

CALVARY PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
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PRELUDES –

Bread of the World in Mercy Broken
Meditation from “Thais”

setting James Mansfield
Massenet

STRIKING OF THE BELL

WELCOME

HYMN 372 – O for a World, *see last page*

GATHERING PRAYER

CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION, *responsively*

**People: Holy God, you have given us everything;
and we have failed to respond with gratitude.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us your love;
yet we answer with empty actions.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us freedom;
yet we try to hide from your ways.
In Jesus Christ, you have given us new life;
even this precious gift we have not received in gratitude.
Have mercy on us, O God, we pray.**

(A time of silence for personal confession.)

Leader: In Jesus Christ, give us the faith and power
to become what you created us to be:
beloved children, full of grace and truth. Amen.

KYRIE ELEISON – Lord, Have Mercy upon Us

J. Christopher Pardini

ASSURANCE OF GOD’S FORGIVENESS

PASSING THE PEACE OF CHRIST, *responsively*

Leader: May the Peace of Christ be with you all.
People: And also with you.

TIME WITH YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READING

John 15:1-5, New Revised Standard Version

For our Scripture reading, we turn to the Gospel of John, chapter 15. Hear the word of God.

Jesus said:

"I am the true vine, and my Father is the vinegrower. ²He removes every branch in me that bears no fruit. Every branch that bears fruit he prunes to make it bear more fruit. ³You have already been cleansed by the word that I have spoken to you. ⁴Abide in me as I abide in you. Just as the branch cannot bear fruit by itself unless it abides in the vine, neither can you unless you abide in me. ⁵I am the vine, you are the branches. Those who abide in me and I in them bear much fruit, because apart from me you can do nothing."

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

SERMON – The Vine and Branches

ANTHEM – Raise a Hallelujah

Stevens/Helser/Helser/Skaggs

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

SANCTUS – Holy, Holy, Holy

Per Harling

LORD'S PRAYER, *all together*

**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.**

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

RECEIVING OF HOLY COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER HOLY COMMUNION, *responsively*

Leader: Lord God,
in gratitude, for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as renewed people
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.

**People: Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.**

Leader: So Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
And now may the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ...
Amen.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE – Glory to God

David Paxton

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O for a World

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The musical score is written for voice and piano. It features a treble clef with a key signature of one sharp (F#) and a 3/4 time signature. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The piano accompaniment consists of chords and simple rhythmic patterns in the bass line. The lyrics are arranged in two stanzas, with the first stanza having five lines and the second stanza having five lines. The music ends with a double bar line.

1 O for a world where ev - ery - one re - spects each oth - er's ways,
2 O for a world where goods are shared and mis - er - y re - lieved,
3 We wel - come one world fam - i - ly and strug - gle with each choice
4 The poor are rich; the weak are strong; the fool - ish ones are wise.
5 O for a world pre - par - ing for God's glo - rious reign of peace,
where love is lived and all is done with jus - tice and with praise.
where truth is spo - ken, chil - dren spared, e - qual - i - ty a - chieved.
that o - pens us to u - ni - ty and gives our vi - sion voice.
Tell all who mourn: out - casts be - long, who per - ish - es will rise.
where time and tears will be no more, and all but love will cease.

Everything longed for in this text is a reminder of how far our present world is from what God wants. Yet this is not just wishful thinking; it is a call to action, a summons to participate in the fulfillment of God's desire for all earth's people to live in radical *shalom*.

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