

Good Shepherd Tidings

Feb. 2, 2020

Today in our service we will continue in the Epiphany season by studying Mark 2:23-3:6, where we will see that the Pharisees strict adherence to their conception of the Sabbath was overturned by Christ, who is the Lord of the Sabbath.

We will pray for Mark Bahr's wife, Donna, who was hospitalized but is home now, awaiting further tests.

FIRE Church: Grace Bible Church in San Diego, CA, Pastor Curt Arend. The church has been growing with 5 baptisms last year and 2 already this year. Last October saw 19 people attending the membership class. The church has outreach ministries at Planned Parenthood, Balboa Park, and will begin holding services as a local prison. Pastor Curt will be traveling to Zambia, Nepal, and India over the next few months to help train church leaders.

On our SermonAudio website for January we had a record 1,372 downloads of our sermons from 50 states and 45 countries. Pray that those of us who preach from the pulpit would be strengthened in the knowledge of God's Word and how to effectively communicate it to God's people in the power of his Spirit. May Christ be revealed and made known through the preached Word.

Thanks to Brother Dawit Tadesse for preparing today's lunch. All are invited to join us for that time of table fellowship.

The Lord's Supper will be served today. If you are a born-again believer in Christ and are in active fellowship with his church, you are warmly invited to join us. The Holy Meal is a time when we draw near to Christ and partake afresh of his salvation and presence as we give thanks for his death for our sins and his resurrection for our justification. He is the true manna who came down from heaven. To partake of him is life indeed, life never ending.

A Prayer for the Lord's Day

Lord Jesus Christ, by your resurrection from the dead you have hallowed the first day of the week as a day of worship for your people: may we so die to sin and rise to newness of life that we may be worthy to offer up our prayers and praises on this day and every day, to the honor and glory of your name. Amen

Diocese of Melanesia

Service for the Lord's Day
Good Shepherd Community Church
2 February 2020 – 10:30 A.M.

Gathering of the Congregation

Grace, mercy, and peace from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord.

—2 Timothy 1:2,

Call to Worship-

“Stand up. Praise Yahweh your God from everlasting to everlasting.”

Praise Your glorious name, and may it be exalted above all blessing and praise. You alone are Yahweh.

You created the heavens, the highest heavens with all their host, the earth and all that is on it, the seas and all that is in them.

You give life to all of them, and the heavenly host worships You.

You are Yahweh, the God who chose Abram and brought him out of Ur of the Chaldeans, and changed his name to Abraham.

You found his heart faithful in Your sight,

and made a covenant with him.

Hymn- “Come, Let Us with Our Lord Arise” (Sussex Carol)

Invocation Pastor Jeff Gregory

Hymn – “I Greet Thee Who My Sure Redeemer Are”

Humbling Ourselves before Our Righteous God

The psalmist testifies: I acknowledged my sin to you and I did not hide my iniquity. I said, “I will confess my transgressions to the LORD”, and you forgave the guilt of my sin. Let us in this knowledge confess our sin before God and one another.

[Silent Waiting before the Lord]

Corporate Prayer

Lord Jesus, I have sinned times without number, and been guilty of pride and unbelief, and of neglect to seek you in my daily life. My sins and shortcomings present me with a list of accusations, but I thank you that they will not stand against me, for all have been laid on Christ. Deliver me from every evil habit, every interest of former sins, everything that dims the brightness of your grace in me, everything that prevents me taking delight in you. Amen.

Words of Assurance:

Put your hope in the LORD. For there is faithful love with the LORD, and with Him is redemption in abundance. And He will redeem Israel from all its sins.

For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is His faithful love toward those who fear Him. As far as the east is from the west, so far has He removed our transgressions from us. Thanks be to God! (Psalm 130:7f; 103:11f)

We Sing of our Savior Christ Jesus

Sing to him, sing praises to him; tell of all his wondrous works! Psalm 105:2

Hymn-313P "Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder"

Hymn-212P "Sing to the Lord with All Your Heart"

Reading the Sacred Writings

Give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching." 1

Timothy 4:13

First Testament- Deuteronomy 5:12-15

New Testament- Isaiah 56:1-8

Psalm 92

New Testament- Colossians 2:16-19

New Testament- Matthew 11:25-12:8

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Confessing Our Faith in Jesus the Messiah

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,

the only Son of God,

eternally begotten of the Father,

God from God, Light from Light,

true God from true God,

begotten, not made,

of one being with the Father;

through him all things were made.

For us and for our salvation

he came down from heaven:

was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,

and became truly human.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

On the third day he rose again

in accordance with the Scriptures;

he ascended into heaven

and is seated at the right hand of the Father.

He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,

and his kingdom will have no end.

Expressing Our Faith in Song

Sing to the Lord, praise his name; proclaim his salvation day after day. Ps 96:2

Hymn- 658P "Sit Down Beneath His Shadow"

Hymn- 920P "As Light upon the River"

Prayers of the People

I cry aloud to God, aloud to God, that he may hear me. Ps 77:1

Prayer Concerns, Thanksgivings and Petition

Prayers of the People

Offering – *Walk in love, as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us, a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.* Ephesians 5:2

Dedication Prayer

Hymn- 847P "Lord, Make Your Word My Rule"

Proclamation of the Word

Scripture Text: Mark 2:23-3:6

*So the Son of Man is lord even of the Sabbath.*v.28

Sermon: "The Lord of the Sabbath" by Jeff Gregory

Hymn- "Jesus Is Lord" (Getty/Townend)

Communion in the Holy Supper

led by Wayne Conrad

Invitation

Words of Institution – Luke 22:14-19

We Offer Our Thanksgiving

We Share in the Bread and the Cup

Communion Hymn – "Come to God's Table" (Slane)

Closing Prayer of Thanks

The Sending Forth of the People of God

Hymn – "Now May Your Servant Lord"

Now may your servant Lord, according to your word,

depart in exultation. My peace shall be serene,

for now my eyes have seen your wonderful salvation.

You did for all prepare this gift so great, so rare,

fulfilling prophet's story- a light to show the way

to Gentiles gone astray, and unto Israel's glory.

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Benediction-

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