



MINUTE FOR MISSION

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CALL TO CONFESSION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God, we look around us at the world, at our nation, our communities, our families, and we acknowledge the presence of conflict, pain and suffering. These all affect our lives at one time or another. We know that we can lessen the pain when we reach out to those who are hurting, and when we look for ways to bring restoration and healing where there is brokenness. We confess that there are times when we fail to recognize the suffering and needs of others and so forget to share your love revealed so clearly in Jesus. Forgive us when we happily accept the blessings of life while neglecting to serve as he served - with unconditional love, humility and compassion. Forgive us where we are weak and when we fail, and empower us with your Spirit to be strong yet gentle bearers of your love and compassion through our words, our actions and our lives. This we pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

PRAYERS OF SILENT AND INDIVIDUAL CONFESSION

WORDS OF ASSURANCE

Leader: The God who calls us is the God who created us; the God who formed us is the God who forgives us. We are God's new creation. Believe the Good News!

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

\* RESPONSE

Hymnal No. 106, Verse 1

Alleluia No. 1

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give thanks to the risen Lord.*

*Alleluia, Alleluia! Give praise to his name.*

*Jesus is Lord of all the earth.*

*He is the King of creation.*

*Alleluia...*

## \* EXCHANGE OF PEACE

Leader: Let us open our hearts to one another as Christ has opened his heart to us, and God will be glorified.

*People: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.*

(Exchange Signs of Reconciliation and the Peace of Christ with your neighbor - e.g., *“The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.”*

Response - *“And also with you.”*)

## TIME WITH CHILDREN

*+ Children and Middle School Youth leave for their classes.  
High School Youth remain for worship. +*

\* HYMN 155

Rejoice, the Lord Is King

*Darwall's 148th*

## THE WORD

FIRST LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

SECOND LESSON

John 17:1-11

SERMON

“Retrospectives”

Rev. Richard S. Hong

## \* NICENE CREED

We believe in one God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and of all things visible and invisible;

And in one Lord Jesus Christ, the only-begotten Son of God, begotten of the Father before all worlds, God of God, Light of Light, Very God of Very God, begotten, not made, being of one substance with the Father by whom all things were made; who for us men, and for our salvation, came down from heaven, and was incarnate by the Holy Spirit of the Virgin Mary, and was made man, and was crucified also for us under Pontius Pilate. He suffered and was buried, and the third day he rose again according to the Scriptures, and ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of the Father. And he shall come again with glory to judge both the quick and the dead, whose kingdom shall have no end.

And we believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life, who proceedeth from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son together is worshiped and glorified, who spoke by the prophets. And we believe one holy catholic and apostolic church. We acknowledge one baptism for the remission of sins. And we look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

OFFERTORY      Benedictus (from “Mass, Op. 150”)      Joseph Jongen

*Benedictus qui venit in nomine Domine. Hosanna in excelsis.*

*Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

\* THE DOXOLOGY WITH ALLELUIAS      *Lasst uns erfreuen*

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;*

*Praise God all creatures here below, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

*Praise God above, ye heavenly host.*

*Creator, Son and Holy Ghost, Alleluia, Alleluia*

*Alleluia, Alleluia, Alleluia!*

PASTORAL PRAYER

## THE CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

THE INVITATION

THE GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Pastor:      The Lord be with you.

*People:      And also with you.*

Pastor:      Lift up your hearts.

*People:      We lift them to the Lord.*

Pastor:      Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

*People:      It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Pastor:      Eternal and ever-living God...

... who forever sing to the glory of your name.

SANCTUS 581 (choir and congregation)

Joseph Roff

Pastor: Holy God, in Your mercy . . .

. . . Let us proclaim the mystery of faith:

*People: Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.*

Pastor: We take this bread and wine and joyfully celebrate this Holy Sacrament. . . . And now, with the confidence of the children of God, let us pray:

*People: 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.*

## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

*Listen! I am standing at the door, knocking; if you hear my voice and open the door, I will come in to you and eat with you, and you with me. —Revelation 3:20*

All who trust in Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior are invited to participate in this celebration.

**BREAD:** To be taken individually, symbolic of your personal commitment to God through Jesus Christ.

**CUP:** Please wait until all are served, symbolic of your corporate belonging together in the body of Christ. Grape juice is the fruit of the vine used in our celebration of the sacrament.

## ANTHEM

Domine Deus (from “Gloria”)

John Rutter

*Domine Deus, Rex caelestis, Deus Pater omnipotens.*

*Domine Fili unigenite, Jesu Christe,*

*Domine Deus, Agnus Dei, Domine Jesu, Filius Patris.*

*Qui tollis peccata mundi, Miserere nobis.*

*Sucipe deprecationem nostram.*

*Qui sedes ad dexteram Patris. Miserere nobis.*

*Lord God, heavenly king, almighty God and Father.*

*Lord Jesus Christ, only-begotten Son of the Father.*

*Lord God, Lamb of God. Lord Jesus, Son of the Father.*

*You take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.*

*You are seated at the right hand of the Father, hear our prayer.*

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

### THE SENDING OUT

\* HYMN 416 Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation Westminster Abbey

\* BENEDICTION

\* CHORAL AMEN

POSTLUDE Outbursts of Joy (from “Ascension Suite”) Messiaen

*(Our worship ends with the conclusion of the Postlude. It is the custom of our church to remain seated. Those who wish to leave may do so.)*

#### NOTES ON THE MUSIC

The centennial of the birth of French organist-composer *Olivier Messiaen* is celebrated this year with many performances of his music. A devout Roman Catholic, he was interested in birdsong, ancient Greek music and new methods of expression. His *Ascension Suite* brings a mystical look at four scenes from the Ascension of Christ into Heaven. *Serene Alleluias* represents the heavenly song of souls around the throne of God. *Outbursts of Joy* is a toccata for full organ representing our joy at being reunited with Christ at the end of time.

The two choral anthems today are movements from the major works being presented at the choir and brass concert on Tuesday. Although scored for organ and 12-piece brass, these movements reflect quiet interpretations of their texts and are moments of serene beauty in the midst of otherwise very exuberant musical works.

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#### TODAY’S SCRIPTURE READINGS

Acts 1:6-14 (NRSV)

So when they had come together, they asked him, “Lord, is this the time when you will restore the kingdom to Israel?” <sup>7</sup>He replied, “It is not for you to know the times or periods that the Father has set by his own authority. <sup>8</sup>But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit has come upon you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth.” <sup>9</sup>When he had said this, as they were watching, he was lifted up, and a cloud took him out

of their sight. <sup>10</sup>While he was going and they were gazing up toward heaven, suddenly two men in white robes stood by them. <sup>11</sup>They said, “Men of Galilee, why do you stand looking up toward heaven? This Jesus, who has been taken up from you into heaven, will come in the same way as you saw him go into heaven.” <sup>12</sup>Then they returned to Jerusalem from the mount called Olivet, which is near Jerusalem, a sabbath day’s journey away. <sup>13</sup>When they had entered the city, they went to the room upstairs where they were staying, Peter, and John, and James, and Andrew, Philip and Thomas, Bartholomew and Matthew, James son of Alphaeus, and Simon the Zealot, and Judas son of James. <sup>14</sup>All these were constantly devoting themselves to prayer, together with certain women, including Mary the mother of Jesus, as well as his brothers.

### **John 17:1-11 (NRSV)**

After Jesus had spoken these words, he looked up to heaven and said, “Father, the hour has come; glorify your Son so that the Son may glorify you, <sup>2</sup>since you have given him authority over all people, to give eternal life to all whom you have given him. <sup>3</sup>And this is eternal life, that they may know you, the only true God, and Jesus Christ whom you have sent. <sup>4</sup>I glorified you on earth by finishing the work that you gave me to do. <sup>5</sup>So now, Father, glorify me in your own presence with the glory that I had in your presence before the world existed. <sup>6</sup>”I have made your name known to those whom you gave me from the world. They were yours, and you gave them to me, and they have kept your word. <sup>7</sup>Now they know that everything you have given me is from you; <sup>8</sup>for the words that you gave to me I have given to them, and they have received them and know in truth that I came from you; and they have believed that you sent me. <sup>9</sup>I am asking on their behalf; I am not asking on behalf of the world, but on behalf of those whom you gave me, because they are yours. <sup>10</sup>All mine are yours, and yours are mine; and I have been glorified in them. <sup>11</sup>And now I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to you. Holy Father, protect them in your name that you have given me, so that they may be one, as we are one.