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# The Steeple



Jan. 20 2021

The Weekly Newsletter of St. Luke's Episcopal Church

# All Roads Lead to Bartlesville

Fr. Nick Phares

I've crossed the Mississippi twice by car in my life. The first time was twenty years ago when I moved to Boulder, Colorado right after high school. The second was just last week on the road to Bartlesville. You know, driving through the Mississippi delta wasn't what I thought it was going to be. I imagined dense fields, overgrown with kudzu, the occasional cotton field, and quaint towns whose brick streets would be lined with big, live oaks adorned by Spanish moss. Instead, the way I traveled was flat and sparse, with small towns built up around granaries. The town signs read something like, "New Hope, population 409" and then I would blink and find myself staring at nothing but rows of rich black earth stretching for miles.

Prior to leaving Florida, my daughter Morgan put together a playlist on Spotify (a music streaming service) entitled, "Dad drives to Oklahoma" and from Mobile to Jackson nothing but the sound of Stevie Nicks, Jackson Browne, Joni Mitchell and yes, even Tommy James and the Shondells became the soundtrack that accompanied my thoughts as I drove west. I thought about the people I had met over the past three years and where they were now. I thought about my mom, who we just lost to cancer. I wondered if seminary had really prepared me for the great responsibility that lay before me. And as I did that, I began to notice these subtle connections, these delicate and muted threads which began to weave my memory together. In the middle of Mississippi, I realized that all my life there had been signs that showed me that the road has always been leading me towards Bartlesville.

As the rich dark fields gave way to my memory those subtleties became ever more vivid and the road that had been sparse up until that point became for me a lane of connection and thanksgiving. My friend Tracy Dewey was there. Dewey is a name you'll recognize right? My church momma, Ms. Jane Winn was there, too. Ms. Jane was confirmed at Trinity in Tulsa and was the first person who said, "Yeah, I know where Bartlesville is," before I knew where Bartlesville was. I

thought about how my mom was born in Owosso, MI, a letter away from the the town just to the east of us. Not to mention the fact that a couple I had yet to meet had the same last name as the street I used to live on --Bonner. But maybe it was the fact that the name of my seminary community was St. Luke's or that the I house I used to love to drive by in Michigan was built by Frank Lloyd Wright that had me wondering if somebody was gently pointing towards what would become my destination.

If you would have told me twenty years ago that I would have to cross the Mississippi twice, sail around the world once, live on top of a mountain, and then strike out from the Gulf to find rest in a small house on the banks of Hogshooter Creek, I would have probably waxed poetic like a young turk and said, "well it's not so much about the destination as it is about the journey." But in so doing I'd probably miss the fact that this journey has always been one towards home, towards Bartlesville.

Fr. Nick+

# Message from Senior Warden

I want to thank everyone for the "atta-boys" I've received recently as I've tried my best to guide our family of faith toward the day – now arrived! – of spiritual and administrative leadership for St. Luke's. Your periodic notes of appreciation have kept me going, and your thanks must also extend to our very capable and supportive vestry.

As many of you know, I am kind of compulsive about communications within St. Luke's, which can be particularly challenging in the face of social distancing and all the other impediments to normal congregational comradery. So just to keep everyone on the same page, let me remind you of some key happenings coming up:

- **This Sunday, Jan. 24**. If you haven't attended an in-person service in recent weeks and plan to be there this Sunday, when Fr. Nick will be officiating his first service as rector, please call (918-336-1212) or email <u>Roseanne</u> at the church office. If you're a regular in-person attender, your "reserved" seat will be there.
- The "Pounding." Yes, we'll have one for the Phares family. The date and time for this traditional welcoming event has yet to be nailed down, but it is likely to be Saturday, Feb. 6, just a few days after the family moves into their home at 2649 Regency Road. Details will be announced closer to the date.
- Wednesday, Feb. 24. This will be The Celebration of New Ministry at 5:30 pm in the nave. Bishop Poulson will be with us as Fr. Nick receives the official installation ceremony from the Diocese. More details to come, but note that this event is on a Wednesday.

Today was Inauguration Day, of course, with its many and much-needed references to prayer and the presence of God in the various ceremonies. I was especially moved by the reading of the poem "The Hill We Climb," written and presented by Amanda Gorman, who at age 22 is the youngest inaugural poet in U.S. history. I encourage you to read or listen to the entire poem on the internet, but for the moment, take in and reflect with me on its concluding lines:

"There is always light.
Only if we are brave enough to see it.
There is always light.
Only if we are brave enough to be it."

Dan Droege, Sr. Warden

# An Invitation to You from the Phares Family

Fr. Nick will deliver his first message this Sunday and his family will be moving to Bartlesville at the end of the month. But even BEFORE the whole family gets here, they've offered to put together a video to begin the introduction and welcome process.



In this video, they'll make every attempt to answer YOUR QUESTIONS about them, their interests, what brought them to St. Luke's and so on. Your questions can be directed to Fr. Nick, to Teresa or to their children – Morgan, a freshman at University of the South, Lexi, a high school sophomore, and Pax, a 3rd grader.

This video will be available for you to view a few days before the entire family's arrival. You will be notified when it's been posted and how to access it.

In order to give the Phares family some preparation time (in the midst of packing as well), please submit your questions to Roseanne at the church office by Jan. 25 by 1 p.m. Office Manager Roseanne McKee will be compiling the questions and sending them on. Email your questions to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or call/leave message at the church office at 918-336-1212.

# Planning to attend the upcoming 10 a.m. Sunday service?

Reserve your spot by emailing to office@episcopalbartlesville.org or by calling 918-336-1212.

If you have a standing reservation, there's no need to call.

# COVID PRECAUTION REMINDERS

When in the St. Luke's Building...

- 1) Wear your face mask
- 2) Exercise the 6-foot social distance rule.
- Follow the pew seating guidelines.
- Wash/sanitize your hands frequently.
- 5) Avoid coming if you feel ill or "not quite right."





# **Information from Roseanne, Office Manager:**

Roseanne's Updated Office Hours 9:30 – 1:30 Monday - Thursday.

Please note that even during office hours, the doors are locked per COVID-19 protocol. If you need to come in, just ring the north entrance bell or call the office at 918-336-1212 or Roseanne's cell 918-287-8784.

Note: The cow from the outdoor nativity scene is missing. If you borrowed it, please return it to the church during office hours.

Thank you, Dennis Mueggenborg

# **Agape Mission Volunteer Schedule**

#### Thursday, Jan. 28:

9-11am: Jim Liehr 10:45am – 1pm: Jeff Birk, Dean Zervas Glenda Garrison, Darian Kedy, Jen Peterson, 1:00 – 2:45pm: Carol Murphy, Radomir Petrovich, Becky Olsen

#### Thursday, Feb. 11:

9-11 am: Jeanne Julstrom, Becky Liehr 10:45 am – 1 pm: Kris Bonner, Rita Childers, Becky Liehr, Kathy Zervas, Dolores McCreary 1:00 – 2:45 p.m.: Peter Julstrom, Miriam Petrovich, Wendy Hall



# St. Luke's Prayer List

Please keep the following persons in your prayers: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Sandra, Matt, Lysa, Donn, Helen, Kristen, Melinda and all of our armed forces and their families.

Call or email our office with prayer requests at 918-336-1212 or office@episcopalbartlesville.org.

#### Bereavement Team 1

Susie Clark, Nancy Woods, Sally Lindsey, Georgia Gates, Jeanne Julstrom.

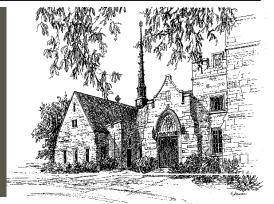
### **Online & Mobile Giving Available**

Online giving application is now available to St. Luke's members through the Tithe.ly mobile application or directly online from your home device. You can utilize either method of giving by going to this <u>Tithe.ly web page</u> (https://get.tithe.ly/download-tithely-app). Complete instructions for using this convenience are provided on the home page of the <u>St. Luke's website</u> (http://episcopalbartlesville.org) or by picking Online Giving in the right-side menu.

Regardless of whether you can manage all or some of your normal giving, please continue to support our community of faith. And if you're not comfortable with virtual giving, you can always mail a check to the church office: St. Luke's Episcopal Church, 210 E 9th St, Bartlesville, OK 74003 *or* drop a check into our locked mail slot near north entrance.

# Alert on solicitations...

Be aware – No one from St. Luke's will request gift cards or other monetary support through email. If you receive such a message in your email, it is spam. All financial requests/special appeals at St. Luke's go through normal channels and any special requests will be made by phone or in person.



# Birthdays and Anniversaries Jan. 20 – Jan. 31 Birthdays Anniversaries

Glenn Bonner, Jan. 20 Mac Taylor, Jan. 24 Ryan McIver, Jan. 25 Miriam Petrovich, Jan. 27 Luaren Heald, Jan. 27 Emma Perry, Jan. 28 Dr. Scott Williams, Jan. 29 Ada Grillot, Jan. 31 Sarah Mitchell, Jan. 31 Jerry & Doris Nezam, Jan. 25

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### Connecting with St. Luke's

To learn various ways to connect at St. Luke's, visit our website at: <a href="http://episcopalbartlesville.org/">http://episcopalbartlesville.org/</a>

# The Third Sunday after the Epiphany

January 24, 2021

10:00 a.m.



St. Luke's Episcopal Church

210 Southeast Ninth Street Bartlesville, Oklahoma

#### THE HOLY EUCHARIST - RITE II

### Organ Prelude

# Opening Hymn #G210 "Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior" See page 10 LITURGY OF THE WORD

Celebrant Blessed be God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

People And blessed be his kingdom, now and for ever. Amen.

The Celebrant may say

Almighty God, to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you, and worthily magnify your holy Name; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

#### Gloria

Glory to God in the highest,

And peace to his people on earth.

Lord God, heavenly King,

Almighty God and Father,

We worship you, we give you thanks,

We praise you for your glory.

Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,

Lord God, Lamb of God,

You take away the sin of the world:

Have mercy on us;

You are seated at the right hand of the Father:

Receive our prayer.

For you alone are the Holy One,

You alone are the Lord,

You alone are the Most High,

Jesus Christ,

With the Holy Spirit,

In the glory of God the Father. Amen.

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Let us pray.

### Collect of the Day

Give us grace, O Lord, to answer readily the call of our Savior Jesus Christ and proclaim to all people the Good News of his salvation, that we and the whole world may perceive the glory of his marvelous works; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. **Amen.** 

### A Reading from the Book of Jonah 3:1-5, 10

The word of the LORD came to Jonah a second time, saying, "Get up, go to Nineveh, that great city, and proclaim to it the message that I tell you." So Jonah set out and went to Nineveh, according to the word of the LORD. Now Nineveh was an exceedingly large city, a three days' walk across. Jonah began to go into the city, going a day's walk. And he cried out, "Forty days more, and Nineveh shall be overthrown!" And the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast, and everyone, great and small, put on sackcloth.

When God saw what they did, how they turned from their evil ways, God changed his mind about the calamity that he had said he would bring upon them; and he did not do it.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

### Psalm 62:6-14

- 6 For God alone my soul in silence waits; \* truly, my hope is in him.
- 7 He alone is my rock and my salvation, \* my stronghold, so that I shall not be shaken.
- 8 In God is my safety and my honor; \* God is my strong rock and my refuge.
- 9 Put your trust in him always, O people, \* pour out your hearts before him, for God is our refuge.
- 10 Those of high degree are but a fleeting breath, \* even those of low estate cannot be trusted.
- 11 On the scales they are lighter than a breath, \* all of them together.
- 12 Put no trust in extortion; in robbery take no empty pride; \* though wealth increase, set not your heart upon it.
- 13 God has spoken once, twice have I heard it, \* that power belongs to God.
- 14 Steadfast love is yours, O Lord, \* for you repay everyone according to his deeds.

# Second Lesson: A Reading from the First Letter of Paul to the Corinthians 1 Corinthians 7:29-31

I mean, brothers and sisters, the appointed time has grown short; from now on, let even those who have wives be as though they had none, and those who mourn as though they were not mourning, and those who rejoice as though they were not rejoicing, and those who buy as though they had no possessions, and those who deal with the world as though they had no dealings with it. For the present form of this world is passing away.

Reader The Word of the Lord. People **Thanks be to God.** 

Hymn #661 "They Cast Their Nets in Galilee"

See page 11

The Gospel Mark 1:14-20

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

People Glory to you, Lord Christ.

After John was arrested Jesus come to Calilea pres

After John was arrested, Jesus came to Galilee, proclaiming the good news of God, and saying, "The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God has come near; repent, and believe in the good news."

As Jesus passed along the Sea of Galilee, he saw Simon and his brother Andrew casting a net into the sea—for they were fishermen. And Jesus said to them, "Follow me and I will make you fish for people." And immediately they left their nets and followed him. As he went a little farther, he saw James son of Zebedee and his brother John, who were in their boat mending the nets. Immediately he called them; and they left their father Zebedee in the boat with the hired men, and followed him.

Celebrant The Holy Gospel of the Lord. People Praise to you, Lord Christ.

#### Sermon The Reverend Nick Phares

#### The Nicene Creed

(Please stand as you are able)

We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen. 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:
by the power of the Holy Spirit
he became incarnate from the Virgin Mary,
and was made man.

For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;

he suffered death and was buried.

One 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.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,

who proceeds from the Father and the Son.

With the Father and the Son he is worshiped and glorified.

He has spoken through the Prophets.

We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church.

We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.

We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

# The Prayers of the People

Lay Reader and People pray responsively

Merciful God, you continually call us into the deep, away from lives with no direction. Be present with us as we navigate the waters of faithfulness. Turn us in the direction of your voice and purpose. Give us the courage to respond to your call and go where you lead us. For you call to us O Lord,

# And we are listening.

Equip the leaders of your faithful people to lead with holy vision. We pray for wisdom and stamina for our bishops, priests, and deacons. Guide them as they guide your people. Loving God you call to us,

# And we are listening.

Strengthen our nation's relationships - across every boundary. Put words of peace on the lips of every world leader. Open the eyes of people everywhere to the needs of their neighbors and give to us your spirit of compassion. Faithful One you call to us,

# And we are listening.

Prayer for First Responders and Caregivers

Heavenly Father, whose blessed Son came not to be served but to serve, bless all first responders and caregivers who, following the example of Christ, are giving themselves to the care and needs of others. Bless them with wisdom, patience, skill and courage so that they may minister your love to the suffering, the friendless, and the needy. Embrace them with your loving mercy so they know they are not alone in the unrelenting challenges they are facing. Bless them with times of rest for the renewing of their physical and spiritual strength. Comfort them when they are burdened with sorrow. And always may your Spirit speak words of encouraging, sustaining love to their hearts.

# We offer our prayer in the name of your blessed son, Jesus.

We pray also for those close to our hearts, especially those who suffer from illness and anxiety; who face challenges and transitions; and those who struggle with your will for their lives. We lift up to you those who have commended themselves to our prayer: Milton, Elizabeth, Georgia, Suzanne, Linda, Terry, Leaona, Connie, Tracy, Michelle, Catherine, Sydney, Ed, Cheri, Rhonda, Liz, Evan, Joseph, Emily, Madelyn, Maxwell, Bruce, Clara, Juanita, Lynetta, Shellie, Peggy, Joe, Dale, Sandra, Matt, Lysa, Donn, Helen, Kristin, Robert, Lorrie, Elizebeth, Kyle, Matt, Scott and Melinda. Merciful one you call to us,

# And we are listening.

Finally, we pray for those who will be born this day, that they will be embraced and loved. We pray also for those who are dying and those who now rest in your eternal embrace. Holy One you call to us,

# And we are listening.

The Celebrant adds a concluding collect

#### Confession

Celebrant Let us confess our sins against God and our neighbor.

Silence may be kept

Celebrant and People

Most Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.

We have not loved you with our whole heart;

we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

We are truly sorry and we humbly repent.

For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ,

have mercy on us and forgive us;

that we may delight in your will, and walk in your ways,

to the glory of your Name. Amen.

#### Celebrant

Almighty God have mercy on you, forgive you all your sins through our Lord Jesus Christ, strengthen you in all goodness, and by the power of the Holy Spirit keep you in eternal life. *Amen*.

#### The Peace

Celebrant The peace of the Lord be always with you.

People And also with you.

# Announcements: Dan Droege, Senior Warden, Father Nick Phares THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

Hymn: WLP #757 "Will You Come and Follow Me" See page 12

# The Great Thanksgiving - Eucharistic Prayer B

Celebrant The Lord be with you.

People And also with you.

Celebrant Lift up your hearts.

People We lift them to the Lord.

Celebrant Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People It is right to give him thanks and praise.

It is right, and a good and joyful thing, always and everywhere to give thanks to you, Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

Because in the mystery of the Word made flesh, you have caused a new light to shine in our hearts, to give the knowledge of your glory in the face of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with Angels and Archangels and with all the company of heaven, who for ever sing this hymn to proclaim the glory of your Name:

Celebrant and People

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

The people stand or kneel.

#### Celebrant

We give thanks to you, O God, for the goodness and love which you have made known to us in creation; in the calling of Israel to be your people; in your Word spoken through the prophets; and above all in the Word made flesh, Jesus, your Son. For in these last days you sent him to be incarnate from the Virgin Mary, to be the Savior and Redeemer of the world. In him, you have delivered us from evil, and made us worthy to stand before you. In him, you have brought us out of error into truth, out of sin into righteousness, out of death into life.

On the night before he died for us, our Lord Jesus Christ took bread; and when he had given thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, and said, "Take, eat: This is my Body, which is given for you. Do this for the remembrance of me."

After supper he took the cup of wine; and when he had given thanks, he gave it to them, and said, "Drink this, all of you: This is my Blood of the new Covenant, which is shed for you and for many for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this for the remembrance of me."

Therefore, according to his command, O Father,

# Celebrant and People

We remember his death, We proclaim his resurrection, We await his coming in glory;

#### The Celebrant continues

And we offer our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving to you, O Lord of all; presenting to you, from your creation, this bread and this wine.

We pray you, gracious God, to send your Holy Spirit upon these gifts that they may be the Sacrament of the Body of Christ and his Blood of the new Covenant. Unite us to your Son in his sacrifice, that we may be acceptable through him, being sanctified by the Holy Spirit. In the fullness of time, put all things in subjection under your Christ, and bring us to that heavenly country where, with [\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and] all your saints, we may enter the everlasting heritage of your sons and daughters; through Jesus Christ our Lord, the firstborn of all creation, the head of the Church, and the author of our salvation.

By him, and with him, and in him, in the unity of the Holy Spirit all honor and glory is yours, Almighty Father, now and for ever. *AMEN*.

And now, as our Savior Christ has taught us, we are bold to say,

Celebrant and People
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,
for ever and ever. *Amen*.

#### **Invitation to Communion**

Celebrant [Alleluia.] Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us; People Therefore let us keep the feast. [Alleluia.]

Celebrant The Gifts of God for the People of God.

Take them in remembrance that Christ died for You, and feed on him in your hearts by faith,

With thanksgiving.

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the people will receive the bread only.

# **Post Communion Prayer**

After Communion, the Celebrant says
Let us pray

# Celebrant and People

Eternal God, heavenly Father, you have graciously accepted us as living members of your Son our Savior Jesus Christ, and you have fed us with spiritual food in the Sacrament of his Body and Blood. Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart; through Christ our Lord. *Amen*.

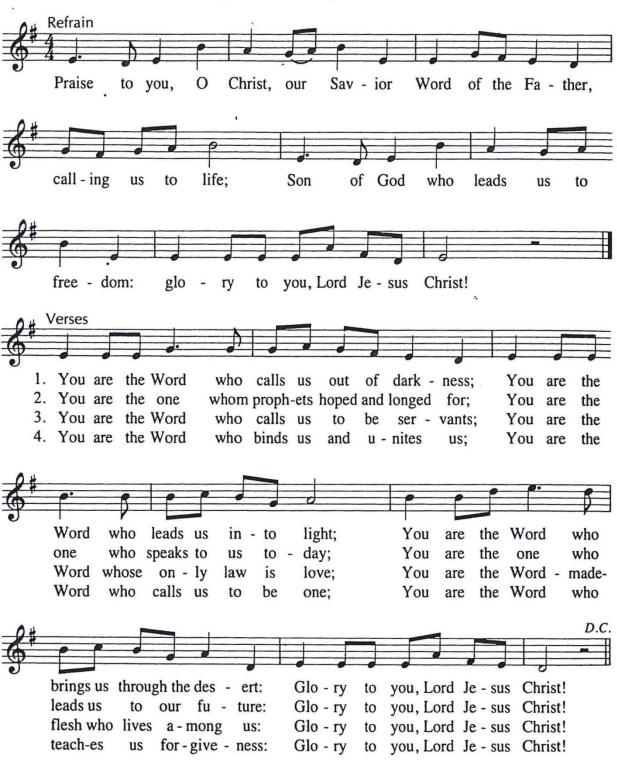
### **Blessing**

Dismissal Hymn: #636 "How Firm a Foundation" See page 13

**Dismissal** 

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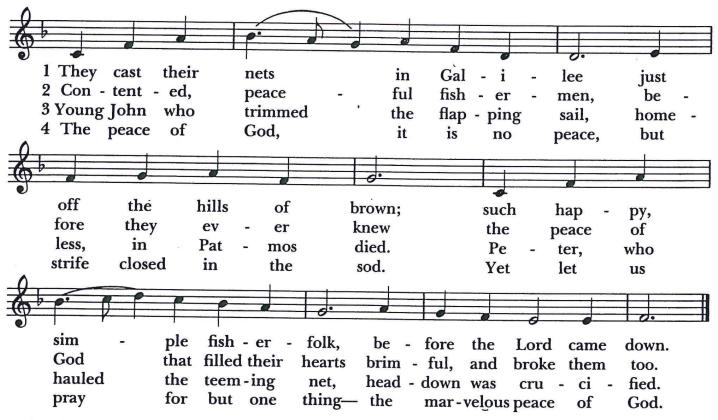
# 210 Praise to You, O Christ, Our Savior



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