

October 12, 2008

Worship at Eleven A.M.

Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Gathering Music

Prayer of Preparation

Almighty and everlasting God, who in Christ hast revealed thy glory among the nations: Preserve the works of thy mercy, that thy Church throughout the world may persevere with steadfast faith in the confession of thy Name; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who liveth and reigneth with thee and the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. *Amen.*

Welcome and Announcements

Minute for Mission - Stewardship

Martha Anderson

Prelude

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Henry Balcombe

Call to Worship

Leader: Our help is in the name of the Lord, who made heaven and earth. O come, let us worship and bow down: let us kneel before the Lord our Maker,

People: For He is our God; and we are the people of His pasture, and the sheep of His hand.

Leader: Praise be to God!

People: The Lord's name be praised!

*Hymn No. 332

Lead On, O King Eternal

*Invocation and The Lord's Prayer

A Time for Children

(CHILDREN, WORSHIP, AND WONDER CHILDREN EXCUSED ON THE FINAL STANZA OF THIS HYMN.)

A Time for Confession

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Lord Jesus Christ, forgive us when we fail to acknowledge with gratitude the blessings which you bestow on our lives. You gave your life so that we may have a fullness of life we could never attain on our own. We are ashamed to admit that there are times when we take the gift of your life for granted – times we pray only when we have needs to be met – times when gratitude is a rare commodity in our lives. Forgive us, we pray, and empower us to embrace with gratitude all of our life and not just the good things we like to remember. – Moira B. Laidlaw

Hear us as we say what must be said . . .

Assurance of Pardon

*Gloria Patri

The Hymnbook, p. 446

*Affirmation of Faith

“A Declaration of Faith”

Chapter 9, Section 1

Christ calls us to be disciples.

In forming his people and sending them into the world Jesus called individuals to be disciples.

They were to share the joy of his companionship, to understand and obey his teachings,
and to follow him in life and death.

We confess that Christians today are called to discipleship.

Life shared with Christ and shaped by Christ is God's undeserved gift to each of us.

It is also God's demand upon every one of us, never perfectly fulfilled by any of us.

Forgiven by God and supported by brothers and sisters,
we strive to become more faithful and effective in our daily practice of the Christian life.

*Hymn No. 195

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

Concerns

Morning Prayer

The Presentation of God's Tithes and Our Offerings

Offertory

Meditation on "Darwall's 148th"

Gilbert M. Martin

Ritual of Friendship

(Please sign the Friendship Pad and pass it along to others in your pew.)

*Doxology

The Hymnbook, p. 446

*Prayer of Dedication

Anthem

God So Loved the World

Bob Chilcott†

God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son,
that who-so believeth in Him should not perish but have everlasting life.

Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson

Romans 5:1-5

New Testament, p. 146

Sermon

"Is Now the Time to be Talking About Stewardship?"

Dr. George C. Anderson

*Hymn No. 326

Nearer, My God, to Thee

*Charge and Benediction

Choral Response

Postlude

Marche

Alexandre Guilmant

* Please stand if able

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