



United in Christ: Hope Now! Hope Always!

“Wait, Israel, for God! Wait with hope! Hope now! Hope always! Psalm 131:3

WELCOME TO WORSHIP

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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.

CALL TO WORSHIP: “All Who Love and Serve Your City” Nelson/Dherwien

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

P: Blessed be the holy Trinity, ✝ one God, the God of manna, the God of miracles, the God of mercy.

C: Amen

P: Drawn to Christ and seeking God’s abundance, let us confess our sin.
Silence is kept for reflection.

P: God, our provider,

C: help us. It is hard to believe there is enough to share. We question your ways when they differ from the ways of the world in which we live. We turn to our own understanding rather than trusting in you. We take offense at your teachings and your ways. Turn us again to you. Where else can we turn? Share with us the words of eternal life and feed us for life in the world. Amen.

P: Beloved people of God: in Jesus, the manna from heaven, you are fed and nourished. By Jesus, the worker of miracles, there is always more than enough. Through Jesus, ✝ the bread of life, you are shown God's mercy: you are forgiven and loved into abundant life.

C: Amen.

Stand

HYMN: "Day by Day" #790 ELW vs. 1 & 2

**vs. 1: Day by day, your mercies, Lord, attend me,
bringing comfort to my anxious soul.**

**Day by day, the blessings, Lord, you send me
draw me nearer to my heav'nly goal.**

**Love divine, beyond all mortal measure,
brings to naught the burdens of my quest;
Savior, lead me to the home I treasure,
where at last I'll find eternal rest.**

**vs. 2: Day by day, I know you will provide me
strength to serve and wisdom to obey;**

**I will seek your loving will to guide me
o'er the paths I struggle day by day.**

**I will fear no evil of the morrow,
I will trust in your enduring grace.**

**Savior, help me bear life's pain and sorrow
till in glory I behold your face.**

GREETING

P: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

C: And also with you.

LITANY

P: The word is near you,

C: on your lips and in your heart.

P: If you confess with your lips that Jesus is Lord,

C: and believe in your heart that God raised him from the dead, you will be saved.

P: Faith comes from what is heard,

C: and what is heard comes through the word of Christ.

HYMN OF PRAISE: "Oh, Sing to the Lord" #822 ELW vs. 1,2,5

vs. 1: Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to the Lord, oh, sing God a new song.

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

vs. 2: For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

For God is the Lord, and God has done wonders.

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

vs. 5: For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

For Jesus is Lord! Amen! Alleluia!

Oh, sing to our God, oh, sing to our God.

SALUTATION

P: The Lord be with you.

C: And also with you.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

P: Let us pray.

C: O God, powerful and compassionate, you shepherd your people, faithfully feeding and protecting us. Heal each of us, and make us a whole people, that we may embody the justice and peace of your Son, Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

Sit

ANTHEM: "The King of Love My Shepherd Is" set by Forrest

FIRST READING: Jeremiah 23:1-6

23 ¹⁻⁴ "Doom to the shepherd-leaders who butcher and scatter my sheep!" GOD's Decree. "So here is what I, GOD, Israel's God, say to the shepherd-leaders who misled my people: 'You've scattered my sheep. You've driven them off. You haven't kept your eye on them. Well, let me tell you, I'm keeping my eye on *you*, keeping track of your criminal behavior. I'll take over and gather what's left of my sheep, gather them in from all the lands where I've driven them. I'll bring them back where they belong, and they'll recover and flourish. I'll set shepherd-leaders over them who will take good care of them. They won't live in fear or panic anymore. All the lost sheep rounded up!' GOD's Decree.

⁵⁻⁶ "Time's coming"—GOD's Decree—"when I'll establish a truly righteous David-Branch, A ruler who knows how to rule justly. He'll make sure of justice and keep people united. In his time Judah will be secure again and Israel will live in safety. This is the name they'll give him: 'GOD-Who-Puts-Everything-Right.'

L: The word of the Lord.

C: Thanks be to God.

Stand

GOSPEL CANTICLE: "Word of God, Come Down on Earth" #510 ELW

**Word of God, come down on earth,
living rain from heav'n descending;
touch our hearts and bring to birth
faith and hope and love unending.
Word almighty, we revere you;
Word made flesh, we long to hear you.**

The Gospel is announced...

P: The Holy Gospel according to Mark the 6th Chapter.

C: Glory to you, O Lord.

GOSPEL: Mark 6:30-34, 53-56

⁰⁻³¹ The apostles then rendezvoused with Jesus and reported on all that they had done and taught. Jesus said, "Come off by yourselves; let's take a break and get a little rest." For there was constant coming and going. They didn't even have time to eat. ³²⁻³⁴ So they got in the boat and went off to a remote place by themselves. Someone saw them going and the word got around. From the surrounding towns people went out on foot, running, and got there ahead of them. When Jesus

arrived, he saw this huge crowd. At the sight of them, his heart broke—like sheep with no shepherd they were. He went right to work teaching them. ⁵³⁻⁵⁶ They beached the boat at Gennesaret and tied up at the landing. As soon as they got out of the boat, word got around fast. People ran this way and that, bringing their sick on stretchers to where they heard he was. Wherever he went, village or town or country crossroads, they brought their sick to the marketplace and begged him to let them touch the edge of his coat—that’s all. And whoever touched him became well.

P: The gospel of the Lord.

C: Praise to you, O Christ.

Sit

SERMON

Stand

HYMN: “Lord Speak to Us, That We May Speak” #676 ELW vs. 1 & 4

**vs. 1: Lord, speak to us, that we may
speak in living echoes of your tone;
as you have sought, so let us seek
your straying children, lost and lone.**

**vs. 4: Oh, fill us with your fullness, Lord,
until our very hearts o'erflow
in kindling thought and glowing word,
your love to tell, your praise to show.**

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 the 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 INTERCESION

P: Rooted in Christ and sustained by the Spirit, we offer our prayers for the church, the world, and all of creation.

A Brief Silence

P: Tend your church, O God. Encourage bishops, pastors, and deacons in their proclamation of the gospel. Raise up new leaders and encourage those pursuing a call to ministry. Embolden all the baptized to embody your love and justice. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Restore your creation, O God. Sustain croplands and pastures and safeguard all farm animals and livestock. Preserve lakes, rivers, and streams that offer refreshment. Revive lands recovering from natural disasters and protect coastlands threatened by rising oceans. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Reconcile the nations, O God. Break down the dividing walls that make us strangers to one another and unite us as one human family. Equip leaders to deal wisely with conflict and guide diplomats who seek peaceful solutions. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Heal your people, O God. Look with compassion on immigrants, exiles, and all who are afraid or feel lost. Give rest to those who are weary, comfort to those who are grieving, and recovery to those who are ill. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: Nourish this congregation, O God. Prepare a table where we receive food for our hungering spirits. Renew our commitment to provide for one another and revitalize our ministries of feeding and nurturing hungry neighbors. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: You lead us home, O God. We give thanks for all who have died, now citizens

with the saints. As you have received them into your heavenly home, so welcome all of us to dwell in your house forever. Hear us, O God.

C: Your mercy is great.

P: We lift these and all our prayers to you, O God, confident in the promise of your saving love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

C: Amen.

THE SHARING OF THE PEACE

P: The peace of the Lord be with you always.

C: And also with you.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION:

P: Christ has set the table with more than enough for all. Come!

COMMUNION: "We Remember You" Harrah/Larson

COMMUNION BLESSING

P: The body and blood of our Lord Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in his grace until life everlasting.

C: Amen.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

P: Jesus, Bread of life, we have received from your table more than we could ever ask. As you have nourished us in this meal, now strengthen us to love the world with your own life. In your name we pray.

C: Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

BLESSING

P: The blessing of God, who provides for us, feeds us, and journeys with us ✝ be upon you now and forever.

C: Amen.

P: Go in peace. You are the body of Christ.

C: Thanks be to God!

SENDING HYMN: “Savior, like a Shepherd Lead Us” #789 ELW vs. 1 & 2

vs. 1 Savior, like a shepherd lead us;

much we need your tender care.

In your pleasant pastures feed us,

for our use your fold prepare.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us; we are yours.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

you have bought us; we are yours.

vs. 2: We are yours; in love befriend us,

be the guardian of our way;

keep your flock, from sin defend us,

seek us when we go astray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus,

hear us children when we pray.

Blessed Jesus, blessed Jesus, hear us children when we pray.

POSTLUDE: “Winchester New” Crasselius/Trapp