

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Holy God, we thank you for calling us to
your table and renewing us with your strength.
Send us out into the world, forgiven of our sins,
fed for the future, and set free for your service,
that we might love and serve others as you
call us to do. Amen.

*HYMN 504 “Draw Us in the Spirit’s Tether”

Tune: UNION SEMINARY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Aria Pastorella *Valentin Rathgeber*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor

Edward Coke Liturgist

The Vespers Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, February 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, March 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, March 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (lloving@fourthchurch.org)

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vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday February 15, 2009

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PRELUDE Prelude on an Introit
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Maurice Duruflé
Pierre Camonin

INVOCATION

*HYMN 181 “Come Sing to God”

Tune: ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, in Christ you came among us to
heal us, renew us, and show us how to share
your love with the world. We confess that we
have fallen short of your example. We worship
you when it is convenient. We help others when
they help us. We make bargains with you about
how faithful we will be. Forgive us, Lord, for we
do not trust in you as we should. Give us the
reassurance that our past shortcomings are
behind us. Strengthen us as we seek to make
a greater commitment to serving you and loving
one another. We ask this in the name of Christ
Jesus our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 30 *(responsively)*

(page 478, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

FIRST LESSON 2 Kings 5:1–19 (page 320, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Jesu, Tawa Pano” *Patrick Matsikenyiri*

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:40–45 (page 33, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek
BARGAINING WITH THE PROPHET

***HYMN 383** “My Faith Looks Up to Thee” *Tune: OLIVET*

***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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “In Thee Is Gladness”
Giovanni Giacomo Gastoldi

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

PRAYER

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

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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