



PRELUDE

Praise God for This Holy Ground

J. Bell

GATHERING OF THE COMMUNITY

CALL TO WORSHIP

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN**

#231 Arise, Your Light Is Come!

FESTAL SONG

***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

Dear God,
You made us in your image,
you call all of creation good,
yet we still try to divide people into "us" and "them."

You send us Jesus, the Prince of Peace,
you show us how to love one another,
yet we say and do hurtful things.

You feed us with our daily bread,
you invite us to share what we can,
yet we try to hold on to gifts meant for all.

Forgive us, we pray,
for failing to learn and do
what you have tried to teach us.

Open our eyes, hearts and hands
to your ways of care and kindness.
This we ask as children made in your image,
safe in your love,
and showered by your blessings.

(Silence for personal reflection and confession)

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 60:1-6

Page 766, 1st half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

***HYMN OF PRAISE**

#248 I Want to Walk as a Child of the Light

HOUSTON

SECOND TESTAMENT READING

Matthew 2:1-12

Page 2, 2nd half of the NRSV Bible

Response to the reading: "Thanks be to God"

SERMON

Rev. Jeremy Keay

HYMN OF APPROACH

#232 Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence

PICARDY

GATHERING AT THE TABLE

*The Passing of the Peace

*Affirmation of Faith: (from the Iona Community)

We believe in God who chose a wandering people for
God's own, calling them from slavery into freedom;
yet who in Rahab, Tamar, Ruth, Bathsheba, Cyrus,
Darius and many others, called outsiders to be agents
of God's purpose.

We believe in Jesus who was revered by Persian
sages, sought and found asylum in Egypt, preached
that God loves Syrians, attracted to God's cause
Greeks and Romans, found his first evangelist in a
Samaritan, had his mind changed by a Phoenician,
and his cross shouldered by an African;
and ascended above his native land that he might be
present in every place.

We believe in the Holy Spirit who at Pentecost proved
that heaven had no favoured mother-tongue,
who in the baptism of an Ethiopian denied racism a
foothold in faith, and who in the ancient world founded
churches across cultures.

We believe that God is supremely known in Jesus,
yet we affirm that God may choose to show God's face
in different guises, for the kingdom of God is bigger
than the Church and the love of God is beyond our
understanding. We therefore celebrate that God's ways
are not our ways, that God knows whom God chooses,
and that, as in Jesus, God's surprise surpasses
all human expectations.

The Bread

The Cup

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

CELEBRATION OF OUR TITHES AND OFFERINGS

Offertory

Our Father

D. Haas

***New Doxology**

M. 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**

#236 As With Gladness

DIX

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**

Trumpet Fanfare II in C

P. Fey

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

We are grateful for those who serve with us today:

Worship Leading - Christina Ward, Rev. Amanda Strain;

Scripture Reading - Sandra Beckman, Ken Badley;

Guest Organist - Marco Adria;

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some members who have severe scent sensitivities, we ask that
people refrain from wearing perfumes and colognes on Sunday
morning to church. Thank you for helping us care for one another.*

— FBC Council