

WORSHIP & COMMUNION

We invite you into this time of prayerful reflection and communion. As you prepare for the service, grab a piece of bread and cup of drink, find a quiet space without distraction, maybe light some candles or dim your lights a bit, and prepare yourself for this time of worship.

Blessed are those who hunger and thirst for righteousness, for they will be filled.
—Matthew 5: 6

Ringling the Trinity

Prelude “Here, at Your Table, Lord” Zhaolei Xie

Introit “Gather Your People” Taylor Hightower

Summoning Prayer

Let us pray: Come, Lord Jesus, who too was tired when day was done, and you met your friends at evening time. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus, who too enjoyed when nights drew on and you told your tales at the end of the day. Come, Lord Jesus.

Come, Lord Jesus, who kindled faith when lamps were low; who opened scriptures, broke bread, and shed your light as darkness fell.

Come, Lord Jesus, meet us here. Amen.

Musical Reflection “Fairest Lord Jesus” Frederico Franco & Zhaolei Xie

The Gospel Reading

Matthew 15: 21-28

A Reading from the book of Matthew
The New Revised Standard Version

Jesus left that place and went away to the district of Tyre and Sidon. Just then a Canaanite woman from that region came out and started shouting, "Have mercy on me, Lord, Son of David; my daughter is tormented by a demon." But he did not answer her at all. And his disciples came and urged him, saying, "Send her away, for she keeps shouting after us." He answered, "I was sent only to the lost sheep of the house of Israel." But she came and knelt before him, saying, "Lord, help me." He answered, "It is not fair to take the children's food and throw it to the dogs." She said, "Yes, Lord, yet even the dogs eat the crumbs that fall from their masters' table." Then Jesus answered her, "Woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish." And her daughter was healed instantly.

*For the word of God in Scripture, For the word of God among us,
For the word of God within us, Thanks be to God.*

Taizé

Come and Fill

Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus.
Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly.

The first system of the musical score is in 3/4 time, key of D major. It features a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The lyrics are: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no quo - ni - am bo - nus. Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a - lone, O Lord, are ho - ly." The piano part consists of a steady accompaniment of eighth notes.

Em C Em A D
Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia!
Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!

The second system of the musical score continues the piece. It includes chord markings above the staff: Em, C, Em, A, and D. The lyrics are: "Con - fi - te - mi - ni Do - mi - no, al - le - lu - ia! Come and fill our hearts with your peace, al - le - lu - ia!" The piano accompaniment continues with a similar rhythmic pattern.

Equality

A Poem by Mya Angelou

You declare you see me dimly
through a glass which will not shine,
though I stand before you boldly,
trim in rank and marking time.

You do own to hear me faintly
as a whisper out of range,
while my drums beat out the message
and the rhythms never change.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

You announce my ways are wanton,
that I fly from man to man,
but if I'm just a shadow to you,
could you ever understand?

We have lived a painful history,
we know the shameful past,
but I keep on marching forward,
and you keep on coming last.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

Take the blinders from your vision,
take the padding from your ears,
and confess you've heard me crying,
and admit you've seen my tears.

Hear the tempo so compelling,
hear the blood throb in my veins.
Yes, my drums are beating nightly,
and the rhythms never change.

Equality, and I will be free.
Equality, and I will be free.

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Let us pray: God of kindness, you gave your only Son, because you loved the world so much. We pray for the peace of the world. Move among us by your Spirit, break down barriers of fear, suspicion, and hatred. Heal the human family of its divisions and unite it in the bonds of your justice and peace.

We pray for our country. Enrich our common life; strengthen the forces of truth and goodness; teach us to share prosperity, that those whose lives are impoverished may pass from need and despair to dignity and joy.

We pray for those who suffer. Surround them with your love, support them with your strength, console them with your comfort, and give them hope and courage beyond themselves.

We pray for our families, for those whom we love. Protect them at home; support them in times of difficulty and anxiety, that they may grow together in mutual love and understanding, and rest content in one another.

We pray for the Church. Keep her true to the Gospel and responsive to the gifts and needs of all. Make known your saving power in Jesus Christ by the witness of her faith, her worship, and her life. Amen.

Taizé

It is Good to Trust

♩ = 58

Dm ASUS A Dm C F

Bo - num est con - fi - de - re in Do - mi - no,
It is good to trust in the Lord our God,

Gm C F Dm Gm7 Am Dm

bo - num spe - ra - re in Do - mi - no.
trust and hope in the Lord our God.

The Hope of Loving
A Poem by Meister Eckhart

What keeps us alive, what allows us to endure?
I think it is the hope of loving,
or being loved.

I heard a fable once about the sun going on a journey
to find its source, and how the moon wept
without her lover's
warm gaze.

We weep when light does not reach our hearts. We wither
like fields if someone close
does not rain their
kindness
upon
us.

Musical Reflection.

"Long Journey"

Frederico Franco & Zhaolei Xie

Holy Communion

The Peace

Celebrant The angels said it to startled shepherds
and Jesus said it to frightened followers.
And now these words which come from heaven
are shared to make us whole and make us one:

Peace be with you.

Celebrant The table of bread and wine is ready.
It is the table of company with Jesus,
and all who love him.
It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
with whom Jesus identified himself.
It is the table of communion with the earth,
in which Christ became incarnate.

Loving God,
through your goodness
we have bread and wine to offer,
which have come forth from the earth
and human hands have made.
May we know your presence
in the sharing,
so that we may know your touch
and presence in all things.

Celebrant We celebrate the life that Jesus has shared
among his community through the centuries,
and shares with us now.
Made one in Christ
and one with each other,
we offer these gifts and with them ourselves.
May they become in your presence
a mark of the beloved community.

Sung Response

This is the Body of Christ

The musical score is written on five staves of music. Each staff begins with a treble clef, a key signature of one flat (B-flat), and a time signature of 3/8. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff starts with the lyrics 'This is the body of Christ'. The second staff starts with 'bro - ken that we may be whole'. The third staff starts with 'this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his'. The fourth staff starts with 'word, cra - dles our Lord:'. The fifth staff starts with 'food for the good of the soul'. The score ends with a double bar line.

This is the bo - dy of Christ

5
bro - ken that we may be whole

9
this cup, as prom - ised by God, true to his

13
word, cra - dles our Lord:

17
food for the good of the soul

The Thanksgiving Celebrants

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
and who is known to us in the breaking of bread.

During the meal, he took bread.
And when he had blessed it, he broke it
and said to his disciples,
"This is my body. It is given for you. Do this to remember me."

Later in the meal, he took a cup of wine;
and after he had given thanks he said,
"In this cup is the new relationship with God made possible
because of my death. Drink it, all of you... to remember me."

So we will do as Jesus did.
 We take this bread and this wine,
 the produce of the earth
 and the work of human hands
 through which Jesus has promised
 to make himself known.

And as he said a prayer before sharing,
 let us follow his example.

The Lord's Prayer

LORD'S PRAYER (HAAS)

Our Fa - ther in heav - en,

7

hal - low - ed be your name. Your king - dom come, your will be done on

11

earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For -

15

give - - us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us -

20

- Save us from the time of trial and de - liv - er us from

24

e - vil, for the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours, now and for -

28

ev - er.

Sharing of the Bread & Wine

Celebrant So come to this table,
you who have much faith
and you who would like to have more;
you who have been here often
and you who have not been for a long time;
you who have tried to follow Jesus,
and you who have failed.
Come, it is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

Celebrant All of you who hunger and thirst
for a better life,
for a deeper faith,
for a better world,
here is the bread of life:
let us together
feed on it with gratitude;
here is the cup of salvation:
let us together
drink from it and believe.

After Communion

Celebrant Let us thank God
for the one to whom we are summoned,
the one by whom we are sent,
whose image we are,
whose flesh we share,
whose love is all.

Sung Benediction

Prayer of Peace (vs 1-3)



1. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace
2. Love	be - fore us,	love	be - hind us,	love
3. Light	be - fore us,	light	be - hind us,	light
4. Christ	be - fore us,	Christ	be - hind us,	Christ
5. Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
6. Peace	be - fore us,	peace	be - hind us,	peace



un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace
un - der our feet.	Love	with - in us,	love
un - der our feet.	Light	with - in us,	light
un - der our feet.	Christ	with - in us,	Christ
lu - ia,	Al - le - lu - ia,		al - le -
un - der our feet.	Peace	with - in us,	peace



o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	peace.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	love.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	light.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	Christ.
lu - ia,	al - le - lu	-	ia.
o - ver us,	let all a - round us	be	peace.