

THE MAN BORN BLIND

FEBRUARY 11 - 8AM



Hearing assisted devices are available at the sound booth.

PRELUDE

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you always. **And also with you.**

OPENING HYMN

"There Is a Balm in Gilead"

ELW 614

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray... God of miracles,

sometimes we are slow to believe in your power, even when your miracles occur all around us each and every day. Open our eyes to see and our hearts to believe. Amen.

A READING FROM JOHN 5:1-15

¹After this there was a festival of the Jews, and Jesus went up to Jerusalem.

²Now in Jerusalem by the Sheep Gate there is a pool, called in Hebrew Beth-zatha, which has five porticoes. ³In these lay many invalids — blind, lame, and paralyzed. ⁵One man was there who had been ill for thirty-eight years. ⁶When Jesus saw him lying there and knew that he had been there a long time, he said to him, "Do you want to be made well?" ⁷The sick man answered him, "Sir, I have no one to put me into the pool when the water is stirred up; and while I am making my way, someone else steps down ahead of me." ⁸Jesus said to him, "Stand up, take your mat and walk." ⁹At once the man was made well, and he took up his mat and began to walk. Now that day was a sabbath. ¹⁰So the Jews said to the man who had been cured, "It is the sabbath; it is not lawful for you to carry your mat." ¹¹But he answered them, "The man who made me well said to me, 'Take up your mat and walk.'" ¹²They asked him, "Who is the man who said to you, 'Take it up and walk'?" ¹³Now the man who had been healed did not know who it was, for Jesus had disappeared in the crowd that was there. ¹⁴Later Jesus found him in the temple and said to him, "See, you have been made well! Do not sin any more, so that nothing

worse happens to you." ¹⁵The man went away and told the Jews that it was Jesus who had made him well.

THE GOSPEL OF OUR LORD. **PRAISE TO YOU, O CHRIST.**

REFLECTION

Pastor John Anderson

HYMN OF THE DAY

"I've Just Come from the Fountain"

TFF 111

OFFERING PRAYER

APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord,

who was conceived by the Holy Spirit,

born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,

was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead.

On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven,

he is seated at the right hand of the Father,

and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor. **Amen.**

CELEBRATION OF HOLY COMMUNION

LORD'S PRAYER

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.

INVITATION TO COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN

"Welcome Table"

ACS 969

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Please stand as you are able.

BLESSING

SENDING HYMN

"Go, My Children, with My Blessing"

ELW 543

SENDING

Go in peace, as we share the Resurrection by:

Loving Jesus, Changing Lives, and Reaching Out to Serve. Thanks be to God. Amen.

POSTLUDE

We look forward to you and/or your family joining us:

Wednesday, February 14

12pm – Worship followed by soup lunch

6pm – Lenten Supper

7pm - Worship

Sunday, February 18

8am & 10am – Worship

9:15am - Sunday School

There Is a Balm in Gilead

Refrain



There is a balm in Gil-e - ad to make the wound-ed whole;



there is a balm in Gil-e - ad to heal the sin - sick soul.



- 1 Some - times I feel dis - cour-aged and think my work's in vain,
- 2 If you can - not preach like Pe - ter, if you can - not pray like Paul,
- 3 Don't ev - er be dis - cour-aged, for Je - sus is your friend;

Refrain



but then the Ho - ly Spir - it re - vives my soul a - gain.
you can tell the love of Je - sus and say, "He died for all."
and if you lack for knowl - edge, he'll ne'er re - fuse to lend.

Text: African American spiritual

Music: BALM IN GILEAD, African American spiritual

I've Just Come from the Fountain

Refrain



I've just come from the foun-tain, I've just come from the foun-tain, Lord, I've



just come from the foun-tain, his name's so sweet. O Lord, I've sweet.



- 1 O broth - er, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
- 2 O sis - ter, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.
- 3 O sin - ner, do you love Je - sus? Yes, yes, I do love my Je - sus.



Refrain

Broth - er, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sis - ter, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've
Sin - ner, do you love Je - sus? His name's so sweet. O Lord, I've

Text: African American spiritual

Music: HIS NAME SO SWEET, African American spiritual

Welcome Table



1 I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
2 I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
3 I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er,



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel-come ta - ble, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey, some of these days.
I'm a-goin'-a wade 'cross Jor - dan's riv - er, some of these days.



I'm a-goin'-a eat at the wel - come ta - ble,
I'm a-goin'-a feast on milk . . . and hon - ey,
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Text: African American spiritual

Music: WELCOME TABLE, African American spiritual

Go, My Children, with My Blessing



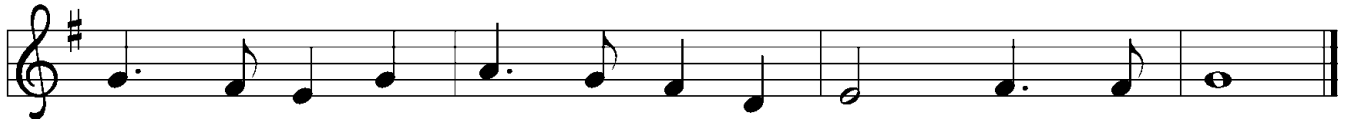
1 "Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, nev - er a - lone.
2 "Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure.
3 "Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, clos - er to me.



Wak - ing, sleep - ing, I am with you, you are my own.
Here you learned how much I love you, what I can cure.
Grow in love and love by serv - ing, joy - ful and free.



In my love's bap - tis - mal riv - er I have made you mine for - ev - er.
Here you heard my dear Son's sto - ry, here you touched him, saw his glo - ry.
Here my Spir - it's pow - er filled you, here my ten - der com - fort stilled you.



Go, my chil - dren, with my bless - ing, you are my own."
Go, my chil - dren, sins for - giv - en, at peace and pure."
Go, my chil - dren, fed and nour - ished, joy - ful and free."

Text: Jaroslav J. Vajda, b. 1919, alt.
Music: AR HYD Y NOS, Welsh traditional
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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

God of revelation, as we gather in praise for the gracious mystery of your Son, we remember the many needs of your church and your world.

We pray for the church, and it's leaders; that we may be persistent in our proclamation of your grace and love for all people. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for lakes and streams, oceans and seas; that the cleansing waters of the world be kept healthy and whole. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the nations; that all leaders and influencers may seek reconciliation and peace amongst all peoples. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for our spiritual blindness; that we may see your light in the world. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

For all those who are suffering in any way, O Lord, we pray that they may know the comfort and peace found only in you. We pray especially for *Nancy, Heather, Mary, Bob, Myrna, Jim, Shirley and Mark*. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

We pray for the faithfully departed; that their lives may continue to point us to your light and life. Hear us, O God. **Your mercy is great.**

Guide us on the path of salvation, O God, that the radiance and power of your Holy Spirit working in the world will gather together all peoples and nations in one community to offer you worship and proclaim your splendor. **Amen.**