

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
January 24, 2010—11:00 am

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Pasticcio* J. Langlais

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *Give Me Jesus* Arr. Jonathan Rodgers
Text: Traditional Spiritual
Ivy Buterbaugh, mezzo-soprano

In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.
You can have all this world, but give me Jesus.
And when I am alone, give me Jesus.
And when I come to die, give me Jesus.

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 63

Leader: O God, you are our God, you are our help; earnestly we seek you.

People: *We come to your sanctuary and behold your power and glory. Our souls will be satisfied.*

Leader: Your love is better than life; our lips will glorify you.

People: *We will praise you, O God, as long as we live; with lifted hands and singing we will praise you.*

Leader: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 218 *New Songs of Celebration Render* Rendez A Dieu

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Trusting in God's love and mercy for us, let us confess our sin before God and one another. Let us pray.

People: *Loving God, by your breath we live and move and have our being. Yet we confess that we are prone to doubt your promise to abide with us and provide for us. We trust our own wisdom more than yours. We fear rather than believe. Forgive us when our life-decisions do not honor you. Forgive us when our choices cause others harm. Cleanse our hearts and minds and make us imitators of you, in whose image we are made. In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.*

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, hear the Good News! In Christ, the old life has gone; a new life has begun. Know that we are forgiven and be at peace.

People: *Thanks be to God. Amen.*

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TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

♥ (Children are invited to hear God's word in their classes.) ♥

ANTHEM *Joy's Seven* Stephen Cleobury (b. 1948)

The first good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of one;
To see the blessed Jesus Christ when he was first her son:
When he was first her son, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of two;

To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the lame to go:
To make the lame to go, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of three;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to make the blind to see:
To make the blind to see, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of four;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to read the bible o'er:
To read the bible o'er, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of five;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to bring the dead alive:
To bring the dead alive, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of six;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, upon the crucifix:
Upon the crucifix, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

The next good joy that Mary had, it was the joy of seven;
To see her own son, Jesus Christ, to wear the crown of heaven:
To wear the crown of heaven, good man: And blessed may he be,
Both Father, Son, and Holy Ghost, to all eternity.

SCRIPTURE READING Mark 9:14-29 NRSV

When they came to the disciples, they saw a great crowd around them, and some scribes arguing with them. When the whole crowd saw him, they were immediately overcome with awe, and they ran forward to greet him. He asked them, "What are you arguing about with them?" Someone from the crowd answered him, "Teacher, I brought you my son; he has a spirit that makes him unable to speak; and whenever it seizes him, it dashes him down; and he foams and grinds his teeth and becomes rigid; and I asked your disciples to cast it out, but they could not do so." He answered them, "You faithless generation, how much longer must I be among you? How much longer must I put up with you? Bring him to me." And they brought the boy to him. When the spirit saw him, immediately it convulsed the boy, and he fell on the ground and rolled about, foaming at the mouth. Jesus asked the father, "How long has this been happening to him?" And he said, "From childhood. It has often cast him into the fire and into the water, to destroy him; but if you are able to do anything, have pity on us and help us." Jesus said to him, "If you are able! —All things can be done for the one who believes." Immediately the father of the child cried out, "I believe; help my unbelief!" When Jesus saw that a crowd came running together, he rebuked the unclean spirit, saying to it, "You spirit that keeps this boy from speaking and hearing, I command you, come out of him, and never enter him again!" After crying out and convulsing him terribly, it came out, and the boy was like a corpse, so that most of them said, "He is dead." But Jesus took him by the hand and lifted him up, and he was able to stand. When he had entered the house, his disciples asked him privately, "Why could we not cast it out?" He said to them, "This kind can come out only through prayer."

OFFERTORY *Ubi Caritas* (from *Quatre motets sur des thèmes Grégoriens*)
Maurice Durufle 1902-1986)

Where there is charity and love, God is there.
Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
The love of Christ has gathered us together.
Exsultemus et in ipso jucundemur.
Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
Timeamus et amemus Deum vivum.
Let us revere and love the living God.

Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
And from a sincere heart let us love one another.

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON *The Sacred Journey—Unbelief*
Rev. Jana R. Reister

*HYMN 403 *What a Friend We Have in Jesus* Converse

SHARING CONCERNS

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE and LORD'S PRAYER (page 16, Blue Hymnal)

*HYMN 339 *Be Thou My Vision* Slane

*BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Carillon Toccata* D. Wagner

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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 in our world today.

We thank the Rev. David Lowry for serving as liturgist this morning.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God in loving memory of Terri Schmitt's mother, Ruth Ann Eubanks.

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