

LISTENING ALONGSIDE



ECHOING CHRIST

God's Voice

God's voice is woven into us
Christ's song of new life is ringing in us
The Spirit's whispering hum is always in our ears
calling us to new songs
new thoughts
new creations
new life
calling us out of falsehood
out of preconceptions
out of walls
not trapped in that plum-sized brain
not trapped in fear
not trapped in worthlessness
not trapped in dust and stagnation.
God is always calling us to newness
to abundant life
to creative fireworks
to freedom dances
to extravagant loving
to streamers and banquets
and boisterous song
God's creative and loving voice
vibrates in us
Let us sing holy songs of
outrageous
peace

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Rocky Mount, North Carolina

The Worship of God

March 1, 2017

ASH WEDNESDAY

Six Thirty O' Clock

*In preparation for this service of worship, reflect upon
the prayer printed on the cover of the order of worship.*

PREPARATION AND PRAISE

ORGAN PRELUDE: Récits from *Suite du Premier Ton* Louis -Nicolas Clérambault

* PROCESSIONAL HYMN 124: "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence" PICARDY
(The congregation will stand when the organist begins the hymn.)

* THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Listen! Now is the opportune time! Listen! Now is the day of salvation.

**People: We have come this evening to confront evil, to repent our part in it,
and to celebrate our liberation.**

Minster: On behalf of Christ, I beg you friends, be reconciled with God.

**People: All loving and ever living God, you hate nothing you have made,
and you speedily forgive the sins of those who repent.**

Minister: Recreate us, O God, and give us new and honest hearts, that we,
sincerely repudiating our sins and facing our broken ways, may receive
from you, the God of all mercy, a perfect remission and forgiveness.

People: Through Jesus Christ to whom all praise and glory be given!

* THE GLORIA PATRI (35)

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* THE INVOCATION AND LORD'S PRAYER

INTROIT

George Whelpton

Hear our prayer, O Lord, incline thine ear to us, and grant us thy peace. Amen.

THE READING OF THE SCRIPTURE

The Old Testament Lesson: Joel 2:1-2, 12-17

The Gospel Lesson: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21

CONFESSION AND ASSURANCE

THE RESPONSIVE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Minister: Most Holy and merciful Father, we confess to you, to one another, and
to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have
sinned against you in thought, word and deed; by what we have done,
and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our
whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors
as ourselves. We have not sought forgiveness for our sin nor have we
forgiven others, as we have been forgiven.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Minister: We have been deaf to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have
not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Minister: We confess to you, Lord, all our past unfaithfulness: the pride,
hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord.

Minister: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways, and our exploitation of other people,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Minister: Our anger at our own frustration, and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Minister: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Minister: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to commend the faith that is in us,

People: We confess to you, Lord.

Minister: Accept our repentance for the wrongs we have done; for our blindness to human need and suffering, and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Minister: For all false judgments, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Minister: For our waste and pollution of your creation, and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

People: Accept our repentance, Lord.

Minister: Restore us, good Lord, and let your anger depart from us;

People: Hear us, Lord, for your mercy is great.

Silence

CHORAL MEDITATION: “None Other Lamb”

Craig Courtney

None other Lamb, none other Name, none other Hope in heav’n or earth or sea, none other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart’s desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, tho’ I be dead; Love’s fire thou art, however cold I be: nor heav’n have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other Lamb.

Christina G. Rossetti

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

THE IMPOSITION OF ASHES

At the invitation of the minister and as the organist begins playing, you are invited to come forward for the imposition of the ashes. Please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat.

ANTHEM: “O, My God, Bestow Thy Tender Mercy” from *Stabat Mater* Pergolesi

O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy. Blot out my transgressions; cleanse my sin. O God, bestow thy tender love. Hear me, restore me, forgive me, uphold me; from all my sins, O hide thy face. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore the joy; restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. O, my God, bestow thy tender mercy; cleanse my sin. Restore me, forgive me, uphold me, O God, hear me. I cry to thee. Hear thou my prayer. Cast me not away. Take not thy Holy Spirit from me. Open thou my lips, my mouth shall show forth thy praise.

Psalms 51

THE CELEBRATION OF COMMUNION

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Malachi 3:1-3

HOMILY: “Listen to the Fire”

Dr. Wright

PRAYER

THE INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE SHARING OF THE BREAD AND THE CUP

CHORAL MEDITATION: “Search Me, O God” Edward J. Hopkins/arr. Ken Berg

Search me, O God, and know my heart today; try me, O Savior, know my thoughts, I pray. See if there be some wicked way in me; cleanse me from ev’ry sin and set me free. I praise you, Lord, for cleansing me from sin; fulfill your Word and make me pure within. Fill me with fire where once I burned with shame; grant my desire to call upon your name. O Holy Spirit, revival comes from you! Send a revival, my own heart renew. Your Word declares you will supply our need; for blessings now, O Lord, I humbly plead. Lord, take my life, for I would live for you; fill my poor heart with your great love so true. Take all my will, my passion, self, and pride; I now surrender; Lord, in me abide.

J. Edwin Orr

At the invitation of the ministers, and as the choir begins singing, you are invited to come forward for communion. Forming two lines, please use the center aisle as you approach the altar and the side aisles as you return to your seat. If you prefer to remain seated, a Deacon will serve you. This evening we will take the bread and the cup by intinction, dipping the bread into the common cup. You will take a piece of bread from the plate offered by the minister and dip it into the chalice offered by one of the Deacons. You may then place the bread in your mouth. A common response when taking communion is to say, “Thanks be to God.” or a simple, “Amen.”

* HYMN 104: “Of the Father’s Love Begotten” DIVINUM MYSTERIUM

THE RESPONSIVE BENEDICTION

Minister: May the love of the Lord Jesus draw us to himself;

People: May the power of the Lord Jesus strengthen us in his service;

Minister: May the joy of the Lord Jesus fill our souls.

People: May the blessing of God almighty, Father, Son, and Spirit, be with us always.

Minister: May the grace of God remain with us now and forever. Amen.

William Temple, alt.

DEPART IN SILENCE

You may leave in silence at this time or remain seated for meditation, if you choose.

* Congregation stands.

THE MINISTRY OF WORSHIP

Jody C. Wright
Senior Minister

Chase Joyner
Acolyte

Elizabeth Edwards
Associate Minister

Mark Pichowicz
Organist

Amy Shortt
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Spencer Edwards
Crucifer