

LENTEN VESPERS
March 17, 2021

PRELUDE

“Siciliana” from Sonata in A minor

G.P. Telemann

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Brian K. Ballard

God of Glory,
we cannot hear the heavens proclaim your handiwork,
though the speech of the skies must be magnificent.
We cannot hear what day and night are singing about you,
though their song must be both bright and deep.
Yet, somehow you are made known to us
through our own foolish proclamation.
It is by the power of the Holy Spirit
that your Word can be heard in our words.

HYMN 727

Will You Let Me Be Your Servant

THE SERVANT SONG

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy God, you have called us to live before you
and with one another in all faithfulness.
Unable to live as you intend,
we inflict harm and hurt on others
and on ourselves as well.
Draw near to us now and hear our confession.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Merciful God,
we confess the folly of our sin and the hypocrisy
of our complaints.
We grumble about the evils in our world,
even as we commit injustices and profit through deceit.
We fret about the scarcity of resources
while hoarding earth's goods and cheating the poor.
We protest the problems of our world,
but we do not actively work to address them.
Merciful God, expose our sins before the light of your grace.
Heal our sin and free us from our foolish ways
that we may know the joy of eternal life in Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

Sisters and brothers, by the faith of Christ,
your sins are forgiven.
Now, you can extend your gift of forgiveness to others.
May you delight in the joy of your salvation.

THE PSALTER 690 God's Glory Fills the Heavens ST. PATRICK

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION Rebecca Kirkpatrick

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Corinthians 12:12-31

MEDITATION

MUSICAL MEDITATION "Andante" from Sonata in A minor G.P. Telemann

**PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION
AND THE LORD'S PRAYER** Brian Ballard

Our father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

BLESSING Rebecca Kirkpatrick

In the Lenten week ahead,
find time and space to attend to God's spiritual gifts
alive in you and to use them for the Body of Christ.
May God shine upon you,
Christ fill you with true wisdom and strength,
and the Holy Spirit guide you into all faithfulness,
now and forever.

POSTLUDE Improvisation Jeffrey Brillhart

WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS

Evan Ocheret, oboe
Annie Carruthers, soprano
Jeffrey Brillhart, organ



1, 6 Will you let me be your ser - vant, let me
 2 We are pil - grims on a jour - ney; we're to -
 3 I will hold the Christ - light for you in the
 4 I will weep when you are weep - ing; when you
 5 When we sing to God in heav - en, we shall



be as Christ to you? Pray that I may have the
 geth - er on the road. We are here to help each
 night - time of your fear. I will hold my hand out
 laugh I'll laugh with you. I will share your joy and
 find such har - mo - ny, born of all we've known to -



grace to let you be my ser - vant too.
 oth - er walk the mile and bear the load.
 to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
 sor - row till we've seen this jour - ney through.
 geth - er of Christ's love and ag - o - ny.

(repeat stanza 1)

Capo 3: (Em) (G) (Em) (Bm) (F#m) (D)
 Gm Bb Gm Dm Am F

1 God's glo - ry fills the heavens with hymns; the domed sky
 2 God's per - fect law re - vives the soul; its pre - cepts
 3 God's ser - vant may I ev - er be: this world my

(Bm) (Em) (Bm) (C) (G)
 Dm Gm Dm Eb Bb

bears the Mak - er's mark; new prais - es sound from
 make the sim - ple wise; its just com - mands re -
 joy, that word my guide. O cleanse me, Lord, from

(Em) (C) (Em) (C) (D) (Am)
 Gm Eb Gm Eb F Cm

day to day and ech - o through the know - ing
 joice the heart; its truth gives light un - to the
 se - cret sin: de - liv - er me from self - ish

(Em) (G) (Am) (E7) (Am) (E) (Am)
 Gm Bb Cm G7 Cm G Cm

dark. With - out a word their songs roll on; in - to all
 eyes. For - ev - er shall this law en - dure: un - blem - ished,
 pride. Ac - cept my thoughts and words and deeds: let them find

(D) (Em) (B) (C) (G)
 F Gm D Eb Bb

lands their voic - es run. And with a cham - pion's
 righ - teous, true, com - plete. No gold was ev - er
 fa - vor in your sight. For you a - lone can