



FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

March 2, 2014

Eleven o'clock

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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 blue 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

Offertoire (from "12 Pieces")

Lemmens

* HYMN 455

All Creatures of Our God and King *Lasst Uns Erfreuen*

* CALL TO WORSHIP:

Leader: God, the Creator, Son, and Holy Spirit, we serve, not two masters

People: We serve but God alone

Leader: We will focus on God's concerns and trust God with ours

People: Not fixating on food, clothes, and drink

Leader: We focus on serving God in the now

People: We strive first for God's kingdom

INTROIT

Iann Quinn

The Lord has shown forth his glory; Come, let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever; Amen.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty Lord, you never forget us, and you are our only salvation and hope. Even so, we often forget you or put you in second place. We choose the pursuit of things - money, fame, power, and pleasure over you. We waste time addicted to worry, convinced that worrying means having control. Please forgive us and set us on the right path to true contentment. Help us to strive in the moment for what really matters. May we continue to seek your kingdom in every moment to come, hoping and trusting in the peace and love of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior.

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.

* CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE Hymnal No. 579 Gloria Patri

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen, Amen.*

* 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

Isaiah 49:8-16

* HYMN 282

If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee

Wer Nur Den Lieben Gott

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 6:24-34

SERMON

“Easier Said Than Done” 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

Beati Quorem Via

Stanford

Beati quorum via integra est, Qui ambulant in lege Domini.

Blessed are those who go by the way of integrity, who walk in the law of the Lord.

PSALM 119:1

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

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 O Nata Lux (from “*Lux Aeterna*”) Morten Lauridsen

O nata lux de lumine, Jesu redemptor saeculi, dignare clemens supplicum laudes preces que sumere. Qui carne quondam contegi dignatus es pro perditis. Nos membra confer effici, tui beati corporis.

O Light born of Light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, with loving-kindness deign to receive suppliant praise and prayer. Thou who once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost, grant us to be members of thy blessed body.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

THE SENDING OUT

* **HYMN** (insert) God Will Take Care of You Martin

* **BENEDICTION**

CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Deo Gracias Phillips

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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ABOUT TODAY'S MUSIC

Los Angeles-based composer **Morten Lauridsen** (b. 1943) is described as a true musical mystic. His signature musical sound is heard in the 1997 cantata “*Lux Aeterna*,”

containing one of the most performed recent American choral works, “O nata Lux.” Sometimes described as “Brahms with an Irish accent,” **Charles Villiers Stanford** (1852 – 1924) was an Irish composer, music teacher, and conductor. One of the founders of the Royal College of Music, he railed against modernism in music and was the most influential British composer of his day. The motet we hear today is one of three miniatures very much in the style of Brahms. **Jacques-Nicolas Lemmens** (1823 – 1881) was a Belgian organist. His teacher, Hesse, was a student of Bach and Lemmens sought to reintroduce serious organ music to French churches. He was widely known for his strong pedal technique and was the teacher of Guilmant and Widor. One of the most prolific and acclaimed composers of church music today, **Craig Phillips** (b. 1961) is currently Director of Music at All Saints’, Beverly Hills.

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TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Isaiah 49:8-16 (NRSV)

Thus says the LORD: In a time of favor I have answered you, on a day of salvation I have helped you; I have kept you and given you as a covenant to the people, to establish the land, to apportion the desolate heritages; ⁹saying to the prisoners, “Come out,” to those who are in darkness, “Show yourselves.” They shall feed along the ways, on all the bare heights shall be their pasture; ¹⁰they shall not hunger or thirst, neither scorching wind nor sun shall strike them down, for he who has pity on them will lead them, and by springs of water will guide them. ¹¹And I will turn all my mountains into a road, and my highways shall be raised up. ¹²Lo, these shall come from far away, and lo, these from the north and from the west, and these from the land of Syene. ¹³Sing for joy, O heavens, and exult, O earth; break forth, O mountains, into singing! For the LORD has comforted his people, and will have compassion on his suffering ones. ¹⁴But Zion said, “The LORD has forsaken me, my Lord has forgotten me.” ¹⁵Can a woman forget her nursing child, or show no compassion for the child of her womb? Even these may forget, yet I will not forget you. ¹⁶See, I have inscribed you on the palms of my hands; your walls are continually before me.

Matthew 6:24-34 (NRSV)

“No one can serve two masters; for a slave will either hate the one and love the other, or be devoted to the one and despise the other. You cannot serve God and wealth. ²⁵“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or what you will drink, or about your

body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothing? ²⁶Look at the birds of the air; they neither sow nor reap nor gather into barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not of more value than they? ²⁷And can any of you by worrying add a single hour to your span of life? ²⁸And why do you worry about clothing? Consider the lilies of the field, how they grow; they neither toil nor spin, ²⁹yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ³⁰But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith? ³¹Therefore do not worry, saying, ‘What will we eat?’ or ‘What will we drink?’ or ‘What will we wear?’ ³²For it is the Gentiles who strive for all these things; and indeed your heavenly Father knows that you need all these things. ³³But strive first for the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. ³⁴“So do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will bring worries of its own. Today’s trouble is enough for today.