

Life of Pi (2012)

SUNDAY, LECTIONARY 12

Dove of Peace Lutheran Church June 20, 2021 9:30 a.m.

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In accordance with the guidelines of the CDC and of Pima County, Arizona:

Mouth and nose coverings (masks) are optional for worshipers who have been fully vaccinated for Covid-19.

Masks are required for worshipers who have not been vaccinated for Covid-19.

WELCOME

Pastor Stephen Springer

Now is the acceptable time; now is the day of salvation! Now we are in the storm, the boat almost swamped; but Jesus is here now, and when we call him, he will calm the storm. Even the wind and waves listen to him as they would to their creator. We also listen to him and are called to believe in the power of God's word in him, a power greater than all that we fear.

PROLOGUE

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Prelude in G Major, Op. 37 no. 2 Felix Mendelssohn (1809-1847)

In addition to being a leading composer and performer in early 19th century Europe, Felix Mendelssohn was also an organist, and his small collection of organ compositions are part of the canon for every student of the instrument. His set of three preludes and fugues, listed as Op. 37, are inspired by Bach's preludes and fugues, but using early Romantic compositional languages. Today our organist shares two of these preludes, showing the variety of Mendelssohn's compositional techniques. The G Major prelude is a sort of "song without words," with a gentle, pastoral affect.

*CONFESSION AND FORGIVENESS

Blessed be the holy Trinity,

+ one God,
who creates, redeems, and sustains us
and all of creation.

Amen.

Let us confess our sin in the presence of God and of one another.

Most merciful God,

we confess that we are captive to sin and cannot free ourselves. We have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart; we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. For the sake of your Son, Jesus Christ, have mercy on us. Forgive us, renew us, and lead us, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

In the mercy of almighty God, Jesus Christ was given to die for us, and for his sake God forgives us all our sins. As a called and ordained minister of word and sacrament in the church of Christ, and by his authority, I therefore declare to you the entire forgiveness of all your sins, in the name of the Father, and of the + Son, and of the Holy Spirit. **Amen.**



- 1 My life flows on in end-less song; a-bove earth's lam-en-ta-tion,
- 2 Through all the tu-mult and the strife, I hear that mu-sic ring-ing.
- 3 What though my joys and com-forts die? The Lord my Sav-ior liv eth.
- 4 The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a foun-tain ev-er spring-ing!



I catch the sweet, though far-off hymn that hails a new cre - a - tion. It finds an ech - o in my soul. How can I keep from sing-ing? What though the dark - ness gath-er round? Songs in the night he giv - eth. All things are mine since I am his! How can I keep from sing-ing?



No storm can shake my in-most calm while to that Rock I'm cling-ing.



Since Christ is Lord of heav-en and earth,how can I keep from sing-ing?

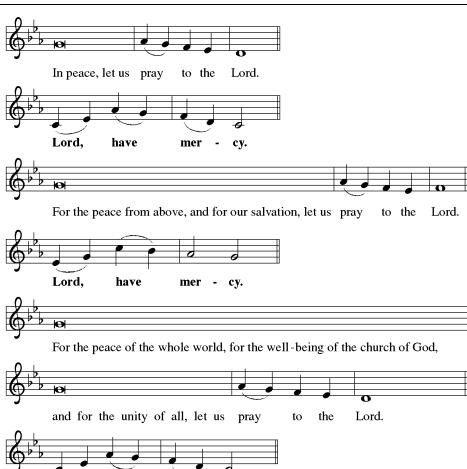
Text: Robert Lowry, 1826-1899

Music: HOW CAN I KEEP FROM SINGING, Robert Lowry, alt.

*GREETING

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

*KYRIE Setting One



For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise,

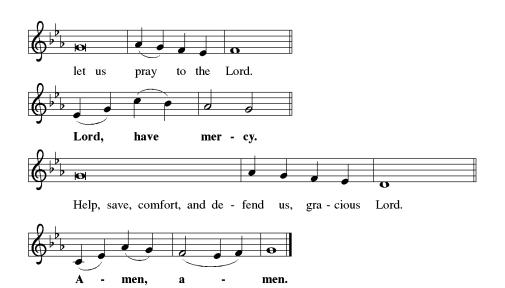
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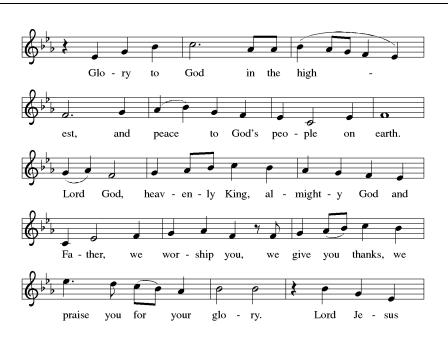
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*CANTICLE: GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Setting One





*PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

O God of creation, eternal majesty, you preside over land and sea, sunshine and storm. By your strength pilot us, by your power preserve us, by your wisdom instruct us, and by your hand protect us, through Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord.

Amen.

FIRST READING: Job 38:1-11

At the end of the book of Job, after Job and his companions have argued about the cause of the great suffering Job endures, God finally speaks. These verses begin that speech, which is a grand vision of creation, describing God's ordering of the cosmos and inviting Job to marvel at its beauty.

A reading from Job.

The LORD answered Job out of the whirlwind:

²"Who is this that darkens counsel by words without knowledge?

³Gird up your loins like a man,

I will question you, and you shall declare to me.

4"Where were you when I laid the foundation of the earth?

Tell me, if you have understanding.

⁵Who determined its measurements—surely you know!

Or who stretched the line upon it?

On what were its bases sunk,

or who laid its cornerstone

when the morning stars sang together and all the heavenly beings shouted for joy?

8"Or who shut in the sea with doors when it burst out from the womb?—

⁹when I made the clouds its garment, and thick darkness its swaddling band,

¹⁰and prescribed bounds for it,

and set bars and doors,

and said, 'Thus far shall you come, and no farther,
and here shall your proud waves be stopped'?"

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALMODY (ELW): Psalm 107:1-3, 23-32

The refrain is first introduced by the leader, then repeated by the assembly.



Psalm 107:29
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Give thanks to the LORD, for the | LORD is good, for God's mercy en- | dures forever.

²Let the redeemed of the | LORD proclaim that God redeemed them from the hand | of the foe,

³gathering them in | from the lands;

from the east and from the west, from the north and | from the south.

²³Some went down to the | sea in ships, plying their trade | in deep waters. REFRAIN

They beheld the works | of the LORD,

God's wonderful works | in the deep.

²⁵Then God spoke, and a stormy | wind arose, which tossed high the waves | of the sea.

²⁶They mounted up to the heavens and descended | to the depths; their souls melted away | in their peril.

²⁷They staggered and | reeled like drunkards,

and all their skill was of | no avail.

- ²⁸Then in their trouble they cried | to the LORD, and you delivered them from | their distress.
- ²⁹You stilled the storm | to a whisper and silenced the waves | of the sea. REFRAIN
- ³⁰Then were they glad when | it grew calm, when you guided them to the harbor | they desired.
- ³¹Let them give thanks to you, LORD, for your | steadfast love and your wonderful works | for all people.
- ³²Let them exalt you in the assembly | of the people; in the council of the elders, let them sing | hallelujah! **REFRAIN**

SECOND READING: 2 Corinthians 6:1-13

Paul and his fellow workers experience great hardships and even rejection while carrying out their missionary work. Nevertheless, Paul continuously proclaims that God has not rejected us but is graciously working for our salvation.

A reading from Second Corinthians.

¹As we work together with him, we urge you also not to accept the grace of God in vain. ²For he says,

"At an acceptable time I have listened to you, and on a day of salvation I have helped you."

See, now is the acceptable time; see, now is the day of salvation! ³We are putting no obstacle in anyone's way, so that no fault may be found with our ministry, ⁴but as servants of God we have commended ourselves in every way: through great endurance, in afflictions, hardships, calamities, ⁵beatings, imprisonments, riots, labors, sleepless nights, hunger; ⁶by purity, knowledge, patience, kindness, holiness of spirit, genuine love, ⁷truthful speech, and the power of God; with the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and for the left; ⁸in honor and dishonor, in ill repute and good repute. We are treated as impostors, and yet are true; ⁹as unknown, and yet are well known; as dying, and see—we are alive; as punished, and yet not killed; ¹⁰as sorrowful, yet always rejoicing; as poor, yet making many rich; as having nothing, and yet possessing everything.

We have spoken frankly to you Corinthians; our heart is wide open to you. 12There

is no restriction in our affections, but only in yours. ¹³In return—I speak as to children—open wide your hearts also.

The word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

ELW #169

The assembly sings the acclamation before and after the verse of the day.



Cantor: Now is the accept- | able time;*

now is the day | of salvation. [2 Corinthians 6:2]

*GOSPEL: Mark 4:35-41

Jesus' calming of the storm on the sea reveals his power over evil, since the sea represents evil and chaos. The boat on the sea is a symbol of the church and invites us to trust God amid life's turbulence.

The Holy Gospel According to Mark.

Glory to you, O Lord.

³⁵When evening had come, [Jesus said to the disciples,] "Let us go across to the other side." ³⁶And leaving the crowd behind, they took him with them in the boat, just as he was. Other boats were with him. ³⁷A great windstorm arose, and the waves beat into the boat, so that the boat was already being swamped. ³⁸But he was in the stern, asleep on the cushion; and they woke him up and said to him, "Teacher, do you not care that we are perishing?" ³⁹He woke up and rebuked the wind, and said to the sea, "Peace! Be still!" Then the wind ceased, and there was a dead calm. ⁴⁰He said to them, "Why are you afraid? Have you still no faith?" ⁴¹And they were filled with great awe and said to one another, "Who then is this, that even the wind and the sea obey him?"

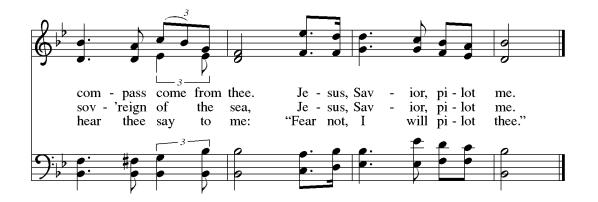
The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

Pastor Stephen Springer





Text: Edward Hopper, 1818–1888 Music: PILOT, John Edgar Gould, 1822–1875

*PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The prayer petitions are frequently written or modified by the assisting minister, and vary between the first and second worship services.)

Each petition concludes, "Lord in your, mercy," and the assembly responds, "Hear our prayer."

Into your hands, gracious God, we commend all for whom we pray, trusting in your mercy; through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

Amen.

*PEACE

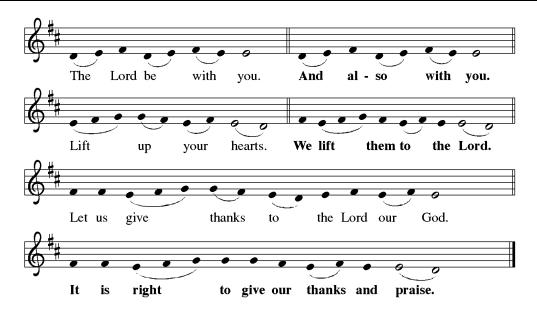
At this time, we do not exchange the peace with our neighbors.

The peace of Christ be with you always.

And also with you.

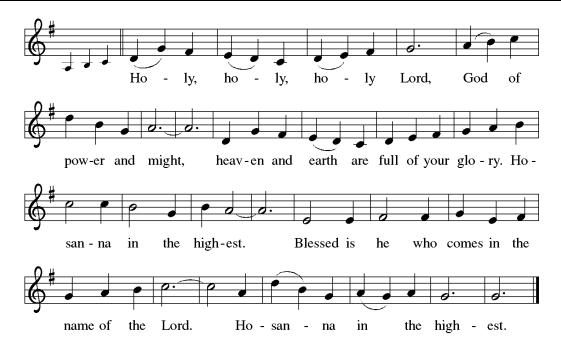
We sing verses 1 and 2.





*PREFACE (Sundays in Ordinary Time)

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who on this day overcame death and the grave, and by his glorious resurrection opened to us the way of everlasting life. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:



*PRAYER AT THE TABLE

You are indeed holy, almighty and merciful God. You are most holy, and great is the majesty of your glory.

You so loved the world that you gave your only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but have eternal life.

We give you thanks for his coming into the world to fulfill for us your holy will and to accomplish all things for our salvation.

In the night in which he was betrayed, our Lord Jesus took bread, and gave thanks; broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: Take and eat; this is my body, given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me.

Again, after supper, he took the cup, gave thanks, and gave it for all to drink, saying:

This cup is the new covenant in my blood, shed for you and for all people for the forgiveness of sin.

Do this for the remembrance of me.

For as often as we eat of this bread and drink from this cup, we proclaim the Lord's death until he comes.



Remembering, therefore, his salutary command, his life-giving passion and death, his glorious resurrection and ascension, and the promise of his coming again, we give thanks to you, O Lord God Almighty, not as we ought but as we are able; we ask you mercifully to accept our praise and thanksgiving and with your Word and Holy Spirit to bless us, your servants, and these your own gifts of bread and wine, so that we and all who share in the body and blood of Christ may be filled with heavenly blessing and grace, and, receiving the forgiveness of sin, may be formed to live as your holy people and be given our inheritance with all your saints.

To you, O God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, be all honor and glory in your holy church, now and forever.



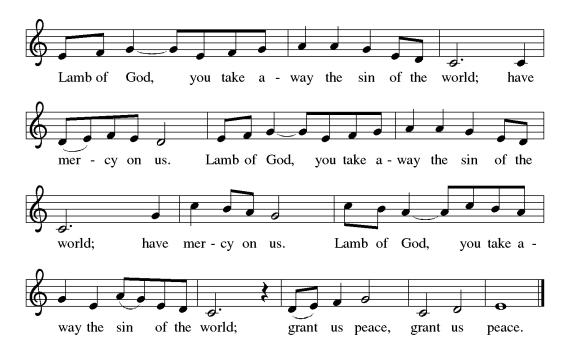
*THE LORD'S PRAYER

If you wish, you may join hands with members of your own household. Please do not join hands with others unless you have prior consent.

Gathered into one by the Holy Spirit, let us pray as Jesus taught us.

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.

*LAMB OF GOD Setting One



MUSIC DURING COMMUNION

Kevin Seal, pipe organ

Improvisation

Option One: Communion by intinction (as before Covid)

Worshipers may stand or kneel at the altar rail. The bread wafer will be placed in your hand by the pastor. When the chalice is offered, you may dip the tip of the wafter into the wine, and then consume the wafer.

Option Two: Packaged wafer and wine

A sealed packet will be available from the assisting minister near the baptismal font. After returning to your seat, you may open the top of the packet to remove the wafer and consume it. Then, turn the packet over, remove the seal over the wine, and sip the wine.

COMMISSION

Pastor Stephen Springer

*BLESSING

The Lord bless you and keep you. The Lord's face shine on you with grace and mercy. The Lord look upon you with favor and + give you peace.

Amen.



Prelude in D Minor, Op. 37 no. 3 Felix Mendelssohn

The D Minor prelude from Mendelssohn's Op. 37 is a fantasy-like prelude, beginning with declaratory chords and virtuosic passages, moving into an imitative section, and then combining the compositional ideas into an exciting finish.

DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Serve the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Dianne Huston, assisting minister Christine Alexander, lector Eric Holtan, cantor Kevin Seal, organist

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