

St. Andrews Presbyterian Church



“Sermon on the Mount”
By Jorge Cocco

January 29, 2023

4th Sunday after Epiphany

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10:30 A.M.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

THE GATHERING

PRELUDE

"Jesus Loves Me"

arr. RANEY

"Be still and know that I am God."

Psalm 46:10

(Please use this time to prepare for worship in silence and meditation)

Words for your meditation during the Prelude:

Jesu, Jesu, Fill us with Your love. Show us how to serve the neighbors we have from You.

Neighbors are rich and poor. Neighbors are black and white.

Neighbors are near and far away.

These are the ones we should serve. These are the ones we should love;

All these are neighbors to us and You.

Loving puts us on our knees, serving as though we are slaves.

This is the way we should live with You.

Kneel at the feet of our friends, silently washing their feet.

This is the way we should live with You.

WORDS OF WELCOME AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR DISCIPLESHIP

PASSING THE PEACE

"...I was a stranger and you welcomed me."

Matthew 25:35b

The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

And also with you.

(The people may greet each other in the spirit of Christ.)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Liturgist

Come worship the One who lifts up the weak –

And makes them strong.

Come adore the One who shelters the orphaned –

And quiets their pain.

Come worship the One who brings back the shunned –

And welcomes them in.

Come adore the One who feeds the hungry –

And fills them with love.

Come love the One who embraces our broken bodies and forgotten spirits,
who retrieves our abandoned worlds and forsaken dreams. Come, let us
worship God.

OPENING PRAYER

*HYMN 753

"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace"

PRAYER OF ST. FRANCIS

*CONFESSION AND PARDON

Let us confess our sins, for the Holy One delights in blessing those who seek to walk
with God. Let us pray:

**God of mercy and of hope, we confess that we come with mixed thoughts and
uncertain dreams. We could not meet our daily needs without the labor of
others; yet we take them for granted. We are offended by slight offenses or
oversights against us and hardly consider our neglect of your Word, our**

patience with evil, and our slowness to act for others. We could not sense the beauty or meaning of life without your Spirit, yet we have not noticed signs of the eternal in the ordinary moments of our lives. We have not allowed our habits and perceptions to be transformed by the glory of your grace and presence. Grant us a taste of your love so we may acquire an appetite for justice and a capacity for fulfillment. Sharpen our hunger and thirst for you, O Christ!

Silent Confession

*KYRIE

**Lord, have mercy,
Christ, have mercy,
Lord, have mercy upon us.**

Siblings in Christ, your sins are forgiven by the grace of God, who chooses love over hatred and forgiveness over blame. **Let us rejoice and be glad, for God's mercy is great; Jesus brings healing, justice and peace. Alleluia! Amen.**

THE WORD

CHILDREN'S TIME

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Traditional)

(Page 35, *Glory to God Hymnal*)

SINGING WITH THE CHILDREN: "Jesus Loves Me"

(Hymn 188)

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE HEBREW TESTAMENT READING: Micah 6:1-8

The Word of God for the people of God.

Thanks be to God.

SPECIAL MUSIC

THE GOSPEL READING: Matthew 5:1-12

The Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

SERMON

"Seeing the Way Jesus Sees"

THE RESPONSE

*HYMN 506

"Look Who Gathers at Christ's Table"

COPELAND

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (Response)

A Declaration of Faith (9.4)

Jesus broadened the definition of neighbor to include those ordinarily despised and excluded. His life in behalf of others led to persecution and death.

He commanded his disciples to live the same way. We believe Christ gives us and demands of us lives that recognize all people in all cultures as our neighbors on this planet.

Christ teaches us to go beyond legal requirements in serving and helping our neighbor, to treat our neighbor's needs as our own, to care passionately for the other's good, to share what we have.

It is part of our discipline to live in simplicity, avoiding greed and luxury that threaten our neighbor's survival. We are obligated to speak the truth in love, to listen with patience and openness, to love our enemies, to accept the risk and pain which love involves.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

OFFERTORY

"Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with your Love"

Ghana Folk Song

*DOXOLOGY/Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow (Hymn 607)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise Christ, all people here below;
praise Holy Spirit evermore;
praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.**

*PRAYER OVER THE GIFTS

THE SENDING

*HYMN 418

"Softly and Tenderly Jesus Is Calling"

SOFTLY AND TENDERLY

*COVENANT OF THE CONGREGATION (Unison)

**Let us go forth into the world in peace, have courage, hold on to what is good,
return to no person evil for evil, strengthen the fainthearted, support the
weak, help the suffering, honor all persons, love and serve the Lord, rejoicing
in the power of the Holy Spirit.**

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

"For the Beauty of the Earth"