

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison) **God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us as we seek to walk according to your will. We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

***HYMN 379** “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”
Tune: SOLID ROCK

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Carillon de Westminster *Louis Vierne*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor
Thomas Gouwens Associate Organist
The Vespers Choir

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, June 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, June 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, June 22 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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vespers
6:30 p.m. Sunday June 1, 2008

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PRELUDE Prelude on the Name of Alain *Maurice Duruflé*

CALL TO WORSHIP

INVOCATION

***HYMN 488** “The God of Abraham Praise” *Tune: LEONI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God,
we confess that we fall short of who you call us to be. We accept the precepts of our world as if they were divine commands. Our words give you honor, but we distance our hearts from you. We choose flexibility instead of fidelity in our relationships with others and with our God. Forgive us, Lord. Grant us the wisdom to make decisions that are good. Grant us the courage to take actions that create wholeness. Grant us release from our past sins so that we might live without guilt. We ask these things in the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 46 *(sung)* (The Hymnal, 191)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM “O Taste and See” *Ralph Vaughan Williams*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 7:21–29 (page 7, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek

*HYMN 503 “Come, Risen Lord” *Tune: SURSUM CORDA*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

(unison)

We are not alone; we live in God’s world.

We believe in God:

who has created and is creating;

who has come in Jesus, the Word made flesh,

to reconcile and make new;

who works in us and others by the Spirit.

We trust in God. We are called to be the church:

to celebrate God’s presence,

to love and serve others,

to seek justice and resist evil,

to proclaim Jesus,

crucified and risen, our Judge and our Hope.

In life, in death, in life beyond death,

God is with us.

We are not alone. Thanks be to God.

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “All My Hope on God Is Founded”

Herbert Howells

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One

who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER

(unison)

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 forever. Amen.

THE COMMUNION