



PRELUDE

Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing
Prelude in C Major

arr. H. Willan
G. Young

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CHORAL INTROIT

Christ the Lord Is Risen!

Ghana folk song
arr. T. Colvin, K.R. Hackett

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#307 Good Christians All, Rejoice

GELOBT SEI GOTT

***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

Jesus, the new command you gave your followers
is so short and clear:
"Love one another" you say to us.
But each time we hear these words,
this much is apparent;
we often love only the attractive and the deserving,
we know well the toxic pleasures of hate and malice,
we hide our face from the world,
indifferent and distracted,
we make excuses, hold onto grudges,
and explain away our disdain for others.
Love one another?!
A short and straightforward command.
A difficult and daunting way to live.
And we have failed.
Patient Spirit,
grow in us fresh expressions of empathy
and understanding and show us love's healing power;
that we might be agents of divine love in this world,
amazed by the love we have received,
transformed by the love we share.

(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

Psalms 66:8-20

Page 584, 1st half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

Anthem

If You Love Me

R. Clausen

RESPONSIVE READING (Based on Acts 17:24-28)

One: The God who made the world and everything in it,
Creator of heaven and earth,

**Many: who does not live in shrines or temples
made by human hands,**

One: the One not served by human beings,
the One who does not need anything,

**Many: the One who gives all creatures life and breath
and everything else.**

One: The God who made all nations to inhabit the whole
earth, and allotted the times of their existence and the
boundaries of their lands,

**Many: so they would seek and perhaps even reach out
and grope for and find their Maker —**

One: Indeed our Creator is not far from each one of us,

Many: 'In him we live and move and have our being;'

All: 'For we too are his offspring.'

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#273 Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love

CHEREPONI

CHILDREN'S BLESSING

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

***HYMN OF MEDITATION**

#461 Breathe on Me, Breath of God

THRENTHAM

SECOND READING

John 14:15-21

Page 113, 2nd half of NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Dr. Anne Bellamy

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

"In Babilone" Meditation

P. Lehenbauer

***New Doxology**

Let's praise God for each good thing.

M. Adria

All creation, shout and sing!

Praise three persons, yet one Love:

Maker, Saviour, Holy Dove! 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.

***Choral Benediction**

May God Who Creates You

C. Dyck

***The Sending of the Community**

***Congregational Amen**

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

POSTLUDE

Alle breve in D Major BWV 589

J.S. Bach

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Prayers of the People - Rose Merke;

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