
York Chapel, Duke Divinity School

SERVICE OF WORD AND TABLE
Friday, December 10, 2004
Ten after Eight o'clock in the Morning

PRELUDE

*CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Leader: Give glory to the coming King.

All: Oh, come, let us worship him.

*OPENING HYMN

"Come Thou Long Expected Jesus"

UHM 196

HYFRYDOL

*OPENING PRAYER *(from the British Methodist Worship Book, 1999)*

God of all time and space, who are we that you should come to us?

Yet you have visited your people and redeemed us in your Son.

As we prepare to celebrate his birth,

Make our hearts leap for joy at the sound of your word

And move us by your Spirit to bless your wonderful works.

We ask this through him whose coming is certain, whose day draws near,

Even your Son, Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

MEDITATION

PRAYER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

PRAYER OF CONFESSION AND WORDS OF ASSURANCE *(British Methodist Worship Book)*

Holy and forgiving God, we have sinned against you and each other

In thought, word and deed.

We have turned from your life-giving word,

And ignored the message of those you sent.

We are unprepared for the coming of your Son.

Have mercy upon us and forgive us, that strengthened by your love

We may serve you more faithfully; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

"I am making all things new," says the Lord. This is Christ's gracious word:

"Your sins are forgiven."

Amen. Thanks be to God!

PASSING THE PEACE

GREAT THANKSGIVING

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

CLOSING PRAYER

* CLOSING HYMN

"Love Divine, All Loves Excelling "

(to the tune HYFRYDOL)

Come, Almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
Suddenly return and never, nevermore thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above,
Pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.

Finish then, thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be.
Let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee;
Changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place.
Till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

* *All who are able please stand.*