

The Presbyterian Church of Saint, Manid,

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# WELCOME!

We are so glad you have chosen to worship with us today!

DAY1 Together...we are called to be saints (1 Cor 1: 2)

Prelude... and ponder

- What do saints look like?
- What would a holy nation look like?

## GATHERING IN GOD'S PRESENCE

Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ. We give thanks to God always.

**Call to Worship:** you are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, God's own people, in order that you may proclaim the mighty acts of him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once we were not a people, but now we are God's people; once we had not received mercy, but now we have received mercy. (1 Peter 2:9-10 adapted)

O come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation! Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise to him with **songs of praise!** For the Lord is a great God, and a great King above all gods. In his hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains are his also. The sea is his, for he made it, and the dry land, which his hands have **formed.** *O* come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker! For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand. O that today you would listen to his voice!

**Hymn:** We are God's People

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# **THE WORD - Readings**

Exodus 19: 3-8 3 Then Moses went up to God; the Lord called to him from the mountain, saying, "Thus you shall say to the house of Jacob, and tell the Israelites: 4 You have seen what I did to the Egyptians, and how I bore you on

eagles' wings and brought you to myself. **5** Now therefore, if you obey my voice and keep my covenant, you shall be my treasured possession out of all the peoples. Indeed, the whole earth is mine, **6** but you shall be for me a priestly kingdom and a holy nation. These are the words that you shall speak to the Israelites." **7** So Moses came, summoned the elders of the people, and set before them all these words that the Lord had commanded him. **8** The people all answered as one: "Everything that the Lord has spoken we will do." Moses reported the words of the people to the Lord.

Matthew 12: 46-50 **46** While he was still speaking to the crowds, his mother and his brothers were standing outside, wanting to speak to him. **47** Someone told him, "Look, your mother and your brothers are standing outside, wanting to speak to you." **48** But to the one who had told him this, Jesus replied, "Who is my mother, and who are my brothers?" **49** And pointing to his disciples, he said, "Here are my mother and my brothers! **50** For whoever does the will of my Father in heaven is my brother and sister and mother."

Hymn: Brother sister, let me serve you

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### Silent reflection and Points to consider

• In Exodus God's people are described as a treasured possession, a priestly kingdom, a holy nation.

• 1 Peter says that God calls us to be a chosen race, a royal priesthood to proclaim his mighty acts.

• In Matthew, we find that our oneness in Jesus must extend outwards.

Reflection: The Rev. Kevin Little FAMILY FIRST

**Prayer concluding with...** Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. (*brief pause*) For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

**Commitment to unity** Paul challenged the Christians in Corinth to know in their hearts and to show in their actions that Christ has not been divided. We declare our commitment to the unity we long for in Christ.

#### We proclaim his good news!

We are rich in blessings through our union in Christ.

We proclaim his good news!

We are embraced by Christ. **We proclaim his good news!** We are united in the mind and purpose of Christ.

#### We proclaim his good news!

We will overcome our quarrels about him who was crucified for us. **We proclaim his good news!** Christ has not been divided. **We proclaim his good news!** 

# Hymn:The church is wherever God's People484Benediction

#### The rest of the week...

Tuesday, January 21, 12:15pm
Location: St. Paul's Anglican Church (Rev. Paul Friesen)
Preacher: Rev. John E. Boyd (First Baptist Church Halifax)
Wednesday, January 22, 12:15pm
Location: Fort Massey United (Rev. Trent Cleveland Thompson)
Preacher: Fr. Brian MacMillan (St. Mary's Basilica)
Thursday, January 23, 12:15pm
Location: First Baptist Church Halifax (Rev. John E. Boyd)
Preacher: Bishop Susan Moxley (Diocese of Nova Scotia