



PRELUDE

Meditation on the Hymn Tunes "Slane" and "Blann"
D. Damon, arr. M. Adria

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

INTROIT

Prelude on "Helobung" D. Damon

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#9 Come, Let Us Praise the Lord DARWALL'S 148th

***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

Giver of life!
You are the sower of extravagant love.
You generously scatter grace and mercy
as a foundation for your harvest.
We confess that our roots are not deep.
The ground your seed falls upon is dry and barren --
our actions, callous to the needs of others,
our roots, shallow on justice and compassion.
We hear what we want, see what we want,
understand and perceive what we want.
Transplant our lives with a restored vision:
to see the vast opportunities for mercy and grace around us.
Guide us away from arrogance and misunderstandings,
weed out the thorny rifts that take pleasure
in separation and self-importance.
Forgive us when we do not see, hear, or live
in your radical hospitality and blessing.
(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 READING

Matthew 13:1-17
Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

LITANY (adapted from Galatians 5:21-23)

One: Spirit of God, help us bear good fruit to see
the world anew,

Many: Transform our eyes with lenses of love and joy.

One: Let us listen to the voices of the broken
and marginalized,

**Many: Transform our ears and attune them to peace
and unity.**

One: Reveal to us the systemic pain in our world,

**Many: Transform our minds to address the root causes
of injustice.**

One: Help us live in the light and promise of a new creation:

**Many: Transform our lives, that we may live
as one in peace.**

All: Transform us, Lord.

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#291 Alleluia No. 1

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CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#349 Seek Ye First

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SECOND READING

Matthew 13:18-23

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON "Our Ears are the Soil of our Lives"

Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Chorale Prelude on "Quem Pastores"

H. Willan

***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**

#128 Spirit, Working in Creation

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.

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

***POSTLUDE**

Voluntary in D

W. Goodwin

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

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