WE GATHER IN THE GRACE OF GOD

PRELUDE

What a Friend We Have in Jesus

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WELCOME

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INTROIT

Ave Verum Corpus

Elgar

Ave verum corpus natum ex Maria Virgine, vere passum, immolatum in cruce pro homine, cujus latus perforatum vero fluxit et sanguine, esto nobis praegustatum mortis in examine. O clemens, O pie, O dulcis Jesu, Fili Mariae.

* Those who are able are requested to stand

Please silence all electronic devices.
* CALL TO WORSHIP

Come one and all to meet God here.
Let all who are suffering find hope in this place.
We have come that God might raise us up.
Our only hope is in the Maker of heaven and earth.
Come, all who are weary and oppressed.
God offers relief and enlists our mutual helpfulness.
God hears our prayers and answers us.
God equips us to be helpful to one another.
Come together to sing songs of praise to God.
Give thanks for God’s wondrous deeds.
God’s glory abides in this place of worship.
God’s presence and help are real.

* INVOCATION PRAYER

May all your people find favor with you this day,
God of majesty and power.
Turn our sorrow to gladness and our mourning into a holiday,
a holy day, in which to praise you
and find ways to help those less fortunate than ourselves.
Lift us from our daily preoccupations that we may pray with earnest intent,
both to thank you and to be changed by you.
Let our prayers be powerful and effective.
May our worship be alive and life-changing.
May the service we extend find favor in your eyes, blessed God.
Amen.

* HYMN #793

O Christ, the Healer

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1 O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for
2 From every ailment flesh endures our bodies
3 How strong, O Lord, are our desires, how weak our
4 In conflicts that destroy our health we recog-
5 Grant that we all, made one in faith, in your com-

Hearing loop installed. Switch hearing aid to T-coil
CALL TO CONFESSION

Confess your sins to one another,
and pray for one another,
so you may be healed.
Prayers of the righteous are powerful and effective.
We seek right relationship with God
that empowers our prayers and our service.
Let us join our voices in the corporate prayer of confession,
followed by time for personal silent confession.
* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

All-powerful God,
we confess our devious ways.
Even when prayers for others are on our lips,
we seek ways to secure our own advantages.
We put our trust in things we can accumulate
rather than aligning ourselves with your will and way.
Our behavior creates enemies and multiplies divisions among your people.
Then we want you to side against those who are different from us.
We confuse our preferences with your intentions.
O God, we need healing,
but we are afraid to lose the illusions of control that are so much a part of us.
We fear the very changes that would give us integrity.
Help us, gracious God.

(moment of silent confession)

* KYRIE ELEISON

John Merbecke

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

* ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

The snares that entrap us are broken.
Our help is in the name of God, who made heaven and earth.
Prayers of faith make a difference.
They are powerful and effective.
We are changed in the hands of a loving God.
We have much to give, beginning with the simplest of gifts,
like a cup of cold water offered to one who is thirsty.
Praise God, who is transforming us.

Thanks be to God.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

May the peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.
Let us offer a sign of peace to one another.

* GLORIA #581

Glory be to the Father
GREATOREX

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.

OFFERTORY INVITATION

Please be seated.
Like salt that enhances the flavor of food,
Christians are called to share the joy and gladness
we are discovering in our relationship with Jesus Christ.
The good news is extended through our support of the church and its ministries.
When I Survey The Wonderous Cross

When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died, My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.  

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, Save in the death of Christ my God! All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.  

See from His head, His hands, His feet, Sorrow and love flow mingled down! Did e’er such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown?  

Were the whole realm of nature mine, That were a present far too small; Love so amazing, so divine, Demands my soul, my life, my all.

* DOXOLOGY #607

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise Christ, all people here below; praise Holy Spirit evermore; praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

Let us pray together: We dedicate ourselves and our offerings to the work of your church. For those who are sick, who are suffering, who are grieving, who are lost, we have words of hope and acts of caring. We stand with all who face discrimination, oppression, and confusion, seeking to work with them for justice and a meaningful existence. As you have accepted us, we reach out to include all your children in the family of mutuality, self-revelation, and growing in love. Amen.

* OFFERTORY RESPONSE

All things come of Thee, O Lord, and of Thine own have we given Thee. Amen.
WE LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Come, Holy Spirit, giver of life;
breathe into us that we may hear a word of truth this day.
Draw us into communion,
enable us to love,
conspire to make us one with You
for the world You so deeply love. Amen.

THE READINGS

Psalm 3 (Sung by all)

O Lord, how many are my foes!
How vast their legions round me press!
From ev'ry side, their threats deride,
And work to shake my faithfulness.

But You, O Lord, remain my shield,
My glory and Redeemer still;
I cry to You, who answers me
Steadfastly from Your holy hill.

My eyes are closed, I sleep in peace,
Assured that I again will wake;
When arms shall raise, I'll give You praise,
Rejoicing for Your mercy's sake.

Arise, O Lord, deliver me
From all who would my life assail;
Your blessing sure will long endure,
And righteousness at last prevail.

Epistle

James 5:13-16(NRSV Updated Version)

Are any among you suffering? They should pray. Are any cheerful? They should sing songs of praise. Are any among you sick? They should call for the elders of the church and have them pray over them, anointing them with oil in the name of the Lord. The prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise them up, and anyone who has committed sins will be forgiven. Therefore confess your sins to one another and pray for one another, so that you may be healed. The prayer of the righteous is powerful and effective.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

PASTOR’S MESSAGE

“Prayer of the Sinner”

Pastor Luke Choi
* THE NICENE CREED

We believe in one God,
the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth,
of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ,
the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father,
God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God,
begotten, not made,
of one Being with the Father;
through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation
he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again
in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven
and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life,
who proceeds from the Father and the Son,
who with the Father and the Son
is worshiped and glorified,
who has spoken through the prophets.
We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic church.
We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins.
We look for the resurrection of the dead,
and the life of the world to come. Amen.

* LIGHTING OF CANDLES, PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD’S PRAYER

We ask all these things in the name of Jesus who taught us to pray...

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.
1 We come to you for healing, Lord, of
bod - y, mind, and soul, and pray that by your
spir - it's touch we may a - gain be whole.

2 As once you walked through an - cient streets and
reached toward those in pain, we know you come a -
among us still with power to heal a - gain.

3 You touch us through phy - si - cans' skills, through
nurs - es' gifts of care, and through the love of
faith - ful friends who lift our lives in prayer.

4 Through nights of pain and wake - ful - ness, through
days when strength runs low, grant us your gift of
pa - tience, Lord, your calm - ing peace to know.

5 We come to you, O lov - ing Lord, in
our dis - tress and pain, in trust that through our
nights and days your grace will heal, sus - tain.

Unlike many hymns on the theme of healing, this text appropriately includes the ministry of medical personnel as instruments of God's healing activity. It also acknowledges that illness is not limited to physical symptoms, but involves mental, emotional, and spiritual dimensions.
* BENEDICTION AND BLESSING

God sends us out with courage to face life’s evils.
We have insights to name the enemies we encounter.

**Sometimes we are our own worst enemies.**

**Sometimes perceived enemies can become friends.**

We are called to care for the uncaring world.
We are commissioned as lovers among the indifferent.

**As Christians, we cannot be apathetic.**

**The people we encounter are brothers and sisters.**

God is our helper, and Christ is our teacher.
Our prayers and our efforts will make a difference.

**God is with us wherever we go.**

**The maker of heaven and earth cares for us.**

* CHORAL RESPONSE

  Amen

  Gibbons

POSTLUDE

  Carol Ann

  Michael W. Smith

“My flesh and my heart may fail, but God is the strength of my heart and my portion forever.”

**Psalm 73:26**

*In Our Prayers*

We continue to keep in our prayers:

  Caroline Poirier, Jean English, Bruce Arnoff, Margaret Bell, Bonnie Savage-Farinacci, Greg, Bob and Gail Reid, Jackie Cole and family, the Griebel family

We pray for those struggling with illness, convalescing, homebound or in need.

**Names are generally removed after four weeks unless there is a continuing need.**
Announcing the OSC Spring Cleveland Orchestra Concert

This is the “All Mozart” Concert
When: Sunday, April 23, 2023 @ 3:00 PM.
Where: Severance Music Center
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