

# Seeking the peace and well-being of the city

March 5, 2023 11:00 a.m.



## **PRELUDE**

Partita on "Old 124th"

D. Dahl

**GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY** 

**LENTEN KYRIE** 

**CALL TO WORSHIP** 

\*PROCESSIONAL HYMN

#647 We Have Come to Join in Worship

**HOLY MANNA** 



## \*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

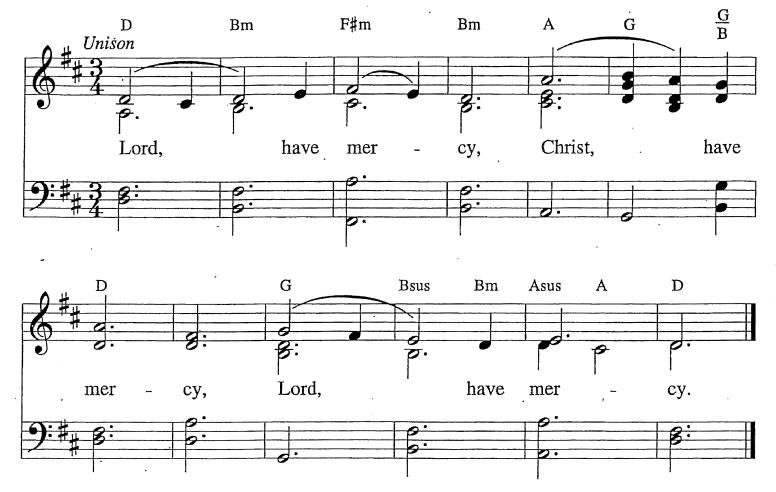
God, every week we come full circle with you. Your Good Word feeds us, quenches our thirst, as we go out into the world to be examples of Jesus' love and grace. Instead, we take the easiest path, looking for shortcuts wherever we can find them. We quickly forget or ignore our duties as Christians. We cross the street to avoid a homeless person. We pretend we do not see others who are in need. We push people away due to skin colour, shabby clothes, or simply a different opinion. You graciously forgive everyone seeking forgiveness. We pick and choose at our convenience. Forgive us, once again. Help us to be inclusive, to love all our neighbours equally in the name of Jesus.

(Silence for personal confession and reflection)

# **HYMN OF RESPONSE**

#375 Lord, Have Mercy (Sing 3x)

J.M Talbot



WORDS and MUSIC: John Michael Talbot (20th c.)

Words and Music @ 1988 Birdwing Music (Admin. EMI Christian Music Publishing)

## **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

# **PSALM and CHORAL RESPONSE**

Psalm 121

Page 633, 1st half of NRSV Bible

## **ANTHEM**

There is a Balm in Gilead

arr. J. Guy Stalnaker

# SECOND READING

Selected verses, John 3

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

# \*HYMN OF PRAISE

#437 Jesus Loves Me

JESUS LOVES ME

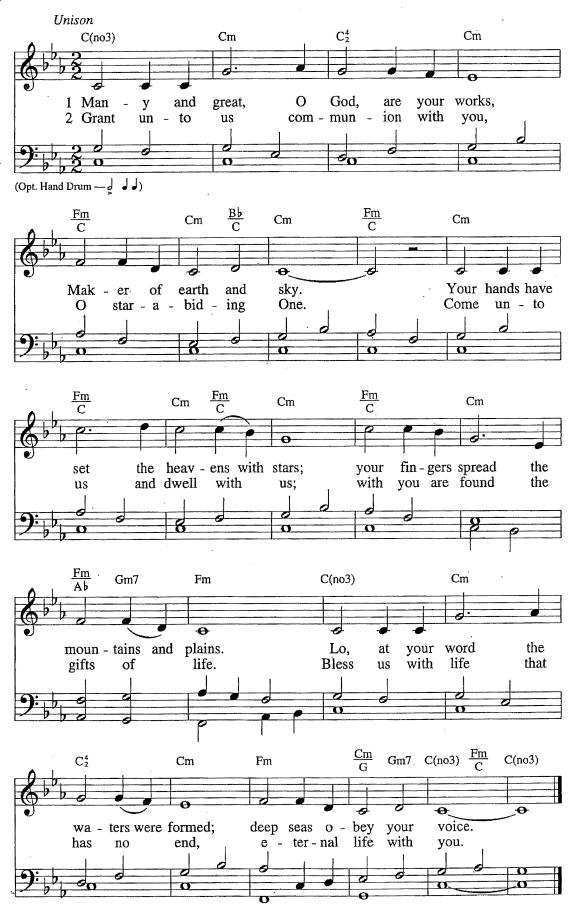


SERMON "Nicodemus and the Midnight Meeting" Rev. Dr. Ryan Sato

## \*HYMN OF APPROACH

# #26 Many and Great

#### **LACQUIPARLE**



## **GATHERING AT THE TABLE**

\*The Passing of the Peace

\*Affirmation of Faith: The Apostles' Creed

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 Spirit,

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 sits on the right hand of God the Father Almighty

from there he shall come to judge

the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit,

the holy catholic\* Church,

the communion of saints,

the forgiveness of sins,

the resurrection of the body,

and the life everlasting. Amen.

\*catholic means the church universal or the church for all time

# The Bread The Cup

All who seek God and the presence of Christ are welcome to participate

# **CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS**

Offertory

Minuet in E-flat Major

G.F. Handel/ arr. M. Munz

\*New Doxology

Marco Adria

Let's praise God for each good thing.
All creation, shout and sing!
Praise three persons, yet one Love:
Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! Amen.
\*Prayer of Gratitude

# \*HYMN FOR THE JOURNEY

#708 Go Forth for God



## \*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**

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor, BWV 555

J. S. Bach

# \*Please stand, as you are able

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leadership - Allan Effa;

Writing Confession Prayer - Warren Tasker;

Reading - Nick Bargeman, Pam Beavan;

Preparation of Communion - Jack Lepine, Twyla Fletcher;

Video & Sound Technician - Evan Adnams.

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Dawn Stiles, Minister of Children and Families

Dr. Evelyn Grieger, Minister of Music

Jerrold Eilander, Organist / Choir Accompanist

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