



PRELUDE

Aria

P. Manz

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#56 Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above

MIT FREUDEN ZART

***INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER**

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, for ever and ever. Amen.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*cpatlanta.org*)

God of glory, you sent Jesus among us
as the light of the world,
to reveal your love for all people.
We confess that our sin and pride
hide the brightness of your light.
We turn away from the poor;
we ignore cries for justice;
we do not strive for peace.
In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin,
and baptize us once again with your Spirit, that,
forgiven and renewed, we may show forth your glory
shining in the face of Christ...

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

***GLORIA PATRI**

R. Goodson

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.

FIRST TESTAMENT READING

Isaiah 42:1-9 Page 743-44, first half of the NRSV Bible
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

ANTHEM

Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

arr. L. Shackly

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: Lord Jesus Christ, you are the anointed one,
God's Messiah.

**Many: Lord Jesus Christ,
you are commissioned for service
and empowered by the Holy Spirit.**

One: Fill us with your Spirit that we might live
to serve and praise you.

**Many: Fill us with your Spirit
that we might proclaim your love in word and deed.**

**All: Help us to keep saying 'yes' to your call,
that in trusting your faithfulness
we might live faithful lives.**

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#241 When Jesus Came to Jordan

MUNICH

(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#678 In Water We Grow

STANLEY BEACH

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 3:13-17

Page 3, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Approved!"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Variations on MUNICH

C. Oliver

***Doxology**

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below;
Praise Him above ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

***Prayer of Gratitude**

***HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY**

#358 Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

BEECHER

***THE BLESSING OF THE COMMUNITY**

Leader: May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of
God and the communion of the Holy Spirit be with you.

People: And also with you.

***Choral Benediction**

Blessing

Dengler/Dengler

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

The service of the church into the world - - begins again this week

***POSTLUDE**

Fantasia on PICARDY

D. Bedard

(Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence)

***Please stand, as you are able.**

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:
Worship Leadership – Warren Tasker; Reader – Christina Ward;
Greeters/Ushers – Stan & Eileen Bara; Sound Tech. – John Atwood
*Music and words for the Gloria Patri, the Doxology and the Congregational
Amen are found on the laminated sheet in the pew rack.*