

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Lord, in your mercy...

Hear our prayer.

THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you.

THE EUCHARIST

OFFERING

OFFERTORY

DOXOLOGY PH #455

Air

Johann Ernst Galliard

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

*All creatures, your Creator bless,
And worship God in humbleness.*

O sing ye! Alleluia!

*Praise, praise Creator, praise the Son,
And praise the Spirit, Three in One!*

Alleluia! Alleluia!

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

THE SENDING

***HYMN PH #228**

"O Thou, My Soul, Return in Peace"

MARTYRDOM

CHARGE AND BLESSING

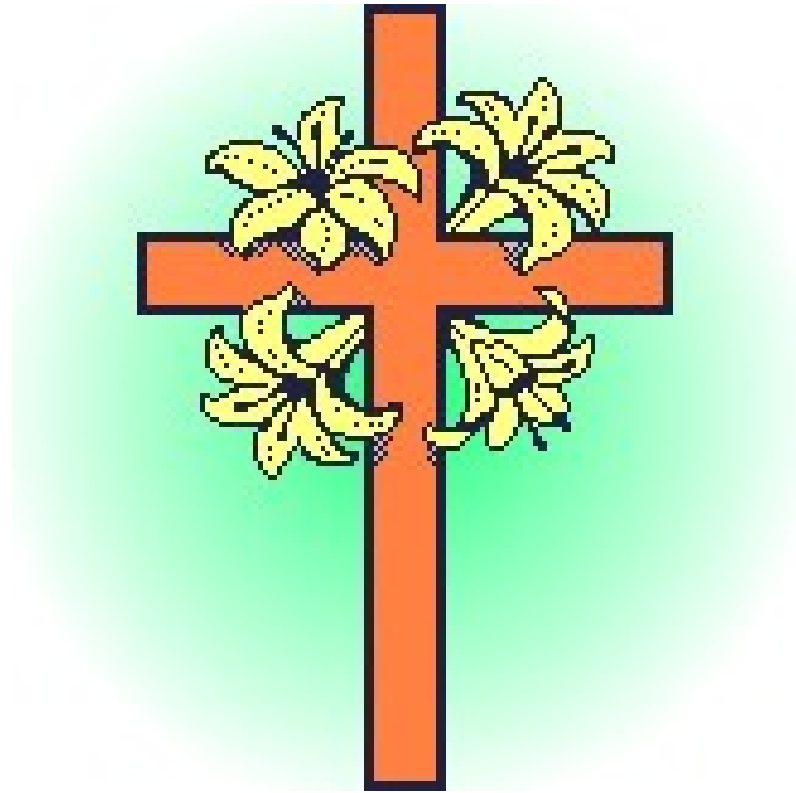
The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God and the communion of the Holy Spirit
be with you all.

Alleluia! Amen.

VOLUNTARY

Toccata Brevis

Daniel Gawthrop



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an Inclusive Church Committed to Social Justice"*

April 6, 2008 – 11:00 a.m.

3rd Sunday of Easter

THE GATHERING

GREETINGS

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

VOLUNTARY

Crown Him With Many Crowns

Jerry Westenkuehler

OPENING SENTENCES

Psalm 100:1, 2, 5

Cry out with joy to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness.
Come into God's presence with singing!
**For the Lord is a gracious God, whose mercy is everlasting;
and whose faithfulness endures to all generations.**

*HYMN PH #122

"Thine Is the Glory"

JUDAS MACCABEUS

CONFESSION OF SIN

from *Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship*

Merciful God, we give you thanks, for you have created us to live together in love and freedom with you, with one another, and with the world. You have made us in your image and endowed us with gifts of reason, imagination and will. We have been created in order that your goodness might be reflected in our lives, but we have fallen short of your glory. Our relations with others are distorted and confused. Though we live *with* neighbors, we have ceased to live *for* them. Though we live *with* you, we have ceased to live *for* you. Although we recognize our distinctive human gifts, we have not used those gifts well. Our hearts have been set on self---not others, and certainly not on you, O God. Lord, have mercy on us.

KYRIE

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Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.
Thanks be to God!

CHORAL RESPONSE

Gloria, Gloria

Thomas Keesecker



Glo-ri-a, glo-ri-a, gloria in excel - sis De - o! - sis De-o!

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

1 Peter 1:17-23 (p. 232)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

SECOND READING

Psalm 116:1-4, 12-19 (p. 564)

The Word of the Lord.
Thanks be to God.

DUET

Prayer of Hildegard
Beccy and Joanna Bierman

Barbara Wallace

Fire of the Spirit, life of the lives of creatures, spiral of sanctity, bond of all natures; glow of charity, lights of clarity, taste of sweetness to sinners, be with us and hear us. Composer of all things, light of all the risen, key of salvation, release from the dark prison; hope in disquietness, breath of consciousness, joy in glory, our Savior, be with us and hear us.

INTERLUDE

SERMON

"God Leans In"

Rev. Ron Gilmer

*HYMN PH #370

"Just as I Am, Without One Plea"

WOODWORTH

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

from *Belonging to God: Catechism Resources for Worship*

We are children of God. We belong to God, who loved us before the creation of all that is. God never stops loving us. In the fullness of time, God sent Jesus to be our Messiah---the anointed one---who rescues us from sin and death. Jesus called disciples to follow him. He fed the hungry, healed the sick, blessed children, befriended outcasts, called people to repent and forgave their sins. He taught people not to fear but to trust always in God. He preached the good news of God's love and gave everyone hope for new life. As a result of his life and death and resurrection, and by the power of the Holy Spirit, we are the church. We are the people who believe the good news about Jesus, who are baptized, and who share in the Lord's Supper. Through this means of grace, the Spirit renews us so that we may serve God in love. We are children of God. Thanks be to God!