



Redeemer Lutheran
TORONTO, ONTARIO

*Finding **Life** in Community*

2nd Sunday after the Epiphany
Sunday, January 17, 2021

(Congregational Parts are in **Bold**)

INTRODUCTION

The scripture reading that Jesus chooses from Isaiah seems plucked from the tradition's greatest hits. It speaks of healing and freedom and favor (verses 18-19). Jesus even leaves off Isaiah's mention of a "year of vengeance" (Isaiah 61:2b). Comfort, rather than fear, seems the order of the day. And all is well (verse 22). But then the sermon takes a turn. As if Jesus' proclamation of fulfillment was a dividing edge, he follows Isaiah's promises with challenges to his listeners' hometown expectations. God's year of favor does not privilege home or country, and God's people are not always playing the roles they expected to play. As in so many of Luke's reversals, "What Jesus tells his audience is that they, who had every reason to believe that they were in, are out, just as the many widows in Israel in the time of Elijah, and the many lepers in the time of Elisha, were out.

GATHERING

The Holy Spirit calls us together as the people of God.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Faithful God,
we confess we are sorry for those times in life
when we become too inward looking,
when we see the gospel
as something to back up our own prejudices
or sense of privilege.
We are sorry for becoming too critical of others
and forgetting about our own faults and need for grace.

Lord, in your mercy forgive us
and expand our sense of your goodness and love.
Let us be inspired by the messages of Jesus
and never tire from being surprised
at how the Gospel has the power to move us
closer and closer to truth. Amen.

GATHERING SONG *Gather Us In* #532 (all 4 verses)

Gather Us In



1 Here in this place the new light is stream-ing, now is the dark - ness
 2 We are the young, our lives are a mys - t'ry, we are the old who
 3 Here we will take the wine and the wa - ter, here we will take the
 4 Not in the dark of build-ings con - fin - ing, not in some heav - en,



van - ished a - way; see in this space our fears and our dream-ings
 yearn for your face; we have been sung through - out all of his - t'ry,
 bread of new birth, here you shall call your sons and your daugh - ters,
 light years a - way— here in this place the new light is shin - ing,



brought here to you in the light of this day.
 called to be light to the whole hu - man race.
 call us a - new to be salt for the earth.
 now is the king - dom, and now is the day.



Gath - er us in, the lost and for - sak - en, gath - er us in, the
 Gath - er us in, the rich and the haugh - ty, gath - er us in, the
 Give us to drink the wine of com - pas - sion, give us to eat the
 Gath - er us in and hold us for - ev - er, gath - er us in and



blind and the lame; call to us now, and we shall a - wak - en,
 proud and the strong; give us a heart, so meek and so low - ly,
 bread that is you; nour - ish us well, and teach us to fash - ion
 make us your own; gath - er us in, all peo - ples to - geth - er,



we shall a - rise at the sound of our name.
 give us the cour - age to en - ter the song.
 lives that are ho - ly and hearts that are true.
 fire . . . of love in our flesh and our bone.

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GREETING

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

PRAYER OF THE DAY

God of the nations, **show us how to love all the people of the earth, of all colors and kinds: those with technology and without; those who make due with very little and who use many resources; those with formal education and without; those who call upon your name and who do not; so that all your children may be glorified in the name of the One who brought glory and liberty, Jesus Christ our salvation. Amen.**

WORD

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

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (setting 6 - p. 171)

Al - le - lu - ia. Lord, to whom shall we go?

You have the words of e - ter - nal life. Al - le - lu - ia.

GOSPEL: Luke 4: 14-30

The holy gospel according to Luke. **Glory to you, O Lord.**

The gospel of the Lord. **Praise to you, O Christ.**

SERMON

HYMN OF THE DAY *When the Poor Ones* #725

When the Poor Ones

Cuando el pobre



1 *Cuan-do el po-bre na-da tie-ne y aún re-par-te,*
 1 When the poor ones, who have noth-ing, still are giv-ing;
 2 When com-pas-sion gives the suf-f'ring con-so-la-tion;
 3 When our spir-its, like a chal-ice, brim with glad-ness;
 4 When the good-ness poured from heav-en fills our dwell-ings;



cuan-do al-guien pa-sa sed ya-gua nos da,
 when the thirst-y pass the cup, wa-ter to share;
 when ex-pect-ing brings to birth hope that was lost;
 when our voic-es, full and clear, sing out the truth;
 when the na-tions work to change war in-to peace;



cuan-do el dé-bil a su her-ma-no for-ta-le-ce:
 when the wound-ed of-fer oth-ers strength and heal-ing;
 when we choose love, not the ha-tred all a-round us:
 when our long-ings, free from en-vy, seek the hum-ble:
 when the strang-er is ac-cept-ed as our neigh-bor:

Refrain / Estribillo



Va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar;
 We see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way;



va Dios mis-mo en nues-tro mis-mo ca-mi-nar.
 we see God, here by our side, walk-ing our way.

2 *Cuando alguno sufre y logra su consuelo,* 3 *Cuando crece la alegría y nos inunda,*
cuando espera y no se cansa de esperar, *cuando dicen nuestros labios la verdad,*
cuando amamos, aunque el odio nos rodee: *cuando amamos el sentir de los sencillos:*
 Estribillo Estribillo

4 *Cuando abunda el bien y llena los hogares,*
cuando alguien donde hay guerra pone paz,
cuando "hermano" le llamamos al extraño:
 Estribillo

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PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

God in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

MEAL

God feeds us with the presence of Jesus Christ.

DIALOGUE

God is with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to God.**

Let us give thanks and praise to our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PREFACE

HOLY, HOLY, HOLY (setting 6 - p. 173)

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, Lord God of pow - er and might,
heav - en and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed is he who
comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

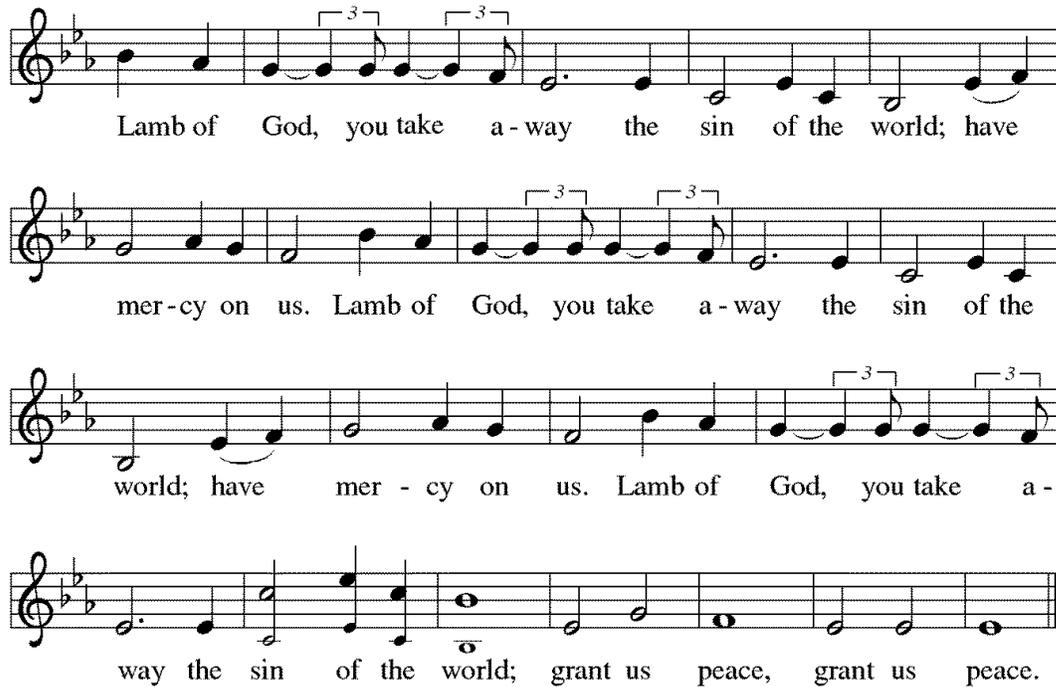
THANKSGIVING AT THE TABLE

LORD'S PRAYER

**Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name,
your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven.
Give us today our daily bread.
Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.
Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil.
For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours,
now and forever. Amen.**

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION SONG (setting#6 - p. 174)



Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the world; have
mer-cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a - way the sin of the
world; have mer - cy on us. Lamb of God, you take a -
way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

COMMUNION

TABLE BLESSING

The body and blood of our Redeemer Jesus Christ strengthen you and keep you in God's grace. **Amen.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

SENDING

God blesses us and sends us in mission to the world.

BLESSING

SENDING SONG *Heaven Is Singing for Joy #664* (All 3 Verses)

Heaven Is Singing for Joy *El cielo canta alegría*



El cie - lo can - ta_a - le - grí - a, ¡a - le - lu - ya!,
1 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
2 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,
3 Heav - en is sing - ing for joy, al - le - lu - ia,



por - que en tu vi - da y la mí - a bri - lla la glo - ria de Dios.
for in your life and mine is shin - ing the glo - ry of God.
for your life and mine u - nite in the love of our God.
for your life and mine will al - ways bear wit - ness to God.

Refrain / Estribillo



¡A - le - lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya! ¡A - le -
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -



lu - ya, a - le - lu - ya!
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

2 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡alehuya!,
porque a tu vida y la mía
las une el amor de Dios. Estribillo*

3 *El cielo canta alegría, ¡alehuya!,
porque tu vida y la mía
proclamarán al Señor. Estribillo*

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Go in peace. Be the light of Christ.
Thanks be to God.

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