The English Community Outreach Project Protestant Deanery of Wiesbaden in the Bergkirche September 4, 2022



"A bruised reed God will not break and a smoldering wick God will not snuff out." - Isaiah 42:3

Thank you for joining us for worship this morning! We are glad you are here with us. Here are a few things to help orient you during the service.

- Hymnals are available at the entrance to the sanctuary. A mask is recommended while singing.
- In the bulletin, items marked with a star* indicate that you may stand in body or spirit, as you are able. During the Prayers of the People, please remain seated until Rev. Cranbury invites you to stand for the Lord's Prayer.
- Wenn Sie eine deutsche Übersetzung der Predigt wünschen, finden Sie einige Exemplare auf dem Tisch am Eingang.

Musical Prelude

Greeting and Invocation: We gather today in the love of God, the compassion of Jesus, our Christ, and of the Holy Spirit $- \pi$ Amen.

*Opening Song We Have Come to Join in Worship Worship and Rejoice #647

- 1. We have come to join in worship and adore the Lord our God. Let us come in prayer, expecting God to speak his mighty Word. All is vain unless the Spirit of the Holy One comes down. Christians, pray and holy manna will be showered all around.
- 2. See them gather all around you, those he bought at such a cost; see the weary, see the hurting, see the lonely, see the lost. Be his hand and touch the needy; be his gospel, let it sound! Be his body, and sweet manna will be showered all around.
- 3. Let us love our God supremely; let us love each other, too. Let us care for all his people till our God makes all things new. Christ will call us home to heaven; at his banquet we'll sit down; Christ himself will rise and serve us living manna all around.

From Psalm 147

How good it is to sing praises to our God; how pleasant and fitting to praise God. *God builds up Jerusalem, and gathers the exiles of Israel.*

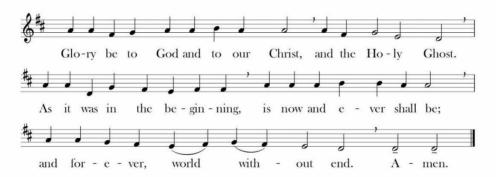
God heals the brokenhearted and binds up their wounds.

God determines the number of the stars and calls them each by name.

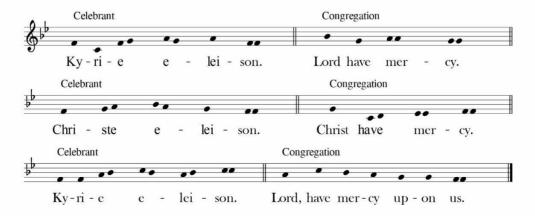
Great is our God and mighty in power; God's understanding has no limit.

God delights in those who put their hope in God's unfailing love.

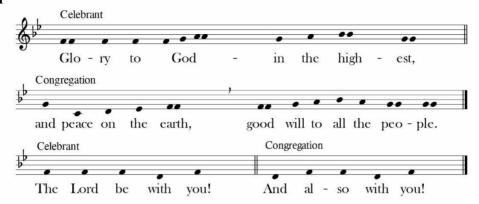
Reader - Come, let us worship!



Prayer of Confession



Absolution



Prayer (...through Jesus Christ, our brother and guide,): Amen

Scripture: Acts 9:1-20

Reader: Blessed are they who hear and keep God's Word! I Hallelujah

Musical Meditation

Sermon Rev. Markus Nett

Responsive Song

Open My Eyes

#48

- 1. Open my eyes, that I may see glimpses of truth you have for me; place in my hands the wonderful key that shall unlock and set me free. Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; open my eyes, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 2. Open my ears, that I may hear voices of truth you send so clear; and while the message sounds in my ear, everything false will disappear. Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; open my ears, illumine me, Spirit divine!
- 3. Open my mouth, and let me bear gladly the warm truth everywhere; open my heart, and let me prepare love with your children thus to share. Silently now, on bended knee, ready I wait your will to see; open my heart, illumine me, Spirit divine!

Prayers of the People and the *Lord's Prayer -You are invited to say the Lord's prayer in whatever language or translation is most familiar or comfortable for you. If you are unfamiliar with this prayer, you may read the following words:

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 debts as we forgive our debtors. 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.

Announcements

*Sending Song God Be with You #716

- 1. God be with you till we meet again, by his counsels guide, uphold you, with his sheep securely fold you; God be with you till we meet again.
- 2. God be with you till we meet again, 'neath his wings protecting hide you, daily manna still provide you; God be with you till we meet again.
- 3. God be with you till we meet again, if life's perils should confound you, God will put his arms around you; God be with you till we meet again.

*Benediction - Amen.

Postlude

Technology: Jörg Müller Organ: Christian Pfeifer Guest Preacher: Markus Nett

You are invited to other English Outreach events throughout the month!

First Sunday: Worship at the Bergkirche and Livestream at 10AM

Second Sunday: Dinner Church at 6PM Fourth Sunday: Walking Church at 11AM

For more information or to be added to the email list, please contact Rev. Hannah

Cranbury.

Fundraising Update

Thank you to those who pledged their support during our stewardship campaign. If you feel moved to financially support this ministry, you may give an offering as you exit the church at the end of the service or make a transfer to the following account:

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Thank you for your ongoing support and your faith in this project!

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