

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
October 11, 2009, 11:00 am—28th Sunday in Ordinary Time

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Romanza* R. Purvis

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *We'll Shout and Give Him Glory* arr. Mack Wilberg (b. 1955)

I'm on my way to Zion,
The New Jerusalem.

We'll shout and give him glory,
For glory is his own.

I feel the work reviving,
Reviving in my soul.

Oh, how I love my Savior,
Because he first loved me.

CALL TO WORSHIP

One: O come, let us sing to the Lord and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

All: *Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving, singing joyful songs of praise.*

One: This the day that the Lord has made;

All: *let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

One: Let us worship God together.

+*HYMN 487 *When Morning Gilds the Skies* Laudes Domini

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION

One: The Lord be with you.

All: *And also with you.*

One: Let us pray.

All: *Eternal God, we confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear, and our hope for the future can grow dim. Forgive us when our longing for justice is overcome by cynicism and distrust. Forgive our imaginations that refuse inspiration. Forgive our easy answers to the hard questions of our lives and our lingering doubt that wonders where you are. Come, Spirit of God, strengthen our resolve. Inspire our speech, our action, our vision, our trust. Give us eyes to see the unfolding of your will, and ears to hear the voices of your grace. We pray in the name of Jesus Christ.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Hear the good news! Through Jesus Christ our sins are forgiven.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

+*GLORIA PATRI 579

TIME WITH CHILDREN

(Children are invited to go to Sunday School)

ANTHEM *O Deus, Ego Amoto*
Ned Rorem (b. 1973); Text: Gerard Manley Hopkins

O God, I love thee,
Not out of hope of heaven for me
Nor fearing not to love and be
In the everlasting burning.

Thou, thou, my Jesus, after me
Didst reach thine arms out dying,
For my sake suffered nails and lance,
Mocked and marred countenance,
Sorrows passing number,
Sweat and care and cumber,
Yea and death, and this for me,
And thou couldst see me sinning:
Then I, why should I not love thee Jesu,
so much in love with me?

Not for heaven's sake; not to be Out of hell by loving thee;
Nor for any gains I see;
But just the way that thou didst me
I do love and I will love thee
What must I love thee, Lord, for then?
For being my king and God. Amen.

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 5:17-20 NRSV

Do not think that I have come to abolish the law or the prophets; I have come not to abolish but to fulfill. For truly I tell you, until heaven and earth pass away, not one letter, not one stroke of a letter, will pass from the law until all is accomplished. Therefore, whoever breaks one of the least of these commandments, and teaches others to do the same, will be called least in the kingdom of heaven; but whoever does them and teaches them will be called great in the kingdom of heaven. For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven.

OFFERTORY *O Clap Your Hands*
R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); Text: Psalm 47

O clap your hands, all ye people:
Shout unto God with a voice of triumph,
For the Lord most high is terrible:
He is the great King over all the earth.

God is gone up with a shout,
The Lord with the sound of a trumpet.
Sing praises to God, sing praises;
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises;

For God is King of all the earth;
Sing ye praises unto our King, sing praises;
God reigneth over the heathen:
God sitteth upon the throne of his holiness.
Sing praises unto our King, sing praises.

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SCRIPTURE READING Deuteronomy 30:15-20 NRSV

See, I have set before you today life and prosperity, death and adversity. If you obey the commandments of the Lord your God that I am com-

manding you today, by loving the Lord your God, walking in his ways, and observing his commandments, decrees, and ordinances, then you shall live and become numerous, and the Lord your God will bless you in the land that you are entering to possess. But if your heart turns away and you do not hear, but are led astray to bow down to other gods and serve them, I declare to you today that you shall perish; you shall not live long in the land that you are crossing the Jordan to enter and possess. I call heaven and earth to witness against you today that I have set before you life and death, blessings and curses. Choose life so that you and your descendants may live, loving the Lord your God, obeying him, and holding fast to him; for that means life to you and length of days, so that you may live in the land that the Lord swore to give to your ancestors, to Abraham, to Isaac, and to Jacob.

SERMON *Choose This Day*
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 369 *I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me*

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND LORD'S PRAYER

SENDING

*HYMN 261 *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us* O Quanta Qualia

*CHARGE and BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Love Divine, All Loves Excelling* D. Hustad

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*Please stand as you are able + Latecomers may be seated

During the tolling of the carillon we invite you to remember all who work for peace and justice in our world today.

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