

## THE COMMUNION

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Most gracious God, we praise you for what you have given and for what you have promised us here. 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. Now we give ourselves to you. We ask that our daily living may be a part of your kingdom and that our love may be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*HYMN 371 “Lift High the Cross” *Tune: CRUCIFER*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Postlude *William Mathias*

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

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**Joann H. Lee** Pastoral Resident

**Adam Fronczek** Associate Pastor

**The Vespers Choir**

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# vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday February 8, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH**  
PRESBYTERIAN  
**CHURCH**  
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PRELUDE Lied (Song) *Louis Vierne*

### INVOCATION

\*HYMN 376 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Holy and merciful God, in your presence we confess our sinfulness, our shortcomings, and our offenses against you. You alone know how often we have sinned in wandering from your ways, in wasting your gifts, in forgetting your love. Have mercy on us, O Lord, for we are ashamed and sorry for all we have done to displease you. Forgive our sins, and help us to live in your light and walk in your ways, for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

### DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

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

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 147:1–11 *(responsively)* (page 549, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Sing to the Lord” *Giuseppe Ottavio Pitoni*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 1:29–39 (page 33, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## COMMUNION MEDITATION

by Sarah A. Johnson

### THE HEALING POWER OF GOD

\***HYMN 380** “O Christ, the Healer”

*Tune:* ERHALT UNS, HERR

\***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven,  
and sitteth on the right hand of God  
the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge  
the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost;  
the holy catholic church;  
the communion of saints;  
the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body;  
and the life everlasting. Amen.

## OFFERING

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM** “There Is a Balm in Gilead”

*African American spiritual  
arr. William L. Dawson*

\***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.

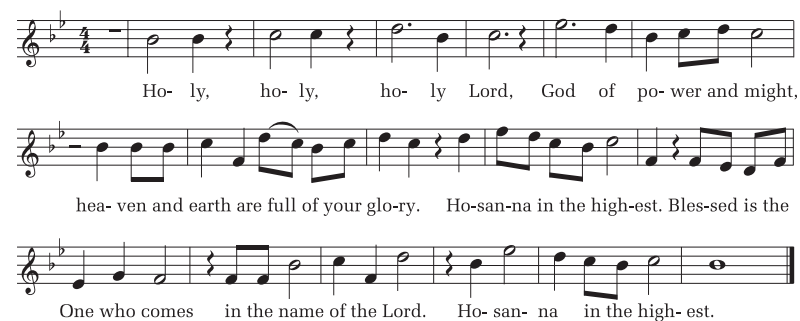
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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.



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### 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.**