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William Holman Hunt – *The Light of the World* – 1854



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Please use this opportunity to silence all cell phones and other noise-making devices.

** = Please stand in body or spirit*

Prelude

Jesi Hempstead, Lansin Lim Kimler

Karl Jenkins: Hymn in memoriam Martin Luther King, jr.

The popular Welsh composer Karl Jenkins (b. 1944) wrote this instrumental hymn in Dr. King's memory; he arranged it for a memorial concert in New York City in 2008 from music originally intended for his choral anthology ADIEMUS. In 2015 Jenkins received a knighthood from Queen Elizabeth II for services to music.

Introit

Christine Guthrie

J. S. Bach: Come, Celebrate This Morn (arr. Britten)

Apart from the song cycles that the English composer, Benjamin Britten (1913 – 1976) wrote for his partner, Peter Pears, he also arranged some Bach arias for their recitals: he added inner harmonies to songs for which only Bach's original soprano and bass parts survived. This sacred song (originally "Kommt, Seelen, dieser Tag") was one that Bach contributed to a 1736 hymnal edited by G. C. Schemelli, setting words by Valentin Ernst Loscher.

Come, celebrate this morn with happy hearts and voices,
Sing out the praise of God in whom this world rejoices.
Upon this very day the saints were arm'd with love,
So pray the Holy Ghost may bless us from above.

The man whose heart is pure where God's designs may flourish,
Who keeps within his soul a place his Lord to cherish;
Let him unite with us in praises strong and true
To God, the glorious King, eternal, ever new.

Welcome
(concluding)

Sharon Erdoni, Deena Borelli, Rakshana Mannava

Leader: So, we invite you to greet one another either here, or online by reaching out in the Chat or through a text or email. And we will conclude this Welcome in our traditional way with the Doxology.

***Passing the Peace of Christ and Doxology #815**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Him, all creatures here below,
Praise Him above, ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

***Hymn of Affirmation**

#777 On Jordan's Stormy Banks

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Poem

Mara Adams: A Prayer for the Epiphany, MLK, and the New Year

Mara Adams is a professor of theology at St. Ambrose University, Davenport (IA).

The Epiphany is an opportunity for us to examine our encounter with Christ and to ask ourselves if, like the Magi, this encounter has changed us and set us on a different path.

Remembering Martin Luther King Jr. provides an opportunity for us to ask if we have become complacent and have failed to see the face of Christ in those who are different.

The New Year will bring many joys, as well as challenges and sorrows. May we be strengthened in our work for justice and transformed by our encounter with Christ.

Offertory Meditation

Lansin Lim Kimler

J. S. Bach: Sinfonia (from Christmas Oratorio)

Bach's monumental retelling of Christ's birth and life is punctuated by chorales and this instrumental interlude which sets the scene of the shepherds in the fields, to whom the angels announced Christ's birth. It was premiered on 26 December, 1734, in Bach's own church, St. Thomas, Leipzig.

Responsorial Psalm

Rev. Drew Phillips and Youth

Psalm 65:1-8 (quoted by MLK)

Leader: Praise awaits you, O God, in Zion.

People: Vows made to you are fulfilled.

Leader: You hear prayers;

People: all people approach you.

Leader: Our record of sins overwhelms me,

People: but you forgive our acts of rebellion.

Leader: How blessed is the one whom you choose,

People: and allow to live in your palace courts.

Leader: May we be satisfied with the good things of your house —

People: your holy palace.

Leader: You answer our prayers by performing awesome acts of deliverance,

People: O God, our savior.

Leader: All the ends of the earth trust in you,

People: as well as those living across the wide seas.

Leader: You created the mountains by your power,

People: and demonstrated your strength.

Leader: You calmed the raging seas and their roaring waves,

People: as well as the commotion made by the nations.

Leader: Even those living in the remotest areas are awestruck by your acts;

People: you cause those living in the east and west to praise you.

Anthem

Choir

arr. Howard Helvey: My Lord, What A Mornin'!

Born in Columbia (MO), Howard studied at the Conservatory of Music in Cincinnati, where he subsequently settled, and now he serves as Organist of Calvary Episcopal Church there. He is one of the nation's most adept arrangers of choral music, as well as enjoying success for his original compositions. He has written for several ensembles in his home state, including the Saint Louis Chamber Chorus, and is one of the nicest people you could meet!

*Refrain: My Lord, what a mornin',
Oh, my Lord, what a mornin' when the stars begin to fall.*

I'm done with all my worldly ways, joined that heav'nly band,
Done with all my worldly ways, joined that heav'nly band.
Refrain.

Scripture Lesson

Revelation 3:20

Colton Simons

Behold, I stand at the door and knock; if anyone hears My voice and opens the door, I will come in to him and will dine with him, and he with Me.

John 8:12

Mona Harrison

Then Jesus again spoke to them, saying, 'I am the Light of the world; the one who follows Me will not walk in the darkness, but will have the Light of life.

Leader: The word of God for the people of God.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Dr. Tommy Simons

The Light of the World

***Hymn of Invitation & Declaration**

#684 Precious Lord, Take My Hand

PRECIOUS LORD

Benediction

Third Youth and College Students

Postlude

Lansin Lim Kimler

Sasha Johnson Manning: January (from 'A Year At Third')

Sasha (b. 1963) wrote this intentionally to be heard in January, as a reminder that while we are enjoying the Epiphany season, lurking in the distance is Lent, and its climax of Good Friday. After studying at the Royal Academy of Music, Sasha returned to her native Manchester in the north of England, where she has worked for many years as a singer, choir director and composer.

Prayer List

Nursing care and rehab facilities

Delilah Canning, Friendship Village, Chesterfield, MO

Juanita Wallis, Cape Albeon, Valley Park, MO

Margaret Warman, Delmar Gardens of Chesterfield, Chesterfield, MO

Prayer Requests

Harold Beasley

Fran Blake

Delilah Canning

Karen Deitte

Jersey Dukes

Alisa Guider

Judith Hawk

Glenn Jefferies

Peggy Hemphill

Anna Littlejohn

Erica Littlejohn

Mattie Littlejohn

Shelia McMunn

Bobby Murray

Declan Rutan

Please send updates, addition or edits to this list via email to Sally, Ella or Pastor Tommy (sallyoando@att.net, ebanks@third-baptist.org, tsimons@third-baptist.org)

If you're a visitor today, we want to meet you! Please fill out a visitor card and leave it in the offering plate or use the QR code below to connect with Third Baptist online.



Calendar for January 19 – 26

Sunday, January 19

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 11:00 AM Godly Play
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Wednesday, January 22

- 12:00 PM Staff Meeting
- 5:15 PM Dinner and Adult Bible Study, Room 2
- 7:00 PM Choir Rehearsal, Choir Room

Sunday, January 26

- 9:30 AM Doughnut Fellowship, Fellowship Hall
- 9:45 AM Sunday School, Various
- 11:00 AM Worship, Sanctuary and online via Facebook and YouTube
- 12:00 PM Fellowship, Pillsbury Threshold

Pastoral and Music Staff

Dr. Tommy Simons, Pastor
Rev. Drew Phillips, Minister to Families
Dr. Philip Barnes, Director of Music
Brent Johnson, Organist
Lansin Lim Kimler, Pianist

