



Worship Service for September 11, 2022

Prelude Marshall Davies

Chiming of the Hour Judy Walden

Praise & Worship Celebration Congregation

Sing! # 78 "Gloria a Dios" / "Glory to God"

LEADER: ¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios,
Gloria en los cielos!

**ALL: ¡Gloria a Dios, gloria a Dios,
Gloria en los cielos!**

LEADER: ¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!

ALL: ¡A Dios la gloria por siempre!

¡Alleluya, amén! **Alleluya, amén!**

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¡Alleluya, amén! **Alleluya, amén!**

¡Alleluya, amén! **Alleluya, amén!**

Glory to God, glory to God

Glory in the highest!

Glory to God, glory to God

Glory in the highest!

To God be glory for ever!
To God be glory for ever!

Alleluia, amen! **Alleluia, amen!**
Alleluia, amen! **Alleluia, amen!**

Alleluia, amen! **Alleluia, amen!**
Alleluia, amen! **Alleluia, amen!**

Welcome

Pastor Mak

Centering Moment

Pastor Mak

Call to Worship

Judy

LEADER: From ancient times to this present day, people have gathered in sacred spaces like this one.

ALL: Moments of time fold together when we immerse ourselves in love and connection.

LEADER: We ask for Divine Love to be revealed to us in this gathering.

ALL: We open our spirits to the depth and breadth of Divine Presence.

LEADER: We listen for sacred whisperings and await holy joy to be written on our hearts.

ALL: Being truly ourselves, we come together in this eternal moment.

***Hymn**

Congregation

Sing! # 33 "There's a Spirit of Love In This Place"

There's a spirit of love in this place,
 There's a spirit of love in this place.
 You can't see it, but it's there,
 Just as precious as the air.
 There's a spirit of love in this place.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!
 We bless your holy name.
 O alleluia, sing alleluia!
 There's a spirit of love in this place.

There's the presence of peace in this room,
 There's the presence of peace in this room.
 In God's tenderness is found
 Peace that passes human bounds.
 There's the presence of peace in this room.

O alleluia, sing alleluia!
 We bless your holy name.
 O alleluia, sing alleluia!
 There's a spirit of love in this place.

Biblical Witness

Pastor Mak

The Gospel Of Matthew 4:1 - 13

Jesus was led up by the Spirit into the wilderness to be tempted by the devil. He fasted forty days and forty nights, and afterwards he was famished. The tempter came and said to him, "If you are the Son of God, command these stones to become loaves of bread." But Jesus answered, "It is written, 'One does not live by bread alone, but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' "

Then the devil took him to the holy city and placed him on the pinnacle of the temple, saying to him, "If you are the Son of God, throw yourself down; for it is written, 'He will command his angels concerning you,' and 'On their hands they will bear you up, so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.' " Jesus said to the tempter, "Again it is written, 'Do not put the Lord your God to the test.' "

Again, the devil took him to a very high mountain and showed him all the kingdoms of the world and their splendor; and he said to him, "All these I will give you, if you will fall down and worship me."

Jesus said, "Away with you, Satan! for it is written, 'Worship the Lord your God, and serve only God.' " Then the devil left him, and suddenly angels came and waited on him. Now when Jesus heard that John had been arrested, he withdrew to Galilee. He left Nazareth and made his home in Capernaum by the sea, in the territory of Zebulun and Naphtali.

Contemporary Witness

Judy

"I Was My Own Route" ("Yo Misma Fui Mi Ruta"),

by Julia de Burgos;

translated from the original Spanish by Jack Agueros

I wanted to be like men wanted me to be:

an attempt at life;

a game of hide and seek with my being.

But I was made of nows,

and my feet level on the promissory earth

would not accept walking backwards

and went forward, forward,

mocking the ashes to reach the kiss

of new paths.

At each advancing step on my route forward

my back was ripped by the desperate flapping wings

of the old guard.

But the branch was unpinned forever,

and at each new whiplash my look

separated more and more and more from the distant
familiar horizons;

and my face took the expansion that came from within,

the defined expression that hinted at a feeling

of intimate liberation;

a feeling that surged

from the balance between my life
and the truth of the kiss of the new paths.

Already my course now set in the present,
I felt myself a blossom of all the soils of the earth,
of the soils without history,
of the soils without a future,
of the soil always soil without edges
of all the men and all the epochs.

And I was all in me as was life in me...

I wanted to be like men wanted me to be:
an attempt at life;
a game of hide and seek with my being.
But I was made of nows;
when the heralds announced me
at the regal parade of the old guard,
the desire to follow men warped in me,
and the homage was left waiting for me.

Reflection

“Forward”

Pastor Mak

Special Music “Somos Pueblo Que Camina” Marcy & Terri
(We are People on a Journey)”

Pastoral Prayer

Pastor Mak

Unison Prayer

Pastor Mak & Congregation

Dominican Sisters Retreat

Our Father, Our Mother who are in all the earth, holy is your truth. May your wisdom come, your circle be one uniting heaven and earth. Give us today a nurturing spirit; heal through us as we ourselves are healed. Lead us into fullness of life and liberate all that is good. For the wisdom, the power and the glory presence and the goodness are yours. Now and Forever. Amen.

Invitation to Offering

Judy

Plymouth's General Fund &
"SOME - So Others Might Eat" - Loose Offering

Offertory Music

Marshall Davies

Doxology

Congregation

Praise God from whom all blessings flow
Praise God all creatures here below
Praise God for all that Love has done
Creator, Christ, and Spirit one
Amen.

Offertory Prayer

Judy

LEADER: It is a gift to be able to give something away.

ALL: We are called to be a part of something bigger than ourselves.

LEADER: Spirit of Love, look upon us now.

ALL: Bless these gifts; those we can see and those we cannot.

LEADER: May our hopes come true for the better world we dream of

ALL: As we work together in love.

***Hymn**

Congregation

TNCH # 436 "God of Grace and God of Glory" vs 1, 2, & 4

God of grace and God of glory,
On your people pour your power;
Crown your ancient church's story;
Bring its bud to glorious flower.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the facing of this hour,
For the facing of this hour. (1)

From the evils that surround us
And assail the Savior's ways,
From the fears that long have bound us
Free our hearts for faith and praise.

Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
For the living of these days,
For the living of these days. (2)

Set our feet on lofty places;
Gird our lives that they may be
Armored with all Christ-like graces.
In the fight to set us free.
Grant us wisdom, grant us courage,
In the quest for liberty,
In the quest for liberty. (4)

Benediction

Pastor Mak

by the Archbishop of San Salvador, Óscar Romero

Peace is not the product of terror or fear.

Peace is not the silence of cemeteries.

Peace is not the silent result of violent repression.

Peace is the generous,
tranquil contribution of all
to the good of all.

Peace is dynamism.

Peace is generosity.

It is right and it is duty.

Song Of Parting

Marshall Davies

Sing! 197 “La Paz Sea Contigo” (Peace Be With You)

La paz sea contigo
La paz sea contigo
May God’s peace be with you,
Now and forever
La paz sea contigo

El amor sea contigo
El amor sea contigo
May God’s love be with you,
Now and forever
El amor sea contigo

El espíritu sea contigo
El espíritu sea contigo
May God’s Spirit be with you
Now and forever
El espíritu sea contigo

Postlude

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