

POSTLUDE Apparition de l'Eglise éternelle
(Apparition of the eternal church) Olivier Messiaen 1908-1992

Please stand as the Bible is taken from the church.

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The Choir of Pilgrim Church
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*Please join us for tea or coffee and fellowship in the Lounge
after the service.*

Pentecost 8

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*The church is fitted with a hearing loop which covers the body of the church.
Hearing aid wearers are advised to switch their aid to T-setting.*

THE GATHERING OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

ORGAN PRELUDE

The people are invited to stand for the entrance of the Bible.

CALL TO WORSHIP

Women and men of faith:

With what shall we come before God?

What shall we bring to please God?

Offerings, journeys, great acts, wise counsel of our own?

Sweat of our brow, cloth of our own making,

oceans of good intentions, rivers of unctuous flowing words?

People of truth:

our God has shown us what is good.

So let us walk humbly with our God.

People of God:

Our God has shown us what is required.

Justice and mercy become our offering.

HYMN 208 Christ is made the sure foundation vv 5-8 + Doxology

WELCOME

PRAYER OF INVOCATION

Loving Shepherd God,
ever present and moving among your people,
draw us near to you:

**that in place of hostility there may be peace;
in place of loneliness, compassion;
in place of aimlessness, direction;
and in place of sickness, healing;**

through Christ Jesus, in whom you draw near to us. **Amen**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

In baptism we are claimed by God,
and given the gift of the Holy Spirit
that we may live as witnesses to Jesus Christ
and share his ministry in the world.

But we have not always lived as Christ's disciples.
We have failed to live out the generosity shown to us
in our own baptism by not extending God's grace
to all people and all creation:

God, have mercy.

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We have been indifferent to the suffering of others:

Christ, have mercy.

Christ, have mercy.

In your mercy, pardon and restore us,

**that bound together in the ministry of Christ
we may serve you with compassion and joy
all the days of our life. Amen**

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Forgiveness is always present to us.
Jesus came, "preaching peace to those who are near,
and peace to those who are far off."

**Now we "are no longer strangers,
but fellow citizens with the saints and members
of the household of God."**

Thanks be to God. Amen

THE SERVICE OF THE WORD

ANTHEM

Lord, thou hast told us

Arnold Bax 1883-1953

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION

Today God, we pray for those who suffer
under the oppression of leaders
who consider themselves
superior to their people.

We pray that those who suffer
may not lose hope that a day can
and will come when all people will gather
together in freedom and peace.

We pray also for those who would divide people
with false divisions based on colour,
gender, nationality, sexuality.

We pray for all who live out of the lie
that some people have thoughts or practices
or ways of being that are inferior to others, and
that some people should make the decisions
for how other people should live.

We pray that we might all learn to rejoice
in the interconnectedness
of people as one community of humanity,
with much to teach and learn from each other. **Amen**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(printed inside cover of hymn book)*

THE SENDING FORTH OF THE PEOPLE OF GOD

HYMN 585 The church's one foundation Omit vs 3

WORDS OF MISSION AND BLESSING

Go out, remembering all God has done for you.
Break down the walls of hostility,
proclaim peace,
have compassion for all,
and don't forget to take time for yourself also.

And may God be with you wherever you go;
May Christ Jesus heal you and replenish you;
and may the Holy Spirit encircle you and strengthen you. **Amen**

*You are invited to be seated for the playing of the postlude,
or to leave at this point without disturbing those who wish to listen.*

**Glory be to the Father, and / to the / Son:
and / to the / Holy Spirit;
As it was in the beginning, is now and / ever /shall be
world without / end. / A / men**

SECOND READING Ephesians 2: 11-22

In this is the word of the Lord
Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM Locus iste Anton Bruckner 1824-1896
"This is the house of God, a temple He has made
O holy covenant beyond all telling, worthy of His glorious name"

Please stand and face the gospel

A reading from the gospel of our Lord Jesus Christ
according to Mark.

Glory to you, Lord

GOSPEL READING Mark 6: 30-34, 53-56

The gospel of the Lord.

Praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ

HYMN 347 Thine arm, O Lord, in days of old

REFLECTIONS ON THE ASSEMBLY

THE RESPONSE TO GOD IN WORD AND ACTION

HYMN 395 Christ is our corner-stone

*During the singing of this hymn our offering will be received.
Please remain standing for the dedication prayer.*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God, your goodness to us is beyond measure.
Your love for us is without limits.
Every good gift comes from you.
These small offerings
that we make here, now,
we dedicate to building a world
where everyone experiences your goodness
beyond measure and overflowing. **Amen**

The children are invited to go with Jenny to the Lounge for special activities.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Open our hearts and minds to hear your Word of love, O God. **Amen**

FIRST READING 2 Samuel 7: 1-14a

In this is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PSALM 89: 20-36

20 Thou spakest sometime in visions unto thy saints, and saidst I have laid
help upon one that is mighty; I have exalted one chosen out of the people.
21 I have found David my servant with my holy oil have I anointed him.
22 My hand shall hold him fast and my arm shall strengthen him.
23 The enemy shall not be able to do him violence
the son of wickedness shall not hurt him.
24 I will smite down his foes before his face
and plague them that hate him.
25 My truth also and my mercy shall be with him
and in my Name shall his horn be exalted.
26 I will set his dominion also in the sea and his right hand in the floods.
27 He shall call me, Thou art my Father my God, and my strong salvation.
28 And I will make him my first-born higher than the kings of the earth.
29 My mercy will I keep for him for evermore
and my covenant shall stand fast with him.
30 His seed also will I make to endure for ever
and his throne as the days of heaven.
31 But if his children forsake my law and walk not in my judgements;
32 If they break my statutes, and keep not my commandments
I will visit their offences with the rod, and their sin with scourges.
33 Nevertheless, my loving-kindness will I not utterly take from him
nor suffer my truth to fail.
34 My covenant will I not break, nor alter the thing that is gone out of my
lips I have sworn once by my holiness, that I will not fail David.
35 His seed shall endure for ever and his seat is like as the sun before me.
36 He shall stand fast for evermore as the moon
and as the faithful witness in heaven.

Please stand and sing the concluding Gloria