
The music for the Doxology, sung by generations of Christians every Sunday, is attributed to Louis Bourgeois (c. 1510 – c. 1561). Bourgeois, a follower of John Calvin in Geneva, was particularly interested in singing the psalms. In 1545, he was paid to perform the psalms, and the following year he and the city pastors developed a list of psalms to be sung at worship. Bourgeois set to work improving psalm tunes but ended up in prison for having changed the tunes of some printed psalms without a license, a disturbing action to those who had learned and were attached to the already-printed “old” tunes. Calvin intervened to have Bourgeois released from prison after one day. Eventually Bourgeois’ alterations to the tunes were accepted and published in Geneva, including the Doxology tune, which is widely known as Old Hundredth.

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

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6:30 p.m. Sunday January 25, 2009

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PRELUDE Fantasia *Johann Sebastian Bach*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Clap your hands, all you peoples; shout to God with loud songs of joy.

People: **For the Lord, the Most High, is awesome, a great king over all the earth.**

Leader: God has gone up with a shout, the Lord with the sound of a trumpet.

People: **Sing praises to God, sing praises; sing praises to our King, sing praises.**

Leader: Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth; sing the glory of God’s name; give God glorious praise.

People: **All the earth worships you; they sing praises to you, sing praises to your name.**

***HYMN 411** “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty and merciful God, you love us, but we have not loved you. You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive forgiveness. Forgive us, we pray. Free us for joyful obedience; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 6:4–9 (page 157, O.T.)

Leader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Ubi Caritas” *Jacques Berthier*

Where charity and love are found, God himself is there. Your love, O Jesus Christ, has gathered us together. May your love, O Jesus Christ, be foremost in our lives. Let us love one another as God has loved us. Let us be one in love together in the one bread of Christ. The love of God in Jesus Christ bears eternal joy. The love of God in Jesus Christ will never have an end.

SECOND LESSON Mark 12:28–34 (page 46, N.T.)

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***HYMN 422** “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”
Tune: BEACH SPRING

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

**I am called Christian because by faith I am
a member of Christ and so I share in his anointing.
I am anointed to confess his name,
to present myself to him as a living sacrifice**

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of thanks, to strive with a good conscience against sin and the devil in this life, and afterward to reign with Christ over all creation for all eternity. We call him our Lord because—not with gold or silver, but with his precious blood—he has set us free from sin and from the tyranny of the devil, and he has bought us, body and soul, to be his very own.

from The Heidelberg Catechism

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “Alleluia” *Mary Lynn Lightfoot*

*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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God, we thank you for words we taste
and bread we hear and for the cup
in which we drink metaphor and mystery,
healing and haste, the gratitude of our spirits
and a blessing on our lives. Amen.

*HYMN 368 “I’ve Got Peace Like a River”

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Scherzo

Alan Ridout