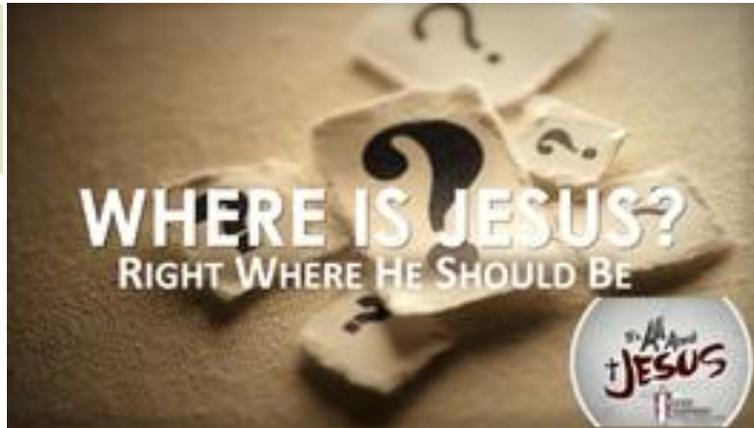


Worship Guide January 10, 2021

This portion of St. Luke's Gospel contains the only information we have about the life of Jesus from the time he was a little baby until he was a thirty year old man. And what does God tell us? He tells us that Jesus, even from an early age is right next to us as our Savior.



P: We call on the name of our Triune God which He has placed on us in our baptisms. So we begin in the name of the Father and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. O come, let us sing to the Lord!

Congregation: Sing unto the Lord a new song, for he has done marvelous things.

P: He has revealed his salvation and accomplished it. Let all the earth hear our praise and wonder.

C: Through our weakness he has shown himself strong.

P: We will not die, but live, and declare the works of the Lord.

HYMN

O Jesus King of Glory

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O Jesus, King of glory, both David's Lord and son!
Your rule endures forever; in heaven is your throne.
Help that in earth's dominions, from pole to farthest pole,
Your reign may spread salvation to each benighted soul.

You are a mighty monarch, as by your word is told,
And yet you care but little for earthly goods or gold.
You do not come displaying your power and renown.
You dwell in no high castle; you wear no jeweled crown.

Then let your word within me shine as the fairest star;
Keep sin and all false doctrine forever from me far.

Help me confess you truly and with all Christendom
Here hail you King and Savior and in the world to come.



CONFESSION OF SINS

P: Each of us are born into this world sinful and corrupt.

C: We are sinful from birth, sinful from the moment of our conception. (Ps. 51:5)

P: If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness. Join me then, in confessing our sins,

All: Lord, I can hide my sin from those around me, but I can't hide it from you. You know my thoughts, my motives, and my actions. You know my sin and its against you that I have sinned in every way. But with you, O Lord, there is forgiveness. Spare us. O God, as we confess our faults. Restore us according to your promises declared to humankind in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake; that we may live a godly, righteous life, to the glory of your holy name.

P: To the praise of his glorious grace, which he has freely given us in the One he loves. Because in him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of sins, in accordance with the riches of God's grace that he lavished on us (Eph 1:6-7). I forgive you all your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son † and of the Holy Spirit. Be assured that you are a dear child of God and an heir of eternal life. Be in peace.

C: Thanks be to God!

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Almighty God, in mercy you sent your one and only Son to take upon himself our human nature. By his gracious coming deliver us from the corruption of our sin and transform us into the likeness of his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.

C: Amen



OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: ISAIAH 49:1-12

Listen to me, you coastlands. Pay attention, you faraway peoples! The LORD called me from the womb. When I was inside my mother, he mentioned my name. ² He made my mouth like a sharpened sword. He hid me in the shadow of his hand. He made me a polished arrow. He

concealed me in his quiver. ³He said to me, “You are my servant Israel, in whom I will display my glory.” ⁴But I said to myself, “I have labored in vain. I spent my strength and came up empty, with nothing. Yet a just verdict for me rests with the LORD, and my reward is with my God.” ⁵But now the LORD, who formed me from the womb to be his servant, to turn Jacob back to him, so that Israel might be gathered to him, so that I will be honored in the eyes of the LORD, because my God has been my strength— ⁶the LORD said: It is too small a thing that you should just be my servant to raise up only the tribes of Jacob and to restore the ones I have preserved in Israel, so I will appoint you to be a light for the nations, so that my salvation will be known to the end of the earth. ⁷This is what the LORD, the Redeemer of Israel, its Holy One, says to the one deeply despised, to the one who is detested by the nation, to the servant of rulers Kings will see and stand up. Officials will see and bow down, because of the LORD, who is faithful, because of the Holy One of Israel, who has chosen you. ⁸This is what the LORD says. In the time of favor, I will answer you. In the day of salvation, I will help you. I will guard you, and I will appoint you to be a covenant for the people, to re-establish the land, to redistribute inheritances that are now deserted, ⁹to say to the prisoners, “Go forth!” to those who are in the darkness, “Show yourselves!” They will graze beside roads, and they will find pasture on all the barren heights. ¹⁰They will not hunger, and they will not thirst, and neither scorching wind nor sun will strike them, because the one who shows them mercy will lead them. He will guide them beside springs of water. ¹¹I will make all my mountains into a smooth road, and my highways will be raised up. ¹²Look, people will come from far away. Look, some will come from the north and the west, and some from the land of Sinim.

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P: Show us your mercy, O LORD,

C: and give us your salvation.

P: I will hear what the true God, the LORD, will say.

C: He indeed speaks peace to his people, to his favored ones, but do not let them turn to foolish ways.

P: Surely his salvation is near for those who fear him,

C: so that glory may dwell in our land.

P: Mercy and truth meet together.

C: Righteousness and peace kiss each other.

P: Truth springs up from the earth,

C: and righteousness looks down from heaven.

EPISTLE LESSON: ROMANS 12:1-5

Therefore I urge you, brothers, by the mercies of God, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice—holy and pleasing to God—which is your appropriate worship. ² Also, do not continue to conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, so that you test and approve what is the will of God—what is good, pleasing, and perfect. ³ So by the grace given to me, I tell everyone among you not to think of yourself more highly than you ought, but think in a way that results in sound judgment,

as God distributed a measure of faith to each of you. ⁴ For we have many members in one body, and not all the members have the same function. ⁵ In the same way, though we are many, we are one body in Christ, and individually members of one another.

P: Alleluia. Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts. Alleluia. (Colossians 3:15a)

C: Alleluia!

GOSPEL LESSON AND SERMON TEXT: Luke 2:41-52.

⁴¹ Every year his parents traveled to Jerusalem for the Passover Festival. ⁴² When he was twelve years old, they went up according to the custom of the Festival. ⁴³ When the days had ended, as they were returning, the boy Jesus stayed behind in Jerusalem. His parents did not know it. ⁴⁴ Since they thought he was in their group, they went a day's journey. Then they began to look for him among their relatives and friends. ⁴⁵ When they did not find him, they returned to Jerusalem, searching for him. ⁴⁶ After three days they found him in the temple courts, sitting among the teachers, listening to them and asking them questions. ⁴⁷ And all who heard him were amazed at his understanding and his answers. ⁴⁸ When his parents saw him, they were astonished. His mother said to him, "Son, why have you treated us this way? See, your father and I have been anxiously looking for you." ⁴⁹ He said to them, "Why were you looking for me? Did you not know that I must be taking care of my Father's business?" ⁵⁰ They did not understand what he was telling them. ⁵¹ He went down with them and came to Nazareth. He was always obedient to them. And his mother treasured up all these things in her heart. ⁵² Jesus grew in wisdom and stature, and in favor with God and with people.

Where Is Jesus? Right Where He Should Be



I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker 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. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into 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 Christian Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

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

BLESSING

HYMN

Songs of Thankfulness and Praise

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Grant us grace to see you, Lord, mirrored in your holy word.
May our lives and all we do imitate and honor you
That we all like you may be at your great epiphany
And may praise you, ever blest, God in man made manifest.

SPECIAL PRAYERS

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS