

Divinity School Worship
York Chapel
March 26, 1998 at 11:00 am
A Service of Word and Communion

Prelude

Call to Worship:

Why are we gathered in this place?

We are gathered as the people of God to offer praise and thanksgiving to God, to confess our sin, to pray for the world, and to rededicate ourselves as God's servants.

Then let us join together in the worship of God, to whom belongs blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving and honor and power and might forever and ever

Hymn No. 102, "Now Thank We All Our God"

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession--

Almighty and most merciful God, we have strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the desires of our hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done; and there is little health in us. Have mercy on us, O God. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared in Jesus Christ. And grant, O most merciful God, for his sake, that we may hereafter live a godly, righteous, and sober life, to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon

Scripture-- Luke 19:1-10

Meditation-- "Now That Is A Good Meal!"

Prayers of the People

Invitation to the Table

Hymn No. 618, "Let Us Break Bread Together On Our Knees" (stanzas 1 and 2)

Words of Institution

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Distribution of Bread and Wine

[There are six communion stations. Worshipers will come forward in groups of 2 or 3, and will serve each other both the bread and the wine using such phrases as. "The body of Christ which is broken for you" and "The blood of Christ, shed for the forgiveness of sin." This is in keeping with a Baptist tradition which emphasizes that members of the Christian community serve communion to each other]

[Worshipers may, if able, choose to kneel when receiving the bread and wine.]

[During the sharing of Bread and Wine, the congregation will softly sing

Hymn No. 626, "Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence"

Hymn No. 628, "Eat This Bread"

Hymn No. 641, "Fill My Cup, Lord"]

Prayer of Commitment —

Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, have mercy on us. Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world, grant us your peace.

Most merciful God, take our hands which have held that which is holy, and work through them.

Take our lips, which have tasted the sings of the body and blood of our Lord, and speak through them.

Take our bodies, which have received the bread and wine, and make them fit temples for your Spirit.

Take our minds and mold them, that our thoughts may be your thoughts.

Take our hearts and fill them with your love, that we may truly love and serve you. Amen

Hymn No. 557 "Blest Be the Tie That Binds" (1st stanza)

Word of Dismissal and Blessing

Postlude

Worship Leaders:

David Arcus	Furman Hewitt
Chris Ingram	Kay Simpson
Sam Ewell	Steve Lewis
Lee Canipe	Olu Menjay
Mike Harper	

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