

A SERVICE OF COVENANT RENEWAL AND BAPTISMAL REMEMBRANCE

Student Orientation Thursday, August 26, 2010, 9:35 am

PRELUDE

*OPENING SENTENCES

Leader Praise the Lord!
People **Praise, O servants of the Lord,
Praise the name of the Lord.**
Leader Blessed be the name of the Lord
From this time forth and for evermore!
People **From the rising of the sun to its setting
The name of the Lord is to be praised.**

*HYMN No. 100 "God Whose Love Is Reigning O'er Us"

LAUDA ANIMA

*LITANY OF THANKSGIVING

Let us give our thanks for all of God's mercies.

O God, our Covenant Friend,
You have been gracious to us through all the years of our lives.
**We thank you for your loving care,
Which has filled our days and brought us to this time and place.
We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have given us life and reason,
And set us in a world filled with your glory
**You have comforted us with family and friends,
And ministered to us through the hands of our sisters and brothers.
We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have filled our hearts with a hunger for you,
And given us your peace.
**You have redeemed us, and called us to a high calling in Christ Jesus.
You have given us a place in the fellowship of your Spirit
And the witness of your Church..
We praise your holy name, O God.**

You have been our light in darkness
And a rock of strength in adversity and temptation.
**You have been the very Spirit of joy in our joys
And the all-sufficient reward in all our labors.
We praise your holy name, O God.**

You remembered us when we forgot you.
You followed us even when we tried to flee from you.
**You met us with forgiveness when we returned to you.
For all your patience and overflowing grace,
We praise and bless your holy name, O God. Amen.**

PROCLAMATION

BLESSING THE WATER

This water is the outward and visible sign of our inclusion into the body of Christ. As we come to touch his water, we offer thanks for the salvation, cleansing and new life that was given to us in our baptism.

Let us pray: Pour out your Holy Spirit, and by this gift of water call to our remembrance the grace that was declared to us in our baptism. For you have washed away our sins and you clothe us with righteousness throughout our lives, that dying and rising with Christ we may share in his final victory

All praise to you eternal Father, through your Son, Jesus Christ, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns forever. Amen.

You are invited to come forward to one of the stations, touch the water, and if desired, touch your forehead with a moistened finger. You may wish to mark yourself with the sign of the cross. The liturgist will say to each member of the community "Remember your baptism and be thankful." Then laying hand on each member, the liturgist will offer this blessing, "The Holy Spirit work within you, that having been born of water and the spirit, you may continue to be a faithful disciple of Jesus Christ. Amen."

*HYMN No. 413

"A Charge to Keep I Have"

BOYLSTON

*WORDS OF BENEDICTION

The God of all grace who has called us to eternal glory in Christ, establish and strengthen you by the power of the Holy Spirit that you may live in grace and peace. In the name of the Father, Son and Holy Spirit, **Amen.**

Let us share with one another the signs of our unity in Christ. The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

The Peace is shared. The people depart.

Refreshments will be served on the lower level, and students are asked to report to Westbrook 0016 by 10:30am.

WORSHIP LEADERS

Liturgists: Rev Sally G. Bates, *Chaplain*

Rev Susan Pendleton Jones, *Director of Field Education*

Rev Paige Martin, *Assistant Director of Field Education*

Rev McKennon Shea, *Director of Admissions*

Ms. Sheila Williams, *Director of Financial Aid*

Rev Chris Brady, *Director of Student Life and Formation, and Special Asst. to the Dean*

Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric, *Assistant Research Professor of Theology and Hispanic Studies, and Director of the Hispanic Studies Program*

Dr. Lacey Warner, *Associate Dean for Academic Formation and Program, Associate Professor for the Practice of Evangelism and Methodist Studies, and the Royce and Jane Reynolds Teaching Fellow*

Rev Todd Maberry, *Registrar*

David Steenburg, *Staff Assistant to the Chaplain's Office and the Anglican Episcopal House of Studies*

Organist: Dr. David Arcus, *Duke Chapel Organist, Associate University Organist*

Special thanks to Dr. Edgardo Colon-Emeric for delivering the 2010 Conduct Covenant lecture.