says our God:

"The former things have come to pass
and new things I now declare." God's mercy makes us new.

We are forgiven in the name of † Christ our Savior.

Amen.

GATHERING The Church's One Foundation #654 (red hymnal, rear section)

**The church's one foundation is Jesus Christ, her Lord;
she is his new creation by water and the word.
From heav'n he came and sought her to be his holy bride;
with his own blood he bought her, and for her life he died.**

**Elect from ev'ry nation, yet one o'er all the earth,
her charter of salvation one Lord, one faith, one birth;
one holy name she blessed, partakes one holy food,
and to one hope she presses with ev'ry grace endued.**

**Through toil and tribulation and tumult of her war,
she waits the consummation of peace forevermore;
till with the vision glorious her longing eyes are blest,
and the great church victorious shall be the church at rest.**

**Yet she on earth has union with God, the Three in One,
and mystic sweet communion with those whose rest is won.
Oh, blessed heav'nly chorus! Lord, save us by your grace,
that we, like saints before us, may see you face to face.**

GREETING

The grace of Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.
And also with you.

KYRIE #157

(red hymnal, rear section)

In peace, in peace, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For the reign of God, and for peace throughout the world,
for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

For your people here who have come to give you praise,
for the strength to live your word, let us pray to the Lord.
Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, and defend us, O God.
A---men.

NOW THE FEAST AND CELEBRATION

REFRAIN

**Now the feast and celebration, all of creation sings for joy
to the God of life and love and freedom;
praise and glory forevermore!**

**Now is the feast of the Lamb once slain,
whose blood has freed and united us
to be one great people of God.**

REFRAIN

**Power and riches, wisdom and might,
all honor and glory to Christ, forever.
REFRAIN**

**For God has come to dwell with us,
to make us people of God;
to make all things new.
REFRAIN**

PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you!
And also with you!

Let us pray together... **O God, in the transfiguration of your Son you confirmed the mysteries of the faith by the witness of Moses and Elijah, and in the voice from the bright cloud declaring Jesus your beloved Son, you foreshadowed our adoption as your children. Make us heirs with Christ of your glory, and bring us to enjoy its fullness, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.**

WORD

God speaks to us in scripture reading, preaching and song.

FIRST LESSON: Exodus 24:12-18

The Lord said to Moses,

“Come up to me on the mountain, and wait there;
and I will give you the tablets of stone, with the law and the commandment,
which I have written for their instruction.”

So Moses set out with his assistant Joshua,
and Moses went up into the mountain of God.

To the elders he had said,
“Wait here for us, until we come to you again;
for Aaron and Hur are with you;
whoever has a dispute may go to them.”

Then Moses went up on the mountain, and the cloud covered the mountain.

The glory of the Lord settled on Mount Sinai, and the cloud covered it for six days;
on the seventh day he called to Moses out of the cloud.

Now the appearance of the glory of the Lord was like a devouring fire
on the top of the mountain in the sight of the people of Israel.

Moses entered the cloud, and went up on the mountain.

Moses was on the mountain for forty days and forty nights.

[The New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 2 (the congregation responds with the bold words)

Why are the nations in an uproar?

Why do the peoples mutter empty threats?

**Why do the kings of the earth rise up in revolt, and the princes plot together,
against God and against God’s anointed?**

“Let us break their yoke,” they say;

“let us cast off their bonds from us.”

**God whose throne is in heaven is laughing;
God holds them in derision.**

Then in wrath God speaks to them,

and in rage fills them with terror.
**“As for me, I have anointed my king
upon Zion, my holy mountain.”**
Let me announce the decree of God,
who said to me, “You are my son; this day have I begotten you.
**Ask of me, and I will give you the nations for your inheritance
and the ends of the earth for your possession.**
You shall crush them with an iron rod
and shatter them like a piece of pottery.”
**And now, you rulers, be wise;
be warned, you rulers of the earth.**
Submit to God with fear,
and with trembling bow in worship;
lest God be angry, and you perish in a sudden blaze of wrath.
Happy are all who take refuge in God!

[New Revised Standard Version]

Second Reading: II Peter 1:16-21

For we did not follow cleverly devised myths
when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ,
but we had been eyewitnesses of his majesty.
For he received honor and glory from God the Father
when that voice was conveyed to him by the Majestic Glory, saying,
“This is my Son, my Beloved, with whom I am well pleased.”
We ourselves heard this voice come from heaven,
while we were with him on the holy mountain.
So we have the prophetic message more fully confirmed.
You will do well to be attentive to this as to a lamp shining in a dark place,
until the day dawns and the morning star rises in your hearts.
First of all you must understand this,
that no prophecy of scripture is a matter of one’s own interpretation,
because no prophecy ever came by human will,
but men and women moved by the Holy Spirit spoke from God.

[New Revised Standard Version]

Word of God, word of life.
Thanks be to God.

CHILDREN’S CONVERSATION

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION #174 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Alleluia, alleluia,
alleluia, alleluia.**

Gospel Lesson: **Matthew 17:1-9**

The gospel passage for today is from the book of Matthew, the 17th chapter, beginning with the 1st verse.

Glory be to you, Oh Lord.

Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John
and led them up a high mountain, by themselves.

And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun,
and his clothes became dazzling white.

Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah, talking with him.

Then Peter said to Jesus,

“Lord, it is good for us to be here;
if you wish, I will make three dwellings here,
one for you, one for Moses, and one for Elijah.”

While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright cloud overshadowed them,
and from the cloud a voice said,

“This is my Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!”

When the disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.

But Jesus came and touched them, saying,

“Get up and do not be afraid.”

And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

As they were coming down the mountain, Jesus ordered them,

“Tell no one about the vision
until after the Son of Man has been raised from the dead.”

[The New Revised Standard Version]

This is the gospel indeed.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

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SERMON HYMN Crown Him With Many Crowns #855 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Crown him with many crowns, the Lamb upon the throne;
hark, how the heav'nly anthem drowns all music but its own.
Awake my soul, and sing of him who dies for thee,
and hail him as thy matchless king through all eternity.**

**Crown him the virgin's son, the God incarnate born,
whose arm those crimson trophies won which now his brow adorn;
fruit of the mystic rose, yet of that rose the stem,
the root whence mercy ever flows, the babe of Bethlehem.**

**Crown him the Lord of love – behold his hands and side,
rich wounds yet visible above, in beauty glorified.
No angels in the sky can fully bear that sight,
but downward bend their burning eyes at mysteries so bright.**

**Crown him the Lord of life, who triumphed o'er the grave
and rose victorious in the strife for those he came to save.
His glories now we sing, who died and rose on high,
who died, eternal life to bring, and lives that death may die.**

**Crown him the Lord of years, the potentate of time,
creator of the rolling spheres, ineffably sublime.
All hail, Redeemer, hail! For thou hast died for me;
thy praise and glory shall not fail throughout eternity.**

APOSTLE'S CREED

Let us confess our faith in the words of the Apostle's Creed.

**I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.
I believe in Jesus Christ, God's 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 to the dead.
 On the third day he rose again;
 He ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father,
 And he will come to judge the living and 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 the life everlasting. Amen.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Called together to follow Jesus, we pray for the church, the world, and all in need.

A brief silence.

Embolden your church as it witnesses to the majesty and mercy of your Son. Equip lay preachers, deacons, and pastors. Move us to share our stories of your faithfulness and forgiveness; may our lives proclaim your greatness. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Dwell with your whole creation, from the tallest mountain peak to the deepest valley. Bless the work of conservation organizations and protect vital habitats. Support the work of disaster relief agencies around the world, especially Lutheran World Relief and their work in Turkey and Syria. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Guide and give wisdom to all in authority: our mayor John Headding and local leaders, our governor Gavin Newsom and state legislators, John Laird and Dawn Addis, our president Joseph Biden and national legislators, Salud Carbajal, Dianne Feinstein and Alex Padilla. Bring freedom and justice to all nations. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Give shelter to those lacking safe homes. Spur communities to work for fair housing for all. Protect our neighbors whose dwellings do not keep out dangerous cold or heat; accompany with your touch those who are homebound, sick, or isolated or otherwise in need of our prayers. We pray for...

- Lalo & Luise Jiminez - Lalo has pneumonia and pain from trigeminal neuralgia
- Pastor Mary - recovering from a period of asthma
- Ron Forster - recovering from pancreatitis
- Gary & Eileen Orback whose home was damaged in the storm
- Betty Johnson - recovering from infection and blood clot while undergoing chemotherapy
- Jennifer Kurrle - adjusting to new medications
- Ina Davenport - Healing of her arm
- Aaron Brochtrup - still unable to return to work - neck pain, headaches, neurological trauma
- Janelle Muff -Healing after surgery and blood clot
- Joanne Kulczyk – recovering from a fall
- Sally Mingo, Jennifer Kurrle's mother - knee injury
- Denise Kenealy, daughter-in-law of Robin Karas - continuing to make progress in recovery
- Linda Luke - to gain weight and strength
- Jim Luke - supporting Linda's recovery
- Rebecca Aparicio, Nancy Padilla's mother-in-law - living in a nursing home
- Becky Padilla- responding well to treatment for cancer
- Marcia Shep, Jennifer Kurrle's grandmother
- Lia, Ina Davenport's friend- recovering well from a broken back
- James Hecker- experiencing new complications following bladder replacement surgery
- Christopher Buckles, Kate Anderson's son
- Marcia and Rick Walt, friends of Cindy Haener
- Darel and Betty Sorenson - Betty remains in nursing care on Hospice
- Mercedes Stevens, Katie Edson's mother
- Iglesia Santa Cruz, Pastor Esteban and Angie- for our support of their ministry
- For those who are contracting the new COVID-19 omicron variants, and that we might continue to observe mitigation guidelines
- For the people of Ukraine, for strength, healing and protection, and changes of heart for those attacking them.
- For Mary Stein-Webber and Katie Brochtrup who celebrate their birthdays this week.

Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Make us eager to receive your Word in scripture. Help us recognize Jesus' voice in the needs of our neighbors; make us confident to follow the way of the cross. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

Listen to us, we pray, as we lift up others who are in need of our prayers, especially...

**Merciful God,
receive our prayer.**

Receive our thanksgiving for the holy ones who have guided us in faithfulness and gathered even the unlikely as your people. With our forebears in faith and all who have hoped in you, teach us to wait with courage until the promised day dawns. Merciful God,
receive our prayer.

We bring to you our needs and hopes, O God, trusting your wisdom and power revealed in Christ crucified.
Amen.

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.
And also with you.
Let us share that peace with one another.

OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray together.... **Liberating God,
you break the bonds of injustice
and let the oppressed go free.
Receive these offerings in thanksgiving
for all your works of merciful power,
and shape us as people of your justice and freedom.
You we magnify and adore, through Jesus our Savior.
Amen.**

GREAT THANKSGIVING

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 our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY #191 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Holy, holy, holy are you, God of power and might;
heaven and earth are filled with your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blessed is the one who comes in your name.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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

Again after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks,
and gave it to his disciples, saying,
"Drink this, all of you. It is the new covenant of my blood,
shed for you and for all for the forgiveness of sin.
Do this in remembrance of me.'

Let us pray the prayer that our Lord Jesus 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 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.

TAKING OF HOLY COMMUNION

[All who desire may come forward to take the body and blood of Christ. Gluten-free bread is available if you ask for it, and alcohol-free grape juice is in the center ring of the tray. During the distribution of Communion, you may also seek prayers of healing at the chair by the baptismal font.]

COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen and keep you in eternal life. **Amen.**

PRAISE TO YOU, O GOD OF MERCY #208 (red hymnal, rear section)

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!**

**From of old you loved and sought us: thanks be to you forever!
Truth and justice you have taught us: thanks be to you forever!**

**Strong is your faithfulness, strong is your love,
rememb'ring your covenant of life with us.**

**Praise to you, O God of mercy: thanks be to you forever!
Raising high the weak and lowly: thanks be to you forever!
Thanks be to you forever!**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray together:

**Holy One,
we thank you for the healing
that springs forth abundantly from this table.
Renew our strength to do justice,
love kindness,
and journey humbly with you.
AMEN.**

BLESSING

The God who faithfully brings forth justice
and breaks the oppressor's rod
✠ bless, strengthen, and uphold you,
today and always.
Amen.

SENDING HYMN Shine, Jesus, Shine #671 (red hymnal, rear section)

REFRAIN

**Shine, Jesus, shine, fill this land with the Father's glory;
blaze, Spirit, blaze, set our hearts on fire.
Flow, river, flow, flood the nations with grace and mercy;
send forth your Word, Lord, and let there be light!**

**Lord, the light of your love is shining,
in the midst of the darkness, shining;
Jesus, light of the world, shine upon us,
set us free by the truth you now bring us
Shine on me, shine on me:**

REFRAIN

**As we gaze on your royal brightness,
so our faces display your likeness,
ever changing from glory to glory,
mirrored here, may our lives tell your story.
Shine on me, shine on me:**

REFRAIN

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Follow the way of Jesus.
Thanks be to God.

POSTLUDE

John Cribb

Thank you to:

- **Nikki Rocha** for assisting in worship.
- **Sandy McMillan and others** for counting the offering.
- **John Cribb** for accompanying worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** and others for streaming worship.
- **Janet Lorenzo** for editing and assembling worship bulletins and the newsletter.
- **Nancy Padilla**, for setting up and welcoming.
- **Gary and Mark Orback**, for tending to our outside property.
- **Sophia and Janet Lorenzo**, for tending to our inside property.
- **Ken Brocks and Gary Brochtrup** for their handyman work.

Events this week:

- **All are welcome** to linger after worship in the fellowship hall today.
- **The Preaching Congregation group** will meet tonight on Zoom with Professor Hannan, 6:00 to 8:00 pm.
- **The Chosen discussion group** will NOT meet tonight on Zoom.
- **Coffee Club** will meet tomorrow, Monday, February 20th at 9:00 am at the **Sun 'N' Buns** on the Embarcadero.
- **Bible Study** will take place on Wednesday, February 22nd at 10:00 am in the fellowship hall.
- **Ash Wednesday worship** will be on this Wednesday, February 22nd at 6:00 pm in the sanctuary. It marks the beginning of the Lent season, and will include confession of sins, imposition of ashes and holy communion.
- **The Worship Planning Committee** will meet this Saturday, February 25th at 9:30 am in the sanctuary.
- Let Pastor Brian know if you would like to **start receiving his weekly emails**.
(bsteinwebber@gmail.com)

**Don't forget to check the Calendar website page for upcoming events:
morrobaylutherans.org**