

Scriptural Meditation

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice,
and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God?

Micah 6:8

~Gathering the Family of God~

The Peal of Our Church Bell

Welcome

Greeting One Another with the Peace of Christ

Prelude *Meditation on 'Slane'*

arr. by L. Shackleton

Call to Worship

One: Come, bring your hopes and dreams to Jesus.

All: We come to him, wanting to follow his ways.

One: The way of God is Love.

All: The way of Christ is Peace and Hope.

One: Open our eyes, Lord, to see
the wondrous ways in which you touch our lives.

**All: Open our spirits, Lord, to discern
what you would have us do to serve you.**

Prayer of Invocation

***Gathering Song** *Be Thou My Vision*

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***Prayer of Reconciliation**

Let us remain standing and express ourselves to God

All: Lord, we often look for you in the wrong places. We worry about things we cannot change. We wonder if you are even there at all. For all the times we have doubted you, Lord, forgive us. Do not be far from us, Lord. Renew our hearts and help us put our trust in you. Amen.

***A Time for Contemplation** (a private time for you and God)

***Assurance of Forgiveness**

One: There is no wrong that God cannot make right.
There is no chasm that can separate us from God's love.
The Lord is patient and kind, generous and good.
God will not forsake you or leave you.
Turn to the Lord with confidence and
put your faith in God's great mercy.
By the power of Jesus Christ, we are made whole again.
Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

***Gloria Patri**

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**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end.
Amen, amen.**

God's Word for Little Ears

~Hearing God's Word~

Prayer for Understanding God's Word

One: Let us listen attentively to Holy Scripture for as the author of Hebrews writes:
"The word of God is alive . . . and nothing can be hid from God. We are all laid bare to
the One to whom we must render an account of our actions." Listen attentively so as to
live.

All: Amen.

Old Testament Lesson

A Responsive Reading

(see insert)

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem

Take My Life That I May Be

J. Aaron McDermid

Take my life, that I may be
Consecrated, Lord to thee;
Take my moments and my days;
Let them flow ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move
At the impulse of they love;
Take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing
Always, only, for my King;
Take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages from thee.

Take my will and make it thine;
It shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
It shall be they royal throne. Amen.

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New Testament Epistle

Hebrews 4:12-16

p. 220

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Gospel Lesson

Mark 10:17-31

p. 46

One: The Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God

Message

Inquiring Minds Want to Know

Pastor Kim Nelson

~Responding to God's Word~

***Affirmation of Our Faith**

Let us stand and affirm our faith.

All: We believe that God is present in the darkness before dawn; in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands, conflict and caring link arms, and the sun rises over barbed wire. We believe in a with-us God who sits down in our midst to share our humanity. We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place; into action, into vulnerability and into the streets. We commit ourselves to work for change and to put ourselves on the line; to bear responsibility, take risks, live powerfully and face humiliation; to stand with those on the edge; to choose life and be used by the Spirit for God's new community of hope. Amen.

[Based on the Affirmation of Faith from the Iona Abbey]

Invitation to Become a Joyful Giver

Giving of our Tithes and Offerings & Friendship Pad

Please take a moment to sign your name and contact information in the pew pad.

Offertory

Larghetto

by I. Cirri

***Doxology**

Praise God From Whom All Blessings Flow

All: Praise God from whom all blessings flow;

Praise God, all creatures here below: Alleluia! Alleluia!

Praise God above, ye heavenly host, Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost:

Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

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***The Prayer of Dedication**

Prayers of the People followed by Pastoral Prayer

The Lord's Prayer

All: 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 debts, as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Sung Prayer Response

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,

When I call, answer me,

O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer,

Come and listen to me. (Repeat)

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~Going Forth to Serve God~

Life in Our Church Community

***Song of Sending Forth**

Seek Ye First

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***Benediction (Respond with Amen)**

May God bless you with discomfort at easy answers, half truths, and superficial relationships, so that you may live deep with your heart. **Amen.**

May God bless you with anger at injustice, oppression, and exploitation of people, so that you may work for justice, freedom, and peace. **Amen.**

May God bless you with tears to shed for those who suffer from pain, rejection, starvation and war, so that you may reach out your hand to comfort them and to turn their pain into joy. **Amen.**

May God bless you with enough foolishness to believe that you can make a difference in this world, so that you can do what others claim cannot be done. **Amen.**

Franciscan Blessing

***Postlude**

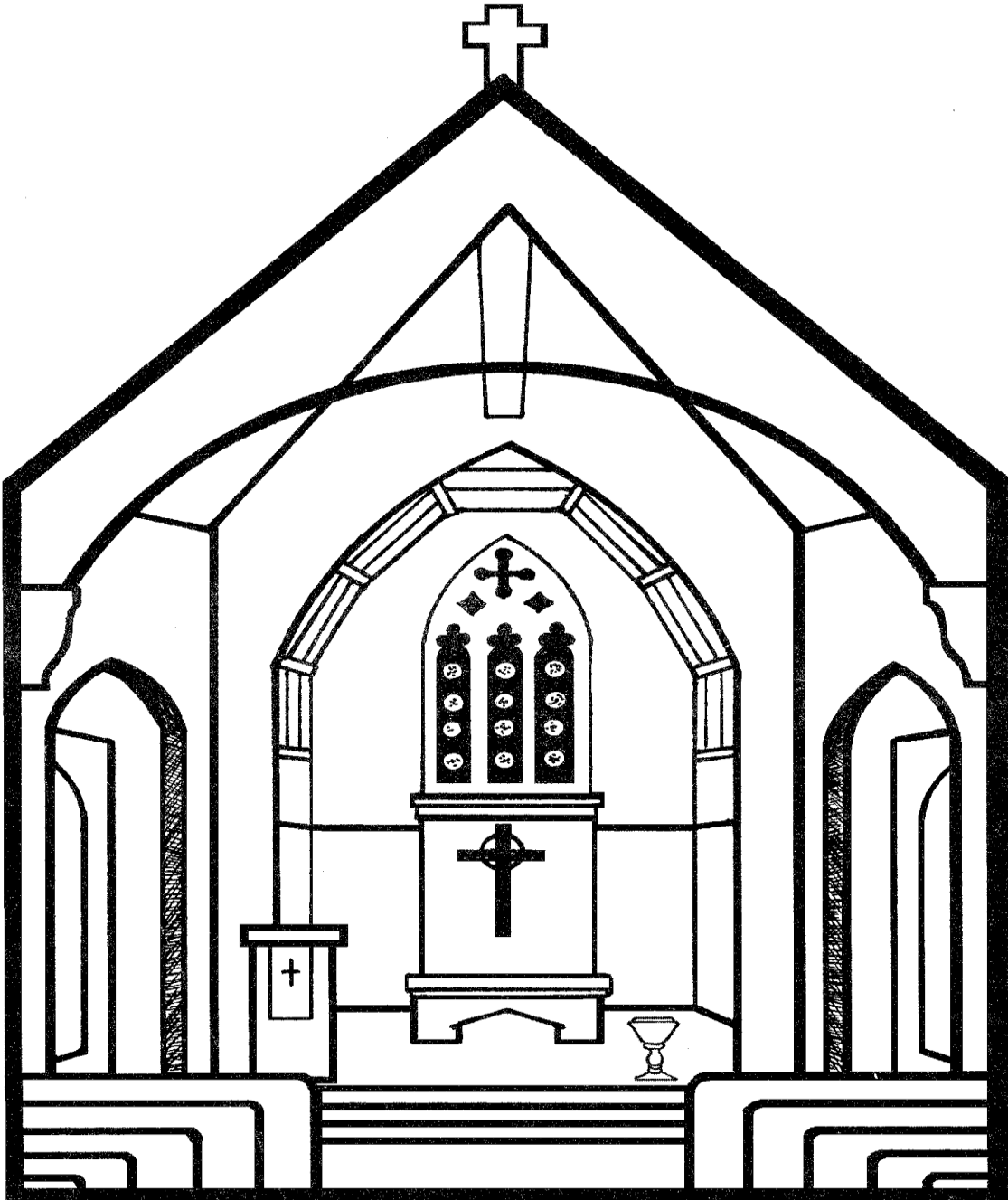
Toccata in Seven

by John Rutter

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***Please stand, if you are able.**

Electronic aid for the hearing impaired is available from the usher.



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