

CELEBRATION THROUGH PROCLAMATION

SERMON 'Just Desserts?' Rev. Russel Shuluga

CELEBRATION THROUGH COMMITMENT

INVITATION TO THE OFFERING

THE LORD'S OFFERING

THE OFFERTORY ANTHEM

*DOXOLOGY No. 95

*OFFERTORY PRAYER

God of grace, you have fed our spirits and nourished our souls. You have supported us in every possible way. May the gifts we bring this morning be an offering of our gratitude, and may they be a promise to share what we have received from your hand. Amen.

CELEBRATION THROUGH SENDING

*BENEDICTION

These Lenten days will take us to the cross of Christ. We go forward, knowing that we do not go this way alone.



*BENEDICTION RESPONSE 'Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross' No. 301 (Chorus)
*In the cross, in the cross,
be my glory ever,
Till my raptured soul shall find
Rest beyond the river.*

*CLOSING HYMN 'The First Song of Isaiah' TFWS 2030

*POSTLUDE

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 an usher or a person sitting near you. If you do not have a permanent church home, please consider joining us. May God bless your experience in worship with us today. We are here to serve, so please let us know how we might better serve you.

ORDER OF WORSHIP – 11:15 AM

CELEBRATION THROUGH CENTERING

PRELUDE

GREETING, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND PRAYER REQUESTS

CENTERING HYMN AND BRINGING FORTH THE LIGHT
'Glorify Thy Name'

TFWS 2016

CELEBRATION THROUGH ADORATION

CALL TO WORSHIP

Pastor: Come, everyone who thirsts, Come to the waters. Come to the wells.

People: Our souls thirst for you, O God. We lift up our hands and call on your name.

Pastor: Come, without money. Come without cost. Incline your ears and listen for good news.

People: Our flesh faints for you, O God. Our lips sing praises, beholding your glory.

Pastor: Come, eat good. Come, feast upon true riches. Be filled with that which sustains you.

People: Our souls are satisfied in you, O God. In the shadow of your wings, we sing with joy.

OPENING PRAYER

Author of abundance, God of change, we come into this hour with holy expectations. As we travel on our journey of transformation this Lenten season, we know that you are with us. You walk beside us. Your presence surrounds us. Help us to bear fruit as we walk this road. Remind us that you will never leave us nor forsakes us, that your rod and your staff comfort us, that you have prepared a feast for us when all can come and eat. Keep us forever in the path as we worship you in spirit and in truth. Amen.

INTROIT 'Just a Closer Walk with Thee' TFWS No. 2158 (chorus only)

CHILDREN'S MOMENTS

CELEBRATION THROUGH CONFESSION AND PARDON

CALL TO CONFESSION

May we prepare our hearts and spirits to receive God's mercy and healing.

HYMN OF CONFESSION 'Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling' No. 348 V. 4

GENERAL CONFESSION

This is the season of turning. We are called on this journey to turn our lives to the Lord, to turn away from all those things which have harmed us and others; to separate ourselves from actions and attitudes that demean and destroy. It is far too easy for us to sink into the mire of self-pity and self-serving attitudes, wondering why everything isn't coming our way. We want comfort, contentment, no stress, no struggle. Yet our lives are filled with stress and discontent. We hurt, Lord. We hurt in our bodies and our souls. We hurt in our relationships with others. How we must try your patience! We don't want to be like this - we want to feel the warmth of your love, the freedom of your spirit, the joy of serving you. Forgive us for our selfishness and stupidity. Heal us. For we ask these things in Jesus' Name. AMEN.

SILENT CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

God has heard your cries. Turn again to the Lord. Find comfort and strength in God's eternal love for you. Be healed. AMEN.

Thanks be to God!

HYMN OF ASSURANCE 'How Great Thou Art' No. 77, V. 3

SHARING THE PEACE

The Lord offers us everything we need without price. In celebration of this great gift, let us share our joy by passing the peace of Christ with one another.

The Peace of the Lord be with you.

And also with you.

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

Isaiah 55:1-9

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

*GOSPEL ACCLAMATION 'Turn Your Eyes Upon Jesus' No. 349
"Turn your eyes upon Jesus, look full in his wonderful face, and the things of earth will grow strangely dim in the light of his glory and grace."

Pastor: The Lord be with you,

People: and also with you.

Pastor: A reading from the Gospel of St. Luke.

People: Glory to You, O Lord.

*THE GOSPEL IS READ Luke 13:1-9

*THE GOSPEL RESPONSE

Pastor: The Gospel of the Living Christ.

People: Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ.

*GLORIA PATRI No. 70