



PRELUDE

Aria with Variations
Gather Us In

Fr. G. Martini
J. A. Behnke

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Gloria, Gloria!

Taizé Community

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#649 Gather Us In

GATHER US IN

***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

We find it so easy, Lord,
to focus on our "kingdoms" here on earth
and we miss the kingdom of heaven
that has already come.
You call us to follow you and we are easily distracted
by the shiny things of our world.
Instead of following you we try to find our own way.
Forgive us for not following your call with faith.
Forgive us for failing to trust in your present grace
and your future leading.
Lead us into a renewed sense of your presence
and power as we seek you with humility
and acknowledge our need for you.
Grant us your peace
as we reflect on your grace once more...

(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 9:1-7

Page 706-7, first half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

RESPONSIVE PRAYER

One: The people who walked in darkness
have seen a great light.

Many: We are glad that your light shines on us.

One: You have multiplied our joy and given us freedom
from our burdens.

Many: We are glad for your provision.

One: A child has been born for us:

**Many: He is named Wonderful Counsellor, Mighty God,
Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace.**

All: His authority shall grow and bring endless peace.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#93 Praise the One Who Breaks the Darkness NETTLETON
(at end of hymn, children up to Gr. 6 may come forward)

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

ANTHEM

Don't You Let Nobody Turn You 'Round arr. P. Kern
Traditional Spiritual

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 4:12-23

Page 3-4, second half of the NRSV Bible

Response to reading: "Thanks be to God"

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#346 O Come to Me, the Master Said

KINGSFOLD

SERMON

Rev. Susan Hunter

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Concertino No. 5 in D Major J-B. Bréval, arr. P. Ruysen
Magdalena Marthinsen, viola, Marco Adria, piano

***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**

#571 Christ, You Call Us All to Service

IN BABILONE

***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**

Toccata Classique

D. Janzen

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today: Worship
Leadership – Rev. Susan Hunter, Rev. Ken Bellous, Rose Merke;
Reader – Gwen Borowski, Warren Tasker; Greeter/Usher – Elaine
Junk; Sound Tech - Eli Keay.

*Music and words for the Gloria Patri, the Doxology and the
Congregational Amen are found on the laminated sheet in the pew
rack.*