

NORTH CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Fourth Sunday in Lent

(Disciples of Christ)

March 22, 2009

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

† All who are able please stand

PRELUDE

Psalm Prelude No. 1

Herbert Howells

LIGHTING OF THE CANDLES

Jordan Johnson

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CENTERING IN SILENCE

Peace Before Us

David Hass

A time of silence in which we open ourselves to God's presence, attending to God at the center of our being and in the midst of the community.



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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Let us worship our God with songs of joy, for God is --

People: light, love, steadfast, eternal.

Leader: Let us follow Jesus our teacher, for Jesus is --

People: God's light-bearer, God's love-bringer, God's face among us, God's grace made alive.

Leader: Let us live by the grace of God's Spirit, for the Spirit is – alive, creating, invisible, moving the invisible,

People: sharing us to be ever more faithful.

† HYMN

To God Be the Glory

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† STATEMENT OF MERCY

† PRAYER OF CONFESSION

God of our journey, your chosen people complained in the wilderness: "where is the water? We are sick of this food!" We confess we are weary of this Lenten wilderness: "Where are our alleluias? We are tired of repentance." Rather than being grateful for a time of reflection, we restlessly look for Easter. Silence our complaints. Forgive and restore us. Turn us again toward Jesus, our guide in the wilderness, that we may look upon him and fully live. Amen.

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

Introductory Dialogue

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them up to the Lord.

Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give God thanks and praise.

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Caroline Cox-Smith, Elder

The Lord's Prayer

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.

Words of Institution

Communion of the People

Persons of all denominations are invited to the Table of the Lord. The bread is received individually; the deacon retains the tray as worshippers pass the loaf to those seated next to them. The cup is retained for partaking in unison following the Memorial Acclamation by the minister.

Memorial Acclamation

Santo, Santo, Santo

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Prayer after Communion

GO IN GOD'S NAME

† HYMN

Go, My Children, with My Blessing

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† TAKING CHRIST'S LIGHT INTO THE WORLD

Jordan Johnson

† CHARGE

† POSTLUDE

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Johannes Brahms

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INSERT

SECOND READING

John 3:14-21

Responsive Reading

And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil. For all who do evil hate the light and do not come to the light, so that their deeds may not be exposed. But those who do what is true come to the light, so that it may be clearly seen that their deeds have been done in God.

For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.

COMMUNION HYMN

In the Singing

In the sing - ing, in the si - lence, in the hands ex - pect - ant, o - pen,
In the ques - tion, in the an - swer, in the mo - ment of ac - cept - ance,
in the bless - ing, in the break - ing, in your pres - ence at this ta - ble,
in the heart's cry, in the heal - ing, in the cir - cle of your peo - ple,

Refrain
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the wine of grace;
Je - sus Christ, Je - sus Christ, be the bread of peace.