

**LENTEN VESPERS**  
**March 24, 2021**

**PRELUDE**

Attende Domine – Choral paraphrase

Jeanne Demessieux

**WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP**

Franklyn C. Pottorff

Friends, confident in God's love and mercy,  
let us worship God in prayer and praise.

**Holy God, you created us in Christ Jesus  
for good works.**

Help those who profess faith in Christ to do good  
in the world,

**Following the way of life you have prepared  
for those who believe in him**

**HYMN 693**

Though I May Speak

GIFT OF LOVE

**CALL TO CONFESSION**

This is the judgment, that the light has  
come into the world,  
for people loved darkness rather than light  
because their deeds were evil.

Let us uncover our sin before the liberating  
light of Christ.

**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**

Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world  
to condemn the world,  
but in order that the world might be saved through him.  
In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven.  
Thanks be to God.

**THE PSALTER** 813

God, My Help and Hiding Place

TOKYO

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**

Rachel Pedersen

**NEW TESTAMENT READING**

1 Corinthians 13:1-13

**MEDITATION**

**MUSICAL MEDITATION**

A Hymn for Lent

Alec Wyton

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

Franklyn C. Pottorff

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**

Rachel Pedersen

Friends, we have received the immeasurable riches  
of God's grace in love toward us in Christ Jesus.  
Go forth to share this gift of love with others.  
May the love of God,  
the grace of Christ,  
and the light of the Spirit  
bless you and keep you in the way of truth.

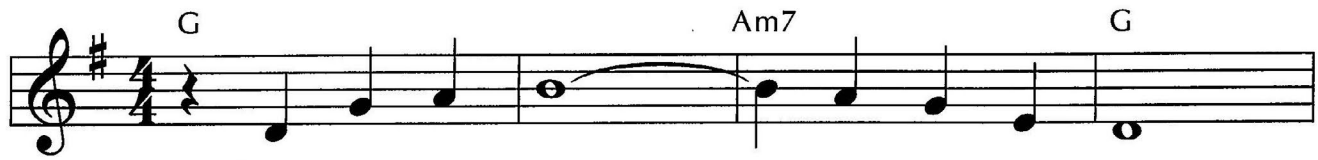
**POSTLUDE**

Hosanna Filio David – Choral Fugue

Jeanne Demessieux

## **WORSHIP SERVICE MUSICIANS**

Misoon Ghim, mezzo soprano  
Edward Landin Senn, organ



1 Though I may speak with brav - est fire,  
 2 Though I may give all I pos - sess,  
 3 Come, Spir - it, come, our hearts con - trol;



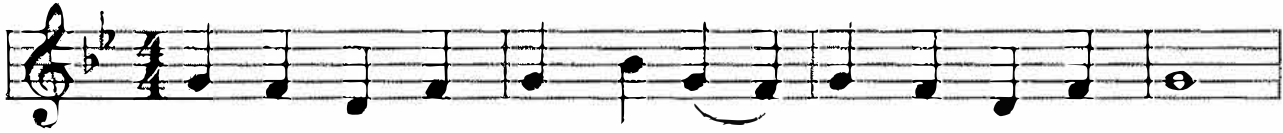
and have the gift to all in - spire,  
 and striv - ing so my love pro - fess,  
 our spir - its long to be made whole.



and have not love, my words are vain,  
 but not be given by love with - in,  
 Let in - ward love guide ev - ery deed;



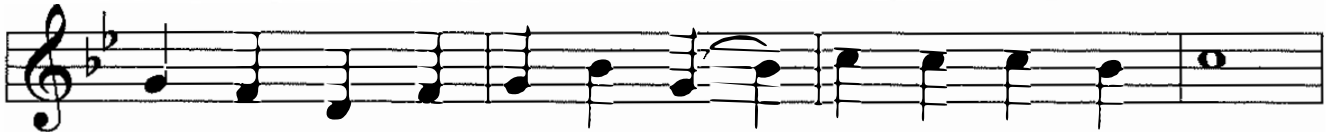
as sound - ing brass, and hope - less gain.  
 the prof - it soon turns strange - ly thin.  
 by this we wor - ship, and are freed.



1 God, my help and hid - ing place, res - cue me from shame.  
 2 From my youth I praised your name, trust - ing you to save.  
 3 Let me live to teach the young what your love can do,



Be my strength as I grow old; come and clear my name.  
 Now that I am turn - ing gray, lift me from the grave.  
 so may peo - ple yet to come place their trust in you.



False ac - cus - ers seek my life, think - ing you have left,  
 God, my ref - uge and my rock, hide me now. Make haste!  
 Show once more that you are God: raise me from de - spair!



leav - ing me with no de - fense, help - less and be - reft.  
 Deal with those who wish me harm; may they be dis - graced.  
 Then my soul will sing your name, praise your stead - fast care.