

TALAMDAN SA PAGSIMBA: 31 ENERO 2021

PRELUDE

INTROIT "O Come Let Us Worship" Chancel Choir

HIMNO SA PAGDAYEG "Sa Manunubos Duol Kamo" MASP #52
(Come To The Savior)

*Sa Manunubos duol kamo Dili maglangan, duola S'ya;
S'ya nagpadayon sa pagtawag, "Duol, O duol na!"*

KORO: Malipayon ang pagtigum ta Kon maputli gikan sa sala,
Ug didto magatigum kita Sa Iyang puloy-an.

Ang Iyang Pulong matngonan mo, Sa malipayon sundon Siya;
Imo siya'ng pillion karon, "Duol O duol na!" **KORO**

'Nia uban Kanato karon, Sugo ni Cristo tumanon ta;
S'ya nagpadayon sa pagtawag, "Duol, O Duol na!" **KORO**

TAWAG SA PAGSIMBA

Pangulo: Dayga ang Ginoo! Pasalamat ko ang Ginoo sa tibuok kong kasingkasing diha sa tigom sa Iyang katawhan.

Katawhan: **Pagkahibulongan sa mga butang nga gibuhay sa Ginoo! Gikahimut-an kini sa tanang buot mosabot niini.**

Pangulo: Dugganan ug halangdon ang mga gibuhay Niya ug walay kataposan ang Iyang pagkamatarong.

TANAN: **Giluwes Niya ang Iyang katawhan ug nagpasiugda Siyag kasabotan nga walay kataposan tali Kaniya ug kanila. Balaan ug gamhanan Siya!**

DOXOLOGIA

PAG-AMPO SA PRESENSYA SA DIOS

Gamhanan nga Dios, ang Imong Anak, among Manunubos ang Ginoong Jesu-Cristo mao ang kahayag sa kalibotan. Hinaut ang Imong katawhan, nga gihatagan ug giya pinaagi sa Imong Pulong ug mga Sakramento mo padayag sa kahayag nga gikan sa Kahayag ni Cristo aron Siya mailhan, simbahan ug tumanon ang Iyang kabubut-on diri sa kalibotan karon hangtod sa kahantoran. Amen.

TUBAG AWIT "Sa Dughan Ni Jesus" MASP #136
(Near To The Heart of God)

*May malipayon nga dapit Sa dughan ni Jesus
Dapit nga makita ang Dios. Sa dughan ni Jesus.
Jesus nga Manunubos nga gihatag sa Dios,
Imo kaming kugoson Sikit sa dughan Mo.*

TAWAG SA PAGHINULSOL

Atong isugid ang atong mga sala sa Ginoo. Nasayod kita nga wala kanato ang nag matinud-anon diha sa Dios ug sa uban katawhan. Ang atong kinabuhi walay gipahayag mahitungod sa gugma sa Dios. Mao nga gikinahanglan natong maghinulsol ug pangayoon ang Iyang pasaylo. Atong sabatan ang pag-ampo sa paghinulsol.....

PAG-AMPO SA PAGHINULSOL

Gamhanan ug Maluloy-on nga Ginoo, Ikaw nasayod sa among hunahuna ug kasingkasing. Among isugid nga nakasala kami Kanimong ug nagbuhat ug kalapasan diha sa Imong atubangan. Wala namo sunda ang Imong mga balaan nga balaod. Among giwakli ang Imong Pulong ug mga Sakramento. Pasayloa kami, O Dios. Hatagi kami sa Imong grasya ug kusog aron isalikway ang mga butang nga nag hatag ug kasakit aron maluwas na kami sa gapus sa sala ug hinoon makita ang bunga sa paghinulsol. Hinaut sugod karon kami molakaw diha sa Imong balaan nga paagi diha ky Jesu-Cristo. Amen. (Hilom nga personal nga pag-ampo)

KASIGUROHAN SA PASAYLO

Pastor: Diha sa grasya sa Ginoo, sa Iyang kalooy pinaagi sa gugma ni Jesu-Cristo ug sa gahum sa Balaang Espiritu, kita gipasaylo na. Magmalipayon ug magpasalamat !

Katawhan: **Himaya sa Ginoo! Amen.**

TUBAG AWIT "Sa Dughan Ni Jesus" MASP #136

*May nahipalgan ko'ng dapit Nga may kagawasan,
Dapit nga wanay kaguol, Sa dughan ni Jesus.
Jesus nga Manunubos nga gihatag sa Dios,
Imo kaming kugoson Sikit sa dughan Mo.*

PAG ABIABI ug KAAKOHAN SA IGLESYA

PAG-AMPO SA IGLESYA

TUBAG AWIT "Sa Dughan Ni Jesus" MASP #136

*May kapahulayanan ta Sa dughan ni Jesus
Dapit nga wanay motugaw Sa dughan ni Jesus.
Jesus nga Manunubos nga gihatag sa Dios,
Imo kaming kugoson Sikit sa dughan Mo.*

PAGBASA SA DAANG KASABOTAN Deuteronomio 18:15-20

GLORIA PATRI

PAGBASA SA BAG-ONG KASABOTAN Marcos 1:21-28

AWIT SA KORO "Take Time To Be Holy" Chancel Choir

PAMALANDONG

Pastor Gloria Estrella

TAWAG SA PAGHALAD

Ang atong pulong kinahanglan sundan ug mga buhat. Kay ang atong paghalad mao ang simbolo sa atong pagtugyan sa atong kaugalinon.. Padayon kita sa pagsimba pinaagi sa paghatag sa atong mga tithes, pledges ug uban halad...

AWIT SA PAGHALAD

Hymn Medley

Bro. Glen Cantada

PAG-AMPO SA PASALAMAT SA HALAD

Malipayon kami sa pagbalik diha Kanimo ang mga butang Imong gipasalig kanamo. Sa dakong kalipay among itugyan ang among kaugalinon aron Imong panalanginan ug kami mosangyaw sa Imong mensahe nga adonay kadasig ug dinalian. Gamita kami ug ang among halad, O Ginoo, aron ang Imong gugma mapadayag sa among pagkinabuhi diri sa kalibotan. Sa ngalan ni Jesu-Cristo. Amen.

ANG PAMAHAYAG SA PAGTOO SA UCCP Artikulo V

NAGATUO KITA nga nagalihok ang Dios sa paghimok sa matag tawo nga bag-ong binuhat diha ni Cristo, ug sa tibuok kalibotan nga maingon nga Iyang ginharian; Nga ang Ginharian sa Dios anaa diin gipakig-ambit ang pagtuo diha ni Jesu-Cristo, diin giayo ang mga masakiton, diin gipakaon ang gigutom, diin gihatagan ug kahayag ang mga gibutahan, diin ang kagawasan gihatag ngadto sa binihag ug dinaogdaog, diin ang gugma, kaangayan ug ang kalinaw magmadaogon.

HIMNO SA KALIPAY

"Katam-is Ngalan Ni Jesus"

MASP #18

(The Name Of Jesus Is So Sweet)

*Katam-is, ngalan ni Jesus, Sa awit balikbalikon;
Naghingpit sa kalipay ko, Mahal nga ngalan, Jesus.*

KORO: *Jesus, ngalan nga mahal, Adlaw adlaw nga tanan:
Isangyaw ko si Jesus, Daygon ko S'ya kanunay.*

*Mahal gayud ang ngalan N'ya, Mibati sa kasakit ko;
Nagkuha sa kahadlok ko, Daygon ko S'ya kanunay. KORO*

*Hinidlaw ko ang ngalan N'ya, Naglig-on sa akong kalag;
Ang luha ko pahiran N'ya, Daygon ko S'ya kanunay. KORO*

*Katam-is, ngalan ni Jesus, Sa hingpit di g'yud malitok;
O daygon ko ang ngalan N'ya, Daygon ko S'ya kanunay. KORO*

PAG-AMPO

PANALANGIN

TUBAG AWIT

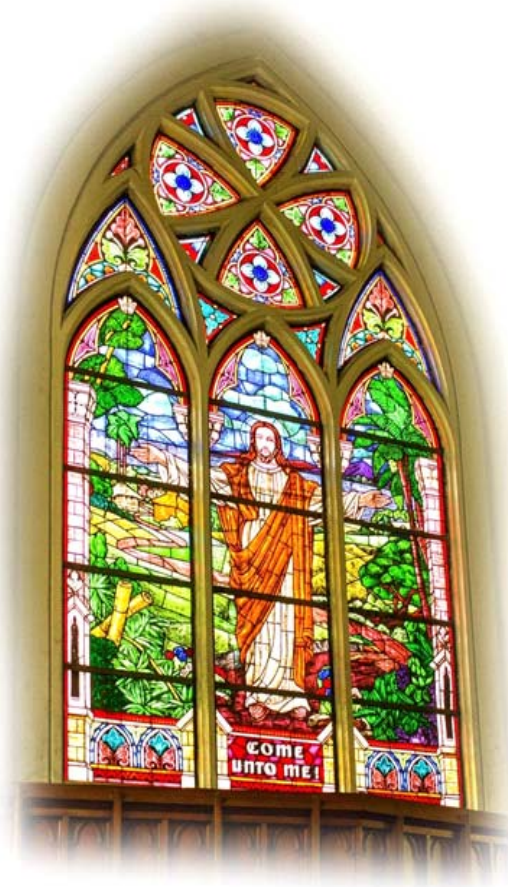
"Father, Give Thy Benediction"

Chancel Choir

POSTLUDE



UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST IN THE PHILIPPINES
ELLINWOOD-MALATE CHURCH



31 Enero 2021

"Ang Tinuod
Nga Propeta"

4th Sunday After Epiphany

Membership Growth And
Discipleship (MGD) Sunday

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THE TRUE PROPHET

Deuteronomy 18:15-20, Mark 1: 21-28

A blessed Sunday to all of you. The Membership Growth and Discipleship (MGD) Program Ministry seeks to strengthen the spiritual foundation of each member, and to nurture their faith journey through fellowship and active participation in the different groups and organizations within the church.

Though we sometimes think that attendance is its main purpose, the MGD's focus is towards "In-Reach" so that you may meaningfully involve yourselves in the life and ministry of the church through faithful giving or volunteerism.

I know the pandemic has prevented us from enjoying the fellowship that we very much long for. But it has also given us the opportunity to reflect on where we are in our journeys of faith and to see God's direction in knowing His will for us.

Let us pray,

Come holy Spirit come. Come dwell within us. Come dwell amongst us. Break us open and make us new creations. Amen.

What is a prophet? Our initial tendency to think them to be fortune tellers is common given that several Biblical accounts have them proclaiming what is to come. But we should be reminded that what they say IS NOT of their own making. These are the words of God.

We should then understand that prophets are spokespersons. This is actually the literal meaning of the Hebrew word NAW-BEE and the Greek PRO-FAY-TACE. Prophets DO NOT speak for themselves. They speak from Divine instruction.

Even when they are used to expose wrongdoing, it is not due to their own investigation but by revelation from God. Common examples to these painful truths is found in 1Samuel 3 when on the prodding of Eli, Samuel tells him:

"¹¹The LORD said... ¹²... I will carry out all my threats against Eli's family, from beginning to end. ¹³I have already told him that I am going to punish his family forever because his sons have spoken evil things against me. Eli knew they were doing this, but he did not stop them. ¹⁴So I solemnly declare to the family of Eli that no sacrifice or offering will ever be able to remove the consequences of this terrible sin."

Also the very popular encounter between Nathan and King David on the matter of Bathsheba in 2Samuel 12:

"And this is what the LORD God of Israel says: 'I made you king of Israel and rescued you from Saul. ⁸I gave you his kingdom and his wives; I made you king over Israel and Judah. If this had not been enough, I would have given you twice as much. ⁹Why, then, have you disobeyed my commands? Why did you do this evil thing? You had Uriah killed in battle; you let the Ammonites kill him, and then you took his wife!"

Prophets are truth-tellers in response to what is happening in the present as they speak God's message and ONLY God's message. In Amos, 5 the prophet tells the people of Israel:

²¹The LORD says, "I hate your religious festivals; I cannot stand them!

²²When you bring me burnt offerings and grain offerings, I will not accept them; I will not accept the animals you have fattened to bring me as offerings. ²³Stop your noisy songs; I do not want to listen to your harps. ²⁴Instead, let justice flow like a stream, and righteousness like a river that never goes dry.

Prophets are spokespersons of God for good or bad news. They declare God's judgements and also share with the people God's promised hope.

If hearing the term spokesperson causes you to roll your eyes because you are a Filipino... I understand.

But this is the work of the prophet. It is to speak God's message.

Our reading from Deuteronomy is a clear indication that even in the time of Moses, he was given a vision of the coming Messiah as he tells the Israelite's God's message: "I will send them a prophet." Moses goes on to say in verses 15 and 18:

¹⁵Instead, he will send you a prophet like me from among your own people, and you are to obey him.

¹⁸I will send them a prophet like you from among their own people;

Take note however that a 'prophet like me' and 'a prophet like you' is not a claim by Moses that the coming prophet, Jesus, is like him. What he means is that the coming prophet will come from the people of Israel. That Jesus will come from

among the Israelites just like one of their brothers, a fellow Jew. The Messiah will come from among the people.

Another way to say it is that prophets are chosen and called by God. By how God knows us, God will use us. These were actually the topics covered in the lectionary text the last two Sundays.

God speaks through the people God chooses. God can speak through anyone, even the most improbable of persons. God can even speak through us. And when that happens we are delivering a HOLY message.

But do our lives preach a holy message for today? Take for example the red-tagging of universities as NPA recruitment centers. Now I share the view that universities should teach our children to think critically and independently. But where is the church when these young people are lured to join the NPA? And even more unfortunate is when the church itself leads our young people astray.

Equally appalling is that these same universities which teach such noble idealism actually produce the most corrupt politicians. In the midst of the global pandemic with millions around the world dying, PROFIT is still the main motivator as the voice of the prophet is silent.

We should ALSO ask the same question: where is the church in calling out these evils?

Where is God's holy message? Where are you with God's truth?

The prophetic words of Moses of the coming prophet is fulfilled in Jesus. And though we are familiar with how Jesus responds to the man with an evil spirit I would like us to focus on what the man said:

²⁴"What do you want with us, Jesus of Nazareth? Are you here to destroy us? I know who you are—you are God's holy messenger!"

I know who you are – you are God's holy messenger! Of course this is not a simple instance of recognizing who Jesus was as there was a matter of supernatural forces at work, but there was no mistaking WHO Jesus was and WHAT he was. Jesus IS God's holy messenger.

Actually, EXCEPT for Jesus, all the other prophets were regular people used by God to deliver a holy message.

But will our lives cause people to identify us as God's messengers? Will our lives speak of God's holy message?

I know that the pandemic has affected ALL of us in some way or the other. For some, more profoundly than they would have wanted. But it has given us the opportunity to realize what we really value in life: family, friendships, community. But is God's message shared? I suspect that we cannot even convincingly say we are able to share God's message with those we love how much more find the courage to stand up to the evils that we see from day to day? Share God's holy message with your family and friends and work from there towards a broader circle of sharing.

I was looking at the circular the Ministerial team sent back in May 2020 regarding the community quarantine and it said:

"Regardless of the mode of Community Quarantine, either Enhanced, Modified or General, the EMC Ministerial Team would like to stress that your RIGHT to worship freely is not being challenged.

It is the church's response to Jesus' great commandment to "love one another" that is being challenged.

We read in John 13:34-35:

³⁴*And now I give you a new commandment: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵If you have love for one another, then everyone will know that you are my disciples."*

The sanctuary of our church has been closed since the community quarantine began. The CHURCH, the community of faith, has NEVER been closed."

God's holy message is love. It is a love that was shown to us by Jesus in his life, death and resurrection. It is a love that we are all called to share in this most trying of times. It is the marker of those who follow Jesus – then everyone will know that you are my disciples.

The pandemic has actually forced us into more practical applications of our faith. It has even forced us to re-connect with loved ones we would not even bother with during normal times. The pandemic has forced upon us the need to grow in faith. It has, I hope, set you upon a journey towards Christian maturity.

Our theme properly identifies what every Christian SHOULD be: a true prophet. Because the only other kind is a false prophet. Be a true prophet. Amen.