

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison) O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace
that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills and our works,
a continual thank-offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*HYMN 483 “Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above”
Tune: MIT FREUDEN ZART

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth *J. S. Bach*

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle Parish Associate
Allyson Wolcott Liturgist
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
Cole Seaton Soloist
The Vespers Choir

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, May 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 2, 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

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vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday April 27, 2008

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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PRELUDE Under a Linden Tree *Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck*

CALL TO WORSHIP *(responsively)*

Leader: Seek the Lord while God may be found.

People: **We call upon God while God is near.**

Leader: If with all our hearts we truly seek God,

People: **we shall ever surely find God.**

All: **Let us praise and give thanks to the Lord our God.**

INVOCATION

*HYMN 460 “Holy God, We Praise Your Name”
Tune: GROSSER GOTT, WIR LOBEN DICH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

(unison) **Eternal God,
in whom we live and move and have our being,
whose face is hidden from us by our sins,
and whose mercy we forget
in the blindness of our hearts:
Cleanse us from all our offenses,
and deliver us from proud thoughts
and vain desires,
that with reverent and humble hearts
we may draw near to you,
confessing our faults,
confiding in your grace,
and finding in you our refuge and strength;
through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 34:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 480, O.T.)

SOLO “If with All Your Hearts” *Felix Mendelssohn*
from *Elijah*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Acts 17:16–28 (page 129, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by John H. Boyle
GROUPING FOR GOD

***HYMN 171** “The King of Love My Shepherd Is”
Tune: ST. COLUMBA

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

(*unison*)

We are not alone, we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating,

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new,

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us. We are not alone.

Thanks be to God.

(*United Church of Canada*)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “If Ye Love Me” *Thomas Tallis*

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord,**

God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is the One

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “I Sought the Lord” *Calvin Laufer*