FIRST CALVARY BAPTIST CHURCH
NORTH ANDOVER, MASSACHUSETTS

9:30 AM. DECEMBER 27, 2020

They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD”; and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.” Isaiah 62:12

CALL TO WORSHIP: The people walking in darkness have seen a great light; on those living in the land of the shadow of death a light has dawned. Jesus Christ is our life and light. In his name and in his power, let us worship God!

INVOCATION: All glory to you, great God, for the gift of your Son, light in darkness and hope of the world, whom you sent to save us. With singing angels let us praise your name and tell the earth his story, that all may believe, rejoice, and bow down, acknowledging your love through Jesus Christ, our Lord, in whose name we pray the prayer he taught us when he said, “Our Father….”

ACT OF PRAISE: Psalm 148
1 Praise the LORD! Praise the LORD from the heavens; praise him in the heights!
2 Praise him, all his angels; praise him, all his host!
3 Praise him, sun and moon, praise him, all you shining stars!
4 Praise him, you highest heavens, and you waters above the heavens!
5 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for he commanded and they were created. He established them forever and ever;
   he fixed their bounds, which cannot be passed.[a]
7 Praise the LORD from the earth, you sea monsters and all deeps,
8 fire and hail, snow and frost, stormy wind fulfilling his command!
9 Mountains and all hills, fruit trees and all cedars!
10 Wild animals and all cattle, creeping things and flying birds!
11 Kings of the earth and all peoples, princes and all rulers of the earth!
12 Young men and women alike, old and young together!
13 Let them praise the name of the LORD, for his name alone is exalted;
   his glory is above earth and heaven.
14 He has raised up a horn for his people, praise for all his faithful,
   for the people of Israel who are close to him. Praise the LORD!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

JOYS AND CONCERNS

PASTORAL PRAYER

SCRIPTURE LESSON: Isaiah 62:6-12
6 Upon your walls, O Jerusalem, I have posted sentinels;
all day and all night they shall never be silent.
You who remind the LORD, take no rest,
7 and give him no rest until he establishes Jerusalem
   and makes it renowned throughout the earth.
8 The LORD has sworn by his right hand and by his mighty arm:
I will not again give your grain to be food for your enemies,
and foreigners shall not drink the wine for which you have labored;
9 but those who garner it shall eat it and praise the LORD,
and those who gather it shall drink it in my holy courts.
10 Go through, go through the gates, prepare the way for the people;
build up, build up the highway, clear it of stones,
   lift up an ensign over the peoples.
11 The LORD has proclaimed to the end of the earth:
Say to daughter Zion, “See, your salvation comes;
his reward is with him, and his recompense before him.”
12 They shall be called, “The Holy People, The Redeemed of the LORD”;
and you shall be called, “Sought Out, A City Not Forsaken.”

MESSAGE: The Holy People

BENEDICTION: Jesus is the Word made flesh in our midst. May his incarnation fill your hearts with joy and peace. Jesus is the promised Savior, born of Mary. May his birth among us renew your hope. Jesus is the King of kings and the Lord of lords. May the gift of his presence bring forth rejoicing. O Lord, Almighty God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, bless you now and forever. Amen.