

who have shared Christ's body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples, so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**\*HYMN 386** "O for a World"

*Tune: AZMON*

## BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** American Hymn

*Richard Keys Briggs*

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## WORSHIP LEADERS

**John W. Vest** Associate Pastor

**Kathryn Sabol** Liturgist

**John Sherer** Organist and Director of Music

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**Fourth Church welcomes** the Youth Choir of South Main Baptist Church in Houston, Texas, directed by Thomas Coker, and thanks them for their participation in tonight's Vespers Service. Throughout the service they will be singing music from Robert Ray's *Gospel Mass*.

**Inquirers' Class** offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, July 7 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, July 27 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).

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# vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday July 6, 2008

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**RELUDE** Carillon

*Leo Sowerby*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: In Christ, the God of heaven has made a home on earth.

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Leader: Christ lives among the least.

People: **Christ journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Leader: Come now, all who thirst,

People: **and drink the water of life.**

Leader: Come now, all who hunger,

People: **and be filled with good things.**

Leader: Come now, all who seek,

People: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

**\*HYMN 358** "Help Us Accept Each Other"

*Tune: BARONITA*

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our peace, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas. The fears and jealousies that we harbor set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

**KYRIE** “Lord Have Mercy” *Robert Ray*

**DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**GLORIA** “Glory to God in the Highest” *R. Ray*

**CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER** Psalm 145:1–13a (*unison*) (page 548, O.T.)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON** Romans 7:14–25 (page 147, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**

THERE’S NO “I” IN COMMUNITY by John W. Vest

**CREDO** “I Believe in God” *R. Ray*

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “Hallelujah, Praise the Lord” *R. Ray*

**\*DOXOLOGY**

**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.**

**SANCTUS** “Holy, Holy, Holy” *R. Ray*

**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**

**AGNUS DEI** “Lamb of God” *R. Ray*

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**Gracious God, you have made us one**

**with all your people in heaven and on earth.**

**You have fed us with the bread of life**

**and renewed us for your service. Help us**