

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY AUGUST 16, 2020 11:00am

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

Welcome and Invitation

One: This is the day that the Lord has made;

All: Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

OPENING VOLUNTARY

O Quench Us With Thy Goodness

J.S. Bach

During the Opening Voluntary, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection.

God of mercy, grant that the Word you speak this day may take root in my heart and bear fruit to your honor and glory, for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

INTROIT Halle, Halle, Hallelujah Halle Halle

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: In the midst of life's storms, God is there.

All: What have we to fear?

One: In the darkness and terror, God is with us.

All: Of whom shall we be afraid?

One: Rise up, people of God, for you are loved and saved.

All: Thanks be to God who cares deeply for us.

One: Let us worship the Lord our God!

O worship the King, all glorious above! O gratefully sing God's power and God's love: our shield and defender, the Ancient of Days, pavilioned in splendor and girded with praise.

O tell of God's might; O sing of God's grace, whose robe is the light, whose canopy space, whose chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form; and bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.

The earth with its store of wonders untold, Almighty, your power has founded of old; established it fast by a changeless decree, and round it has cast, like a mantle, the sea.

Your bountiful care what tongue can recite? It breathes in the air; it shines in the light; it streams from the hills; it descends to the plain, and sweetly distills in the dew and the rain.

Frail children of dust, and feeble as frail, in you do we trust, nor find you to fail; your mercies, how tender, how firm to the end, our Maker, Defender, Redeemer, and Friend.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (Unison)

There can be such giants in our lives, God of Grace.

Each day, our fears, our doubts, our worries wash over us, until we come to believe that you do not care for us.

There seems to be so much wrong in the world,

we are convinced that there is nothing good we can do.

The storms of sin and temptation batter at us,

and we cower, unable to find the faith to withstand them.

Forgive us, God of Hope.

Remind us that if we but open our hearts,

you will heal us.

If we but listen to your words,

we will hear peace and joy.

If we but open our lives to you,

we can go forth to serve our sisters and brothers,

even as we have been served by our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ...

SILENT CONFESSION

Assurance of Pardon

One: Sisters and brothers in Christ, let us proclaim the Good News:

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

One: And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed.

All: Thanks be to God!

RESPONSE: Hymn 581 Gloria Patri

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost; as it was in the beginning is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen, amen.

Passing of the Peace

One: The Peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: And also with you.

PROCLAIMING THE WORD

THE WORD FOR CHILDREN

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION In God Alone Taize Community

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 4:35-41

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

SERMON More than a Title Dr. Thomas E. Evans

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

Affirmation of Faith

THE APOSTLES' CREED (Unison)

I believe in God the Father Almighty; Maker of heaven and earth;

And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord;

who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,

suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;

He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead;

He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;

from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; 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

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings

OFFERTORY

The Lord Will Not Suffer Thy Foot to be Moved

J. S. Bach

Doxology Hymn 609

Lasst Uns Erfreuen

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures here below.
Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God above, Ye heavenly host,
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

THE LORD'S PRAYER (Unison)

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 debts as we forgive our debtors.

And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil:

For Thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BEARING THE WORD TO THE WORLD

Hymn 815

Give to the Winds Thy Fears (words below; hymn printed at end of bulletin)

Give to the winds thy fears; hope, and be undismayed. God hears thy sighs and counts thy tears; God shall lift up thy head.

Through waves and clouds and storms
God gently clears the way.
Wait patiently; so shall this night
soon end in joyous day.

Leave to God's sovereign sway to choose and to command. So shalt thou, wondering, own God's way, how wise, how strong God's hand!

Let us in life, in death, thy steadfast truth declare, and publish with our final breath thy love and guardian care. FESTAL SONG

CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Benediction Response Hymn 175, verse 1

SEEK YE FIRST

C. S. Lang

Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you. Allelu, alleluia!

CLOSING VOLUNTARY Tuba Tune

PARTICIPATING IN TODAY'S WORSHIP SERVICE

Dr. Thomas E. Evans Rev. L. Craig Foster Rev. Joanne R. Hull Rev. Leslie A. Lang Mrs. Holly M. Bannan

Holt Andrews, Director Marcia Andrews, Organist

Additional Musicians

Valerie MacPhail Lisa Cunningham Reel Robertson Paul MacPhail

<u>Today's Floral Memorial</u>:

In loving memory of John W. (Jack) West, Minnie Sangster Duck, and Susie Auten West by Linda Sangster West. .



Addressing the first two stanzas to the singers of the hymn and the last three to God, this free paraphrase of Psalm 104 recasts the psalmist's imagery with baroque verve. Though it was first published in England, the tune has been more popular in North America than there.

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