

The Communion Anthem

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KING'S LYNN, arr. D.H. Clark

Traditional English melody

Great God of earth and heaven whose Spirit is our breath, at Christmastime born human, at Easter shared our death: all generous, all loving, in whom all beauty thrives, forgive your sons and daughters the comfort of our lives! While refugees go homeless and die before they live, while children have no future, our apathy forgive! Where hope fades to depression, despair erodes the soul. Restore in us a passion to make the broken whole. Where hunger kills your people, injustice cries aloud, while weapons grow more lethal and only power stands proud, God of our flesh and fiber whose mercy does not cease, implant your mind within us, create a world for peace!

— text Shirley Erena Murray

*The Communion Response

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow,
Praise Christ, all creatures here below. Alleluia! Alleluia!
Praise Holy Spirit, Comforter,
One God Triune, whom we adore.
Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.**

LAAST UNS ERFREUEN

*The Closing Hymn No. 589

Let There Be Light, O God of Hosts
PENTECOST

*The Postlude and Recessional

*The Benediction



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The Worship of God

February 20, 2022

The Seventh Sunday After Epiphany

Welcome to our service at Northminster Church. We believe that true worship is an active experience for each worshipper. As we become aware of the presence of those seated near us – in their joy and sadness, their need and their plenty – let us enter into the realization that this hour provides for us an opportunity to encounter the Holy. We invite all to listen, pray and focus in preparation for the fullest possible experience of worship together.

At this time, please silence all electronic devices. Then, whether you are a long-time member or visiting for the first time, please sign and pass the attendance register on the inside aisle of each row so we can know of your presence with us this morning.

In accordance with Northminster's COVID Guidelines, we strongly recommend individuals continue mask wearing, especially those immune-compromised and unvaccinated individuals.

Gathering for Worship

The Preludes

10:45 a.m.

Psalm Prelude – Herbert Howells
Psalm 130:1 “Out of the depths have I called unto you, O God.”
Chorale Prelude on ST. ANN – C. Hubert H. Parry

The Chiming of the Hour

11:00 a.m.

The Welcome and Opportunities

The Call to Worship

One: We have gathered here to worship God. What is it that comprises our worship? How do we approach the God we worship? What offerings do we bring?

Many: God has told us the things that are good. Without them, our worship becomes meaningless.

One: How do our praise, our prayers, and our words find meaning?

Many: Our songs of praise lead us to work for justice and peace. Our prayer is to always love mercy and to care for all God's people and for the earth.

The stories we hear in the spoken word show us the way. We are sent forth to live out our lives in humbleness to God.

One: Here find soul strengthening grace to do this loving work without fear, without hesitation.

Many: Thanks be to God for the power of our corporate worship. These are the offerings we bring as we come before God.

All: Let us worship God.

*The Procession (*Please rise in body or in spirit as the processional cross passes your row*)

*The Opening Hymn No. 573

Lead On Eternal Sovereign
LANCASHIRE

Listening for God in Word and Prayer

The Hebrew Lesson

One: Words which teach us how to live.

Many: Thanks be to God.

The Voluntary

The Pastoral Prayer

Rev. Sheila Sholes-Ross

Micah 6:8

*The Gospel Acclamation

Do justice, love mercy, walk humbly with our God. Glory be to you, O Christ.

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*The Gospel Lesson

One: Words of Justice spoken by Jesus.

Many: Thanks be to God.

Choir: *May these words light our path with justice and mercy as we humbly find our way to a more perfect love. Praise be to you, O Christ.*

Luke 11:42-44

The Anthem

Offertory

John Ness Beck

With what shall I come before the Lord, and bow myself before God on high? Shall I come before God with burnt offerings, with yearling calves? Will the Lord be pleased with thousands of rams, with ten thousand rivers of oil? Shall I give God my first born for my transgressions, the fruit of my body for the sin of my soul? God has shown you the way, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you but to do justice and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

-text from Micah 6:6-8

The Sermon

Our Purpose Must be Greater than Our Fears!

Rev. Sholes-Ross

The Hymn No. 590

(Stanza 1 - Choir Only, 2 & 3 - All)

Spirit of Jesus, If I Love My Neighbor

BENJAMIN

Sharing Holy Communion

The Invitation to Communion

The Prayer of Jesus (using 'trespasses')

The Sharing of Communion

The service of holy communion is a celebration of the presence of God and Christ among us. It is a feast of bounty for all. All are welcome here. To provide a setting which maintains the reverence of this celebration as well as a place where everyone feels safe, as you leave your seat, we continue to recommend you be masked. You will be directed to the side aisle nearest the pulpit. The servers will place the elements into your open palms. Move to the table on the lectern side, while socially distanced, remove your mask to consume the elements, place the cup in the bowl, and return to your seat.

*Please rise, if able.