

✠ THE SERVICE ✠

ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE:

Aberystwyth
(*Savior, When in Dust to You*)

Richard Boursy b. 1960

✠ GATHERING ✠

(Arrows indicate when the congregation may sit ↓ or stand ↑ as able. **Bold print** are responses spoken by the congregation.)

↑ CONFESSON AND FORGIVENESS

All may make the sign of the cross, the sign marked at baptism, as the presiding minister begins.

We confess our sins before God and one another.

Pause for silence and reflection.

Faithful Lord,

You were obedient in every way, even when that obedience led to death. As we walk this penitent season with you, fill us with remorse at all the ways we have fallen short of being faithful, loving servants. Forgive us our shortsightedness, our waste, and our criticism of ourselves and others. We long for your grace and rely on your loving kindness. Amen.

Our God is indeed slow to anger and abounding in steadfast love. You have been forgiven and granted another chance to turn away from all which does not give life. Be assured and be made whole again. Through Jesus Christ.

Amen.

↑ GATHERING

The Trumpets Sound, the Angels Sing

#531

↑ GREETING

The grace of our Lord, Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you all.

And also with you.

↑ KYRIE

Page 193

In peace, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace from above, and for our salvation, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For the peace of the whole world, for the well-being of the church of God, and for the unity of all, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

For this holy house, and for all who offer here their worship and praise, let us pray to the Lord.

Lord, have mercy.

Help, save, comfort, and defend us, gracious Lord.

A-men.

↑ CANTICLE OF PRAISE

Page 195

(Refrain) Glory to God in the highest, and peace to God's people on earth.

- 1. Lord God, heav'nly King, almighty God and Father, we worship you, we give you thanks, we praise you for your glory. (Refrain)**
- 2. 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. (Refrain)**
- 3. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. A-men, a-men.**

↑ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Let us pray.

Lord of hosts, you constantly expand the boundaries of your kingdom. Make us joyful participants in your plan to redeem the world, that all people would be one in you. For the sake of Jesus Christ. Amen.

↓ CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Following the Children's Message, parents of children who are six or younger are welcome to take their children to child-care and retrieve them for communion. (10:30 worship service only)

⚦ WORD ⚦

↓ PSALM

Psalm 45:6-7

⁶Your throne, O God, endures forever and ever.

Your royal scepter is a scepter of equity;

⁷you love righteousness and hate wickedness.

Therefore God, your God, has anointed you with the oil of gladness beyond your companions.

Word of God, Word of Life.

Thanks be to God.

↑ GOSPEL ACCLAMATION

Page 198

*Let your steadfast love come to us, O Lord.
Save us as you promised; we will trust your word.*

↑ GOSPEL

Matthew 22:1-14

The Holy Gospel according to St. Matthew, the 22th chapter.

Glory to you, O Lord.

Once more Jesus spoke to them in parables, saying: ²“The kingdom of heaven may be compared to a king who gave a wedding banquet for his son. ³He sent his slaves to call those who had been invited to the wedding banquet, but they would not come. ⁴Again he sent other slaves, saying, ‘Tell those who have been invited: Look, I have prepared my dinner, my oxen and my fat calves have been slaughtered, and everything is ready; come to the wedding banquet.’ ⁵But they made light of it and went away, one to his farm, another to his business, ⁶while the rest seized his slaves, mistreated them, and killed them. ⁷The king was enraged. He sent his troops, destroyed those murderers, and burned their city. ⁸Then he said to his slaves, ‘The wedding is ready, but those invited were not worthy. ⁹Go therefore into the main streets, and invite everyone you find to the wedding banquet.’ ¹⁰Those slaves went out into the streets and gathered all whom they found, both good and bad; so the wedding hall was filled with guests. ¹¹“But when the king came in to see the guests, he noticed a man there who was not wearing a wedding robe, ¹²and he said to him, ‘Friend, how did you get in here without a wedding robe?’ And he was speechless. ¹³Then the king said to the attendants, ‘Bind him hand and foot, and throw him into the outer darkness, where there will be weeping and gnashing of teeth.’ ¹⁴For many are called, but few are chosen.”

This is the Gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, O Christ.

↓ SERMON

↓ HYMN

All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly

#461

↑ APOSTLES' CREED

page 105

I believe in God, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

↑ PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

(The congregation is encouraged to take the position which is most prayerful to you.)

Prayer Leader: God of all,

Congregation: hear our prayer.

✝ MEAL ✝

↑ SHARING THE PEACE

The peace of the Lord be with you always.

And also with you.

The congregation may greet one another with a gesture of peace, using these or similar words:

Peace be with you.

↓ OFFERING

The Bitter With the Sweet
Choir Anthem

Patricia Mock
arr. Bobbi Heastings

*I do not pray that life be spent
On flow'ry beds of ease;
I only ask that Christ may guide
Across the stormy seas.
If you will lead me by the hand,
And guide my faltering feet,
For You, O Christ, I'll gladly drink
The bitter with the sweet, the bitter with the sweet.
I do not pray that flow'rs may bloom
Along my pilgrim way;
I only ask that Christ may guide
My footsteps lest I stray.
If you will lead me by the hand,
And guide my faltering feet,
For You, O Christ, I'll gladly drink
The bitter with the sweet, the bitter with the sweet.
What though my life be peace or pain,*

*Soon it will be o'er;
I want to walk the way that leads
To heav'n's eternal shore!*

-Charles E. Orr (1861-1933)

↑PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS

Hymn ***Take My Life, that I May Be*** #685 vs. 1 & 2

***1 Take my life, that I may be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.***

***2 Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee.***

↑OFFERING PRAYER

Let us pray.

You have anointed us with the oil of gladness, O God. Make us generous givers and grateful receivers of your mercy and bless these gifts which we bring before you now. Use them for your kingdom's good work on earth. Amen.

↑ GREAT THANKSGIVING

Page 199

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

↑PREFACE FOR THE DAY

It is indeed right, our duty and our joy, that we should at all times and in all places give thanks and praise to you, almighty and merciful God, through our Savior Jesus Christ; who, sharing our life, lived among us to reveal your glory and love, that our darkness should give way to your own brilliant light. And so, with all the choirs of angels, with the church on earth and the hosts of heaven, we praise your name and join their unending hymn:

↑ HOLY, HOLY, HOLY

Page 200

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

↑ JESUS' WORDS OF INSTITUTION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

↑ LORD'S PRAYER

You are invited to pray in the version or language of your choice.

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, forever and ever. Amen.

↑ INVITATION TO COMMUNION

Our Lord invites us; let us accept his invitation gladly and with great celebration! Come to the feast where all are fed and none are turned away. Receive your savior's body and blood and proclaim his goodness to all the world. All is ready!

Thanks be to God!

↓ DISTRIBUTION

All are welcome to receive Holy Communion.

*The cup we serve is non-alcoholic. Dip the bread into the cup (intinction). **Gluten-free wafers and a gluten free common cup are offered for those who have need. Please indicate your need to the pastor as you approach to receive the host.** If you do not wish to take communion you may come forward for a blessing or remain seated.*

↓ LAMB OF GOD

Page 201

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; have mercy on us.

Lamb of God, you take a-way the sin of the world; grant us peace, grant us peace.

↓ Distribution Music

The Wonderful Cross with The Old Rugged Cross

Starr Brown, piano

arr. Carol Tornquist

↑POST COMMUNION BLESSING

May the body and blood of our Lord, Jesus Christ, strengthen you and keep you in his grace.

Amen.

↑PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Let us pray. We thank you, O God,

that you have fed us at your banqueting table with bread and wine beyond compare, the very life of Christ for us. Send your Spirit with us now, that we may set the captive free, use your gifts to build one another up, and in everything reflect your glory revealed in Jesus Christ, our Savior and Lord. Amen.

✠ SENDING ✠

↑BLESSING

May God, who fills the creation with abundance, Christ, who spreads his arms in forgiveness, and the Holy Spirit, who draws ever near to us,

✠ bless you and bring you to life everlasting.

Amen.

↑HYMN

Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life

#719

↑DISMISSAL

Go in peace. Remember the poor.

Thanks be to God.

↓POSTLUDE

Two Versets from Heures mystiques, op. 30

Léon Boëllmann 1862-1897

Many worshippers choose to stay in the sanctuary to listen to the musical postlude (3-4 minutes).