

First Sunday after Epiphany – January 10, 2021

“Having seen the salvation God has prepared for the world, there is nothing left to fear.”

Two-Piano Prelude “A Mighty Fortress Is our God”

Toni DiCapua, Mollie Wakeman

Call to Worship

Ben Ball

Hymn of Praise: A Mighty Fortress Is Our God (words on next page)

no. 260

Prayer of Confession (in unison)

Leland Morine

Loving God, we confess that although You sent Your Son to bring salvation to the world, we still struggle with our own mortality. In the birth of the Christ child, Emmanuel, we have received Your promise to always be with us, but still we feel fearful and alone. Forgive us, we pray, and help us to know that in You we are more than sufficient for the challenges of the day. Hear us now as we silently confess our sins.

Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the Good News of the Gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Gloria Patri

Passing of the Peace

Leader: The peace of the Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Greetings and Announcements

Anthem: “Nunc Dimittis”

Choral Ensemble

Mollie Wakeman, accompanist

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New Testament Reading: Luke 2:21-38

Sermon: “We Are More Than Sufficient”

Rev. Anne Swanson

Hymn of Response: Lord, Let Your Servant Go in Peace (words on next page)

Prayers of the People

Bob Kraut

Closing Hymn: Lord, Dismiss Us with Thy Blessing (words on next page)

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Benediction

Congregational Response: Go Now in Peace

Organ/Piano Postlude “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

A MIGHTY FORTRESS IS OUR GOD

A mighty fortress is our God, a bulwark never failing.
Our helper He amid the flood, of mortal ills prevailing.
For still our ancient foe, doth seek to work us woe;
His craft and power are great, and armed with cruel hate,
On earth is not his equal.

Did we in our own strength confide, our striving would be losing;
Were not the right Man on our side, the Man of God's own choosing.
Dost ask who that may be? Christ Jesus, it is He,
Lord Sabaoth His name, from age to age the same,
And He must win the battle.

And though this world, with devils filled, should threaten to undo us,
We will not fear, for God hath willed, His truth to triumph through us.
The prince of darkness grim, we tremble not for him;
His rage we can endure, for lo! His doom is sure,
One little word shall fell him.

That word above all earthly powers, no thanks to them, abideth;
The Spirit and the gifts are ours, through Him who with us sideth;
Let goods and kindred go, this mortal life also;
The body they may kill, God's truth abideth still,
His kingdom is forever.

GLORIA PATRI

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen. Amen.

NUNC DIMITTIS (Choral Ensemble)

Lord, now lettest Thou Thy servant depart in peace, depart in peace:
According to Thy word.
For mine eyes have seen, have seen Thy salvation,
Which Thou hast prepared, before the face of all people;
To be a light to lighten the Gentiles;
And to be the glory of Thy people Israel.

LORD, LET YOUR SERVANT GO IN PEACE

(tune: "In Christ There is No East or West")

"Lord, let your servant go in peace; Your Word has been fulfilled."
Because we've seen your saving grace, we know that all is well.

Through all the sorrow, pain and death, we dare, O God, to sing.
For you once sent your Son to earth — and that changed everything.

There's much we cannot understand, nor order, nor control;
We place our lives into your hands, and trust you'll make us whole.

Lord, let your servants daily know, that we are not alone;
And may we find, where'er we go, You'll lead us safely home.

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LORD, DISMISS US WITH THY BLESSING

Lord, dismiss us with Thy blessing; Fill our hearts with joy and peace;
Let us each, Thy love possessing, triumph in redeeming grace.
O refresh us, O refresh us, traveling through this wilderness.

Thanks we give and adoration, for Thy gospel's joyful sound;
May the fruits of Thy salvation, in our hearts and lives abound.
Ever faithful, ever faithful, to the truth may we be found.

So that when Thy love shall call us, Savior, from the world away,
Let no fear of death appall us, glad Thy summons to obey.
May we ever, may we ever, reign with Thee in endless day.

GO NOW IN PEACE

Go now in peace, never be afraid. God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast strong and true, know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love and show you believe, reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above. Go now in peace, in faith, and in love.