

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Gracious God, thank you for sustaining us  
with your bread and cup, your grace and mercy,  
and this gathered community around us.  
Having been fed at this table, help us to go forth  
with full hearts ready to do your will,  
and with the courage to transform our communities  
near and far. Amen.

\*HYMN 432 “Song of Hope” *Tune: ARGENTINA*  
*(sung first in Spanish, then English)*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Festival Voluntary *Flor Peeters*

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WORSHIP LEADERS

Joann H. Lee Pastoral Resident  
Sarah A. Johnson Pastoral Resident  
Calum MacLeod Associate Pastor  
The Vespers Choir  
Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

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**Inquirers’ Class** offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; Monday, February 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; or Saturday, February 14 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. 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 January 18, 2009

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PRELUDE Méditation *Maurice Duruflé*

INVOCATION

\*HYMN 319 “Spirit”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of reconciliation, forgive us for our complicity  
in unjust social systems that propagate the sins  
that Martin Luther King Jr. named as racism,  
militarism, and materialism. We confess that  
we have often been agents of division rather  
than unity, brokenness rather than wholeness,  
and judgment rather than understanding.  
Turn us towards you, so that we may be agents  
of change and transformation in this world. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.  
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 139 *(sung)* (The Hymnal, 248)

FIRST LESSON John 1:43–51 (page 87, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.  
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Creator of the Stars of Night” *William Ferris*

SECOND LESSON 1 Samuel 3:1–20 (page 236, O.T.)

*\*Stand as you are able.*

COMMUNION MEDITATION  
CHANGE

by Joann H. Lee

\*HYMN 434 “Today We Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Tune: KINGSFOLD*

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

**In life and in death, we belong to God.  
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,  
the love of God, and the communion of the  
Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,  
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship  
and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human,  
fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:  
preaching good news to the poor and release to  
the captives, teaching by word and deed and  
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding  
up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,  
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and  
believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for  
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,  
suffering the depths of human pain and giving  
his life for the sins of the world. God raised this  
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,  
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us  
from death to life eternal. With believers in every  
time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or  
in death can separate us from the love of God  
in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.**

*from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Let the Bright Seraphim”

*Deodatus Dutton*

\*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

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.**

PRAYER

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