

*GLORIA PATRI

No. 70

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAIMING

SERMON

“Are You Happy?”

Russel Shuluga

A DIFFERENT KIND OF COMMUNION

THE INVITATION

Pastor: Everyone who thirsts,

People: come to the water;

Pastor: And the one who has no money,

People: come buy and eat.

Pastor: Come to the One who satisfies the hunger of the soul.

People: In Jesus we will find true joy and happiness.

HYMN

‘Fill My Cup, Lord’

No. 641

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

When the Spirit flows through us, we are people of honesty and justice. When Christ works within us, we are disciples of mercy and compassion. Let us be agents of God’s overflowing grace as we receive today’s offering.

THE LORD’S OFFERING

OFFERTORY

*DOXOLOGY

No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of wisdom and understanding, send these gifts into the world, that they may become instruments of your grace; send this offering to your people, that it may become a source of your mercy. May these gifts be bread and blessing for a world in need of your mighty Spirit. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

Pastor: Go forth and allow God’s wisdom and understanding to guide your steps.

People: The fear of the Lord lights our path and illumines our path.

Pastor: Go forth and let God’s mercy and grace lead your way.

People: The blessings of the Lord sends us forth to be a blessing to the world.

Pastor: Go with God.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE

“Danish Amen”

No. 898

*CLOSING HYMN

“Sent Forth By God’s Blessing”

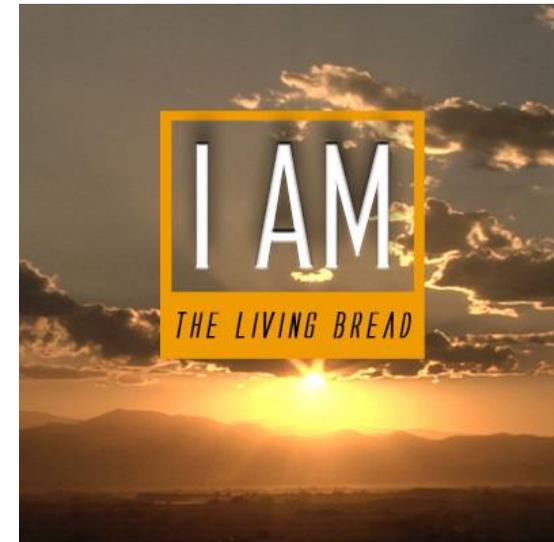
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*POSTLUDE

“Lord Jesus Christ, Be Present Now”

J.S. Bach

WE TAKE THE LIGHT OF CHRIST INTO THE WORLD!



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Welcome Visitors: We are pleased you have chosen to worship with us today. If you have questions concerning the service, please feel free to ask a greeter or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us.

AUGUST 15, 2021

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

“O My Soul, Be Glad and Joyful”

G. Bohm

(As the prelude begins, you are invited to center yourself for worship)

GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

GATHERING WORDS

Pastor: All who are gathered here this day are welcome in the sight of the Lord.

People: We come from times of stress and worry, needing God’s healing love.

HYMN

“Cares Chorus”

TFWS #2215

I cast all my cares upon you, I lay all of my burdens down at your feet, and anytime that I don’t know what to do, I’ll cast all my cares upon you

Pastor: Come to this place of healing and feeding.

People: Christ bids us welcome!

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Pastor: From the worries of our lives.
People: Christ bids us welcome!
Pastor: From the things that draw us down and away,
People: Christ bids us welcome!

HYMN "On Eagle's Wings" No. 143

And God will raise you up on eagle's wings, bear you on the breath of dawn, make you to shine like the sun, and hold you in the palm of God's hand.

Pastor: Let our celebration begin!

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

*OPENING HYMN & BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah" No. 127

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the living bread."
People: We are hungry for the bread of heaven.
Pastor: Jesus said, "Whoever eats this bread will live forever."
People: We are hungry for eternal life.
Pastor: Jesus said, "I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty."
People: We are here to become what we already are: the body of Christ, food for a hungry world.

OPENING PRAYER

Along life's pathways, we search continually for signs to point us in positive directions. Christ has given us a sign which points us to healing and hope: that is the sign of the Bread of Life. No more shall we hunger and thirst after the things which cannot sustain us. Now we have been fed and nourished by Christ! Open our hearts in gratitude, Lord, for all the wondrous things you have done for us. Open our Spirits to hear your words of hope for us today. AMEN.

INTROIT "You Satisfy the Hungry Heart" No. 629 (Refrain Only, Sing 2X)

*You satisfy the hungry heart with gift of finest wheat.
Come, give to us, O saving Lord, the bread of life to eat.*

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

CALL TO CONFESSION

Let us come to the One who offers the Bread of Life, the promise of redemption, and the grace of forgiveness.

GENERAL CONFESSION

Living bread that comes down from heaven, we yearn to be filled with your Spirit of truth, but we often embrace the folly all around us; we long to eat our fill of your sacred Presence, but we often choose poorer fare and food that does not feed our souls; we desire to embrace your wisdom and your power, but we often choose the path of weakness, ignoring your call to seek justice and mercy. Come to us once more, Spirit of wisdom and truth that we may abide in you, as you abide in us. In your holy and blessed name, we pray. Amen.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Pastor: In Christ, God sent redemption for all. In Christ, God feeds our hungry souls. In Christ, God gives the cup of salvation to thirsty people.
People: We give thanks to God for everything: forgiveness, hope, new life. Amen.

HYMN OF ASSURANCE

"To You, O God, I Come" (Sung to the tune "How Great Thou Art")

Redemption is your gift to cherish, ever. Holy and awesome is your sacred name. O Saviour, by your Cross we live forever. Always, to praise and render rich acclaim.
Refrain: My thanks and praise I ever give you, God. Your works are good. Your works are good. My thanks and praise I ever give you, God. Your works are good. Your works are good.

CELEBRATION THROUGH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Pastor: O Lord, open our eyes, our ears, our minds, and our hearts.
People: that we might behold wondrous things out of your word.

CHORAL RESPONSE

"Thy Word" No. 601 (Refrain only)
"Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path"

FIRST LESSON

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord. Ephesians 5:15-20
People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

"Alleluia" No. 186
"Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia, alleluia"

*GOSPEL LESSON

Pastor: The Lord be with you,
People: And also with you.
Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. John
People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ

John 6:51-58

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the living Christ.
People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.