

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

We thank you, O God, that through Word and Sacrament, you have given us your Son who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life. So strengthen us in your service 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 332 “Live Into Hope”

Tune: TRURO

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Vesper Voluntary

Edward Elgar

WORSHIP LEADERS

Alice M. Trowbridge Associate Pastor

Jeannine Oakes Liturgist

The Vespers Choir

John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music

Contributions to the Chicago Lights Annual fund allow students from the inner city to participate in Summer Day, a six-week educational camp designed to give children a head start on the fall semester. Through the generosity of an anonymous donor, between now and July 31 every dollar raised through an increased or new gift to the Chicago Lights Annual Fund will result in a matching gift, up to \$50,000, to the Chicago Lights education programs. For information about Chicago Lights, contact Katy Frey at 312.274.3816.

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vespers
6:30 p.m. Sunday July 20, 2008

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
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RELUDE Abide with Me, Fast Falls the Eventide

C. Hubert H. Parry

*HYMN 482 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Tune: LOBE DEN HERREN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. In your mercy, forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 139:1–12, 23–24 *(responsively)* (page 545, O.T.)

ANTHEM “A Prayer of St. Richard of Chichester”

L. J. White

**Stand as you are able.*

FIRST LESSON Genesis 28:10–17 (page 24, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SECOND LESSON Romans 8:12–25 (page 147, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Alice M. Trowbridge

TO LABOR AND TO WAIT

***HYMN 248** “You Are Before Me, 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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “O Day of Peace” *C. H. H. Parry*

***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.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

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

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
(sung) 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