

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD
March 7, 2010 — 11:00 am – Third Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Le Banquet Celeste* O. Messiaen

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT Chorale: "Christ Who Knew No Sin Nor Wrong"
(from *St. John Passion*), J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

Christ who knew no sin nor wrong, like a thief was taken,
Led before a godless throng, by his friends forsaken.
He, who our salvation won, falsely was convicted,
Laughed at, scoffed at, spat upon, as the Word predicted.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Your love, O God, extends to the heavens; your righteousness is like the ever-rolling mountains.

People: We shall feast on the abundance of your goodness, O God, and drink our fill of your mercy, O Fountain of life.

Leader: Let us worship God.

+*HYMN 469 *Morning Has Broken* Bunessan

*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

People: O God, if love is patient, why are we irritable? If love is kind, why are we hostile? If love is not jealous or boastful, why do we flaunt our achievements in the presence of others? O God, in Jesus you have shown love which forgives imperfection. Forgive our lack of love, and have mercy on us. 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 *O Salutaris Hostias* Gioachiamo Rossini (1792-1868)

O salutaris Hostia,
O salutary Host,

Quae caeli pandis ostium:
Who expandest the door of the sky,

Bella premunt hostilia,
Hostile wars press.

Da robur, fer auxilium.
Give strength; bear aid.

Uni trinoque Domino
To the Lord One in Three,

Sit sempiterna gloria,
May there be sempiternal glory;

Qui vitam sine termino
for life without end

Nobis donet in patria.
he gives to us in our homeland.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE READING John 2:1-11 NRSV

On the third day there was a wedding in Cana of Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples had also been invited to the wedding. When the wine gave out, the mother of Jesus said to him, 'They have no wine.' And Jesus said to her, 'Woman, what concern is that to you and to me? My hour has not yet come.' His mother said to the servants, 'Do whatever he tells you.' Now standing there were six stone water-jars for the Jewish rites of purification, each holding twenty or thirty gallons. Jesus said to them, 'Fill the jars with water.' And they filled them up to the brim. He said to them, 'Now draw some out, and take it to the chief steward.' So they took it. When the steward tasted the water that had become wine, and did not know where it came from (though the servants who had drawn the water knew), the steward called the bridegroom and said to him, 'Everyone serves the good wine first, and then the inferior wine after the guests have become drunk. But you have kept the good wine until now.' Jesus did this, the first of his signs, in Cana of Galilee, and revealed his glory; and his disciples believed in him.

OFFERTORY *Alas, And Did My Savior Bleed* Gilbert Martin
Text: Isaac Watts (1707)

Alas! And did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?
Was it for sins that I have done he suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut his glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died for man the creature's sin.
But drops of grief can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe:
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.

Alas! And did my Saviour bleed, and did my Sovereign die?
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?

*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

SERMON *The Gospel of John—A Wedding*
Rev. Thomas D. York

*HYMN 452 *O Day of God, Draw Nigh* St. Michael

SHARING CONCERNS

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

*HYMN 374 *Lord, Make Us Servants of Your Peace* Dickinson College

*CHARGE and CHORAL BENEDICTION

*POSTLUDE *Cortège* L. Vierne

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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.

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God by Everett and Barbara Landen, in loving memory of Barbara's mother, Jeanne Anderson.

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