

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
February 14, 2010 — 11:00 am – Transfiguration Sunday

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Praise To the Lord, the Almighty* arr. P. Manz

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *The Old Church* Stephen Paulus (b. 1949)
Text: Della B. Vik

The old church leans nearby a well-worn road,
Upon a hill that has no grass or tree,
The winds from off the prairie now unload
The dust they bring around it fitfully.

The path that leads up to the open door
Is worn and grayed by many toiling feet
Of us who listen to the Bible lore
And once again the old-time hymns repeat.

And every Sabbath morning we are still
Returning to the altar waiting there.
A hush, a pray'r, a pause, and voices fill
The Master's House with a triumphant air.

The old church leans awry and looks quite odd,
But it is beautiful to us and God.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: God reigns; let the peoples tremble! God is enthroned upon the
cherubim; let the earth shake.

**People: We will extol you, O God, and worship at your holy mountain;
for you our God are holy!**

Leader: Let us worship God!

+*HYMN 75 *O Wondrous Sight, O Vision Fair* Deo Gracias

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

**People: Mystery of mysteries, hide not your face from us. Hear our
confession and forgive us of sin. We go to the mountains to
escape our involvement. We hear your commandments, then
hide from their truth. We disguise our faces to conceal our
identities. Christ unmask our pretense and strips us of pride.
Help us not to be afraid to encounter your presence and
through Christ to stand before you cleansed of our sin. Amen.**

*ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel. In Jesus Christ we
are forgiven.

People: Thanks be to God. Amen.

*GLORIA PATRI 579

TIME WITH THE CHILDREN

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

ANTHEM *Beatus Vir* (from *Vesperae de Dominica*, K. 321)
W. A. Mozart (1756-1791)

Beatus vir qui timet Dominum

Blessed is the man who fears the Lord,
in mandatis ejus volet nimis.

who delights in his commandments.

Potens in terra erit semen ejus,

His seed shall be mighty upon the earth;

generatio rectorum benedicetur.

the generation of the righteous shall be blessed.

Gloria et divitiae in domo ejus:

Glory and prosperity shall be in his house;

et justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi.

and his justice endures from generation to generation.

Exortum est in tenebris lumen rectis:

A light has risen in the darkness for the upright:

misericors, et miserator, et justus.

one who is merciful, compassionate, and just.

Jucundus homo qui miseretur et commodat,

Happy is the man who sympathizes and shares,

disponet sermones suos in judicio:

who chooses his words with discretion:

quia in aeternum non commovebitur.

Because he will not be troubled for eternity;

In memoria aeterna erit justus:

the just man shall be in everlasting remembrance.

ab auditione mala non timebit.

He shall not fear evil tidings;

Paratum cor ejus sperare in Domino,

his heart is ready to hope in the Lord.

non commovebitur donec despiciat inimicos suos.

He shall not be shaken until he looks down upon his enemies.

Dispersit, dedit pauperibus:

He disperses, he gives to the poor;

justitia ejus manet in saeculum saeculi:

his justice endures from generation to generation.

cornu ejus exaltabitur in gloria.

His horn shall be exalted with honor.

Peccator videbit, et irascetur,

The wicked will see, and be angered;

dentibus suis fremet et tabescet:

he will gnash with his teeth, and waste away.

desiderium peccatorum peribit.

The desire of the wicket shall perish.

Gloria Patri, et Filio, et Spiritui Sancto.

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.

Sicut erat in principio, et nunc, et semper,

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

et in saecula saeculorum. Amen.

world without end. Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 17:1-8 NRSV

Six days later, Jesus took with him Peter and James and his brother John
and led them up a high mountain, by themselves. And he was transfig-
ured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes be-
came dazzling white. Suddenly there appeared to them Moses and Elijah,
talking with him. Then Peter said to Jesus, 'Lord, it is good for us to be
here; if you wish, I will make three dwellings here, one for you, one for
Moses, and one for Elijah.' While he was still speaking, suddenly a bright

cloud overshadowed them, and from the cloud a voice said, 'This is my
Son, the Beloved; with him I am well pleased; listen to him!' When the
disciples heard this, they fell to the ground and were overcome by fear.
But Jesus came and touched them, saying, 'Get up and do not be afraid.'
And when they looked up, they saw no one except Jesus himself alone.

OFFERTORY *Let All the World in Every Corner Sing*
R. Vaughan Williams (1872-1958); Text: George Herbert

Let all the world in every corner sing,

My God and King.

The heavens are not too high,

His praise may thither fly.

The Church with Psalms must shout,

No door can keep them out.

But above all, the heart

Must bear the longest part.

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON *The Way Home*
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 421 *The Church of Christ in Every Age* Wareham

SHARING CONCERNS

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

*HYMN 73 *Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory* Geneva

*CHARGE and BENECTION

*POSTLUDE *Rondo in G* arr. R. Ellsasser

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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.

The flowers today are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of
our parents, Lucille Carr, Eugene Carr, Emile Vidal, Howard and
Dorothy Aspen, and our son-in-law, Gary Algrin, by Robert and Carol
Vidal.

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