

January 17, 2010, 9:15 am—Fresh Spirit
“I see the God in you. I greet the God in you.”
Bill Wallace, New Zealand

As you gather for worship,
please introduce yourself to those around you.
There are no strangers in God’s house.

CALL TO WORSHIP *Come And Journey* David Haas

Come to the song, come to the dance.
Bring all you are, bring all you be.
Come with your voice, come with your heart.
Come and journey with me – come and journey with me.

Come let the Lord fill up your life.
Take the time to look around,
and love, just love, and walk with each other.
Come and journey with me – come and journey with me.

Come and see, come and be.
Be all you are and all you can be,
and leave all behind and calm your mind.
Come and journey with me – come and journey with me.

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WELCOME

REFLECTION FOR PEACE

GATHERING THE PEOPLE

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
we come to listen to what God has to say to us.

All: ***God has invited us to this place;
may our faces reflect our hopes and our hearts.***

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
people of the new covenant of hope and promise.

All: ***We boldly enter into the presence of God,
hoping to be transformed into new people.***

One: We gather as the faithful of God,
our fears melting away in the heart of God.

All: ***We come to share in the freedom of the Spirit,
we come to praise God’s holy name.***

One: Let us worship God!

OPENING SONG (see insert) *Shout To The North* Martin Smith

RENEWING THE COVENANT

One: We thank you, God, for your call to be “the People of God,”
All: ***but we confess, we have not listened faithfully, nor acted
boldly.***

One: We thank you for your call to follow Jesus,
All: ***but we confess, we have been slow to see Jesus in our friends
and family, let alone in a stranger.***

One: We thank you for the call to be “The Church,”
All: ***but we have put limits on what “Church” means, and denied
its potential.***

One: We thank you for the global impact of Christ’s ministry,
All: ***but we have found it difficult to look beyond our local needs
and concerns.***

---time for silent reflection---

One: Are we ready to make a fresh start?
All: ***We are ready to turn our lives around:***

*to forgive freely, to give generously,
to support compassionately, to work in faith community,
to act justly, to think globally, to risk and to venture out.*

One: We are ready to bring change in the Way of Jesus Christ.
Pardon and peace are yours!

All: ***Thanks be to God! Amen.***

PASSING THE PEACE

TIME WITH CHILDREN


OFFERING OUR GIFTS BACK TO GOD

OFFERTORY SONG *How Shall I Sing To God?* B. Wren/D. Haas


DOXOLOGY



1. How shall I sing to God when life is filled with
2. How shall I sing to God when life is filled with
3. How shall I sing to God and tell my Sav-ior’s



glad-ness, lov-ing and birth, won-der and worth? I’ll
bleak-ness, emp-ty and chill, break-ing my will? I’ll
sto-ry: pass-o-ver bread, life from the dead? I’ll



sing from the heart, thank-ful-ly re-ceiving, joy-ful in be-liev-ing.
sing through my pain, an-gri-ly or ach-ing, cry-ing or com-plain-ing.
sing with my life, wit-ness-ing and giv-ing, risk-ing and for-giv-ing.



This is my song, I’ll sing it with love.
This is my song, I’ll sing it with love.
This is my song, I’ll sing it with love.

***We thank you God for all you have given.
Now we return a portion to you -
For all that we have, and all that we are,
We bring our gifts, and thank you God for life.***

OFFERTORY PRAYER

SCRIPTURE READING II Corinthians 4:7-18 NRSV

But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraor-
dinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.

We are afflicted in every way, but not crushed; perplexed, but not driven to despair;
persecuted, but not forsaken; struck down, but not destroyed; always carrying in the
body the death of Jesus, so that the life of Jesus may also be made visible in our bod-
ies. For while we live, we are always being given up to death for Jesus’ sake, so that
the life of Jesus may be made visible in our mortal flesh. So death is at work in us,
but life in you. But just as we have the same spirit of faith that is in accordance with
scripture—“I believed, and so I spoke” —we also believe, and so we speak, because
we know that the one who raised the Lord Jesus will raise us also with Jesus, and
will bring us with you into his presence. Yes, everything is for your sake, so that
grace, as it extends to more and more people, may increase thanksgiving, to the

glory of God. So we do not lose heart. Even though our outer nature is wasting
away, our inner nature is being renewed day by day. For this slight momentary af-
fliction is preparing us for an eternal weight of glory beyond all measure, because
we look not at what can be seen but at what cannot be seen; for what can be seen is
temporary, but what cannot be seen is eternal.

SERMON *The Sacred Journey — Conditions of Faith* Rev. Tom York

FOCUS SONG *The Breastplate of St. Patrick* Hart/Halligan, Jr.

I bind myself to the power of heaven.
I bind myself to the light of the sun,
The brightness of the moon,
The deepness of the sea;
I bind myself to the power of Christ.

(Refrain)
Christ with me and before me;
Christ behind me and within me;
Christ to the right of me ~ and to the left of me;
Christ above me and beneath me;
I bind myself to the virtue of Christ.

I bind myself to the guidance of angels.
I bind myself to the love of the Lamb,
For he alone is peace and he alone is light.
I bind myself to the guidance of Christ. ***(Refrain)***

In the eyes of all who see me,
In the ears of all who hear me,
In the hearts of those who know me:
O God, uphold me.
Uphold me, Lord. ***(Refrain)***

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation,
but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory,
for ever. Amen.***

CLOSING SONG (see insert) *In Christ There Is No East or West* McClellan

BLESSING THE PEOPLE

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Sources for today’s liturgy: Gathering - Thom Shuman, *Lectionary Worship Aids, Series VII, Cycle A*; Renewing the Covenant - David Sparks, *Prayers to Share, Year A*.

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