

vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday April 5, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY
FOURTH
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH
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PRELUDE Rigaudon

André Campra

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: **Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!**

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: **triumphant and victorious is he,**

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: **on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

***HYMN 89** “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Tune: ELLACOMBE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Jesus, when you rode into Jerusalem
the people waved palms with shouts
of acclamation. Like them, we are eager
to praise you when doing so is easy,
but like Jesus’ first disciples,
we often desert you on the road to the cross.
We confess that we often neglect the difficult
parts of our faith. We are slow to care for others;
we turn away from people who are in need;
and we live by fear instead of by faith.
Forgive us, Lord. Grant that when the joy of
Palm Sunday is past, we may still follow you
even in times of sacrifice. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

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

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 118 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 230)

FIRST LESSON Mark 11:1–11 (page 44, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “Ave Verum Corpus” *Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart*

Hail, the body of Christ, of the blessed virgin born;
on the cross thy sacred body for us all with nails
was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming
forth from thy pierced side. Feed us with thy body
broken in death’s final agony.

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 2:5–11 (page 186, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek

***HYMN 94** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”
Tune: O WALY WALY

***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 “My Song Is Love Unknown” *John Ireland*
(Anthem text: Hymn 76)

*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: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

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

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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, our help and strength, you have satisfied our hunger with this eucharistic food. Strengthen our faith, that through the death and resurrection of your Son we may be led to salvation, for he is Lord now and forever. Amen.

***HYMN 92** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus” *Tune: ST. CHRISTOPHER*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Intermezzo in C Major *Hermann Schroeder*

WORSHIP LEADERS

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Sarah A. Johnson Liturgist

The Vespers Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

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