



June 1, 2014

Eleven o'clock

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

## THE GATHERING

*The service of worship begins with the prelude; quiet is requested as you enter the sanctuary and prepare for worship. In the spirit of Christian fellowship, we invite you to wear a name tag which is available from the greeters. As a community that prays with and for one another, we invite you to share your joys and concerns by using the prayer cards available from the ushers and in the welcome pad folders. Those parts of the Service of Worship in which the congregation participates in word or song are noted in bold type.*

*Please stand as you are able.*

# PRELUDE

## Four Easter Preludes

Held

\* HYMN 148

## At the Name of Jesus

King's Weston

\* **CALL TO WORSHIP** (based on Psalm 68:1-5):

Leader: In your powerful presence, O God, evil is defeated.

People: Those who oppose you melt away like the wax of a burning candle.

Leader: But those who obey your word rejoice and praise your name.

People: For you protect those who are helpless and most vulnerable.

Leader: Holy God you give power and strength to your people.

**People: Blessed be God forever and ever!**

# INTROIT

Richard Proulx

*Lift up your heads, O gates! Grow higher, ancient doors! Let the King of glory come in!*  
PSALM 24:7

## WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

Elena Sepulveda

## CALL TO CONFESSION

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and so forget to share your love. Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as Jesus served - with unconditional love, humility and compassion. Forgive us where we are weak and when we fail, and empower us with your Spirit to bear your love and compassion to others through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus.

## PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

## WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: Friends, believe and proclaim the Good News:  
in Jesus Christ, love breaks through hatred, hope breaks  
through despair, life breaks through death.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, loved, and set free.  
Thanks be to God! Amen.

## \*RESPONSE OF THANKSGIVING Hymnal No. 594 Festival Canticle

*This is the feast of victory for our God. Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!  
Worthy is Christ, the Lamb who was slain, whose blood set us free to  
be people of God. This is the feast....*

## \* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened  
his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

*People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your  
neighbor - e.g., *"The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you."*

Response - *"And also with you."*)

+ *Children and Youth leave for Church School Classes.* +

# THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### FIRST LESSON

Malachi 3:7-12

\* HYMN 83     O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High    *Deo Gracias*

### SECOND LESSON

Matthew 13:1-9,18-23

### SERMON

“Seedtime”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

### \* NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible; And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

### OFFERTORY

I Will Not Leave You Comfortless

Titcomb

*I will not leave you comfortless. Alleluia. I go and come again to you. Alleluia. And your heart shall rejoice. Alleluia.*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!  
Praise God above, ye heavenly host.  
Creator, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia  
Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

## PASTORAL PRAYER

### THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

#### THE INVITATION

#### THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

*People: And also with you.*

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

*People: We lift them to the Lord.*

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

*People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Pastor: Eternal and ever-living God...

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

SANCTUS 568 (choir and congregation)

Weaver

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. ... And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

*People: 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 SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. —Revelation 3:20*

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

**BREAD:** To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

**CUP:** Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

## COMMUNION

Ave Verum

*Elgar*

IRIS KARLIN, SOPRANO

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

## THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 155

# Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Darwall's 148th*

**\* BENEDICTION**

# CHORAL AMEN

## POSTLUDE

# Toccata on “Hyfrydol”

Pardini

*Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. (It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)*

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## TODAY'S SCRIPTURE READINGS

## Malachi 3:7-12 (NRSV)

Ever since the days of your ancestors you have turned aside from my statutes and have not kept them. Return to me, and I will return to you, says the LORD of hosts. But you say, “How shall we return?” <sup>8</sup>Will anyone rob God? Yet you are robbing me! But you say, “How are we robbing you?” In your tithes and offerings! <sup>9</sup>You are cursed with a curse,

for you are robbing me—the whole nation of you! <sup>10</sup>Bring the full tithe into the storehouse, so that there may be food in my house, and thus put me to the test, says the LORD of hosts; see if I will not open the windows of heaven for you and pour down for you an overflowing blessing. <sup>11</sup>I will rebuke the locust for you, so that it will not destroy the produce of your soil; and your vine in the field shall not be barren, says the LORD of hosts. <sup>12</sup>Then all nations will count you happy, for you will be a land of delight, says the LORD of hosts.

### **Matthew 13:1-9,18-23 (NRSV)**

That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat beside the sea. <sup>2</sup>Such great crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat there, while the whole crowd stood on the beach. <sup>3</sup>And he told them many things in parables, saying: “Listen! A sower went out to sow. <sup>4</sup>And as he sowed, some seeds fell on the path, and the birds came and ate them up. <sup>5</sup>Other seeds fell on rocky ground, where they did not have much soil, and they sprang up quickly, since they had no depth of soil. <sup>6</sup>But when the sun rose, they were scorched; and since they had no root, they withered away. <sup>7</sup>Other seeds fell among thorns, and the thorns grew up and choked them. <sup>8</sup>Other seeds fell on good soil and brought forth grain, some a hundredfold, some sixty, some thirty. <sup>9</sup>Let anyone with ears listen!” <sup>18</sup>“Hear then the parable of the sower. <sup>19</sup>When anyone hears the word of the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what is sown in the heart; this is what was sown on the path. <sup>20</sup>As for what was sown on rocky ground, this is the one who hears the word and immediately receives it with joy; <sup>21</sup>yet such a person has no root, but endures only for a while, and when trouble or persecution arises on account of the word, that person immediately falls away. <sup>22</sup>As for what was sown among thorns, this is the one who hears the word, but the cares of the world and the lure of wealth choke the word, and it yields nothing. <sup>23</sup>But as for what was sown on good soil, this is the one who hears the word and understands it, who indeed bears fruit and yields, in one case a hundredfold, in another sixty, and in another thirty.”