

Entering God’s Presence

Welcome, Life in the Community, and Ritual of Friendship

*Hymn 41

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

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*Expressing Our Joy

Leader: I was glad when they said to me,
People: “Let us go to the house of the Lord!”
Leader: “See, the home of God is among mortals.
People: God will dwell with them;
Leader: They will be his people,
People: And God himself will be with them.
Leader: One thing I asked of the Lord; this I seek:
People: To live in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
Leader: To behold the beauty of the Lord, and to inquire in his temple.
May the Lord be with you.
People: And also with you.
Leader: Let us pray. (Congregation seated.)

(Psalm 122:1)

(Revelation 21:3)

(Psalm 27:4)

Prayer of Trust and Confidence

Invitation to Self-Examination and Confession of our Need for God’s Forgiveness (unison)

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sin and ask your forgiveness. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbor as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us. Create in us a clean heart and renew a right spirit within us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit.

Time of Silence and Personal Reflection

Assurance of Forgiveness

*Hymn 406

We Are Standing on Holy Ground [Sing 3 times]

HOLY GROUND

Genesis 28:10-19a (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 24 in the pew Bible.]

Anthem

With a Voice of Singing

Martin Shaw

Luke 2:41-51 (NRSV) [You will find the text on page 55-56 in the pew Bible.]

Sermon

Sacred Space: Heaven on Earth

The Rev. Vance E. Polley

*Affirmation of Faith and Gloria Patri (No. 581)

Christ Jesus though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, taking the form of a servant, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient unto death— even death on a Cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.

(Phil. 2:5-11)

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*At the Presentation

Doxology (No. 606)

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Prayer of Dedication, concluding with The Lord’s Prayer

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.

*Hymn 321

The Church’s One Foundation

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*Benediction and Choral Benediction

*Going Out into the World

*Those that are able, please stand.

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Stained Glass Windows: The Rose Window

Chartres Cathedral: Walking the Labyrinth

“The Wheel of Fortune:” Encircling Rose Windows

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