

ORDER FOR THE PUBLIC WORSHIP OF GOD  
March 21, 2010 11:00 am—Fifth Sunday in Lent

GATHERING

PRELUDE *Sweet Hour of Prayer* W. Bolcom

WELCOME

TOLLING OF THE CARILLON

INTROIT *Al Shlosa* Alan Naplan  
Covenant Choir; Katherine Campe, director

Al shlosa, al shlosa d'varim haolam kayam  
Al haemet v'al hadin v'al hashalom hashalom

Translation:  
The world is sustained by three things:  
by truth, by justice and by peace

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want.

**People:** *You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies.*

Leader: You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows.

**People:** *Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. And I shall dwell in the house of the Lord my whole life long.*

Leader: Let us worship God!

+\*HYMN 456 *Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun* Morning Hymn

\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION and ADORATION

Leader: Let us pray.

**People:** *God of light and love, we ask forgiveness for the wrongs we have done. We have lived in darkness rather than seeing the light of your love for us and all your children. We have failed to live out your compassion and to be a light to others. In our moments of doubt, give us courage to believe in you. When new ideas present themselves to us, open our eyes to new vision, new understanding, and boldness in living into those ideas. Save us and help us, through Christ. Amen.*

\*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 THE CHILDREN

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF ELDERS AND DEACONS

Leader: There are different gifts,

**All:** *But it is the same Spirit who gives them.*

Leader: There are different ways of serving God,

**All:** *But it is the same Lord who is served.*

Leader: God works through different people in different ways,

**All:** *But it is the same God whose will is brought about through them all.*

Leader: Each one is given a gift by the Spirit,

**All:** *To use it for the common good.*

Leader: Together we are the body of Christ.

**All:** *And individually members of Christ.*

Introduction of Deacons and Elders  
Constitutional Questions and Questions to the Congregation  
Laying on of Hands  
Ordination Prayer

ANTHEM *Prodigal Round* Unknown

Singing Duet: Charlie Patterson and Libby Morgan

Mallet Instruments: Jack Knellinger, Audrey Hatcher, Aidan Combs

Grace Dunn, Vincent Davis, and Sophie Hammons

The Carol Choir; Charlotte Loflin, director

Clap your hands and celebrate!  
Make a wonderful sound!  
This child of mine has come to life,  
Was lost and now is found!

THE WORD

SCRIPTURE READING John 9:1-25 NRSV

As he walked along, he saw a man blind from birth. His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?" Jesus answered, "Neither this man nor his parents sinned; he was born blind so that God's works might be revealed in him. We must work the works of him who sent me while it is day; night is coming when no one can work. As long as I am in the world, I am the light of the world." When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made mud with the saliva and spread the mud on the man's eyes, saying to him, "Go, wash in the pool of Siloam" (which means Sent). Then he went and washed and came back able to see.

The neighbors and those who had seen him before as a beggar began to ask, "Is this not the man who used to sit and beg?" Some were saying, "It is he." Others were saying, "No, but it is someone like him." He kept saying, "I am the man." But they kept asking him, "Then how were your eyes opened?" He answered, "The man called Jesus made mud, spread it on my eyes, and said to me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.' Then I went and washed and received my sight." They said to him, "Where is he?" He said, "I do not know."

They brought to the Pharisees the man who had formerly been blind. Now it was a sabbath day when Jesus made the mud and opened his eyes. Then the Pharisees also began to ask him how he had received his sight. He said to them, "He put mud on my eyes. Then I washed, and now I see." Some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, for he does not observe the sabbath." But others said, "How can a man who is a sinner perform such signs?" And they were divided. So they said again to the blind man, "What do you say about him? It was your eyes he opened." He said, "He is a prophet." The Jews did not believe that he had been blind and had received his sight until they called the parents of the man who had received his sight and asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How then does he now see?" His parents answered, "We know that this is our son, and that he was born blind; but we do not know how it is that now he sees, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him; he is of age. He will speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews; for the Jews had already

agreed that anyone who confessed Jesus to be the Messiah would be put out of the synagogue. Therefore his parents said, "He is of age; ask him." So for the second time they called the man who had been blind, and they said to him, "Give glory to God! We know that this man is a sinner." He answered, "I do not know whether he is a sinner. One thing I do know, that though I was blind, now I see."

OFFERTORY *An American Folk Hymn Sampler* Fred Gramann  
Handbell Choir; Brandon Dean, director

\*DOXOLOGY (592) and PRAYER OF DEDICATION

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

\*HYMN 280 *Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound*

SHARING CONCERNS

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

\*HYMN 420 *God of Grace and God of Glory* Cwm Rhondda

\*BENEDICTION

\*POSTLUDE *Pièce Héroïque* C. Franck

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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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