

Great is the mystery of faith:
**Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.**

Gracious God,
pour out your Holy Spirit upon us... Through Christ,
all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father,
with the Holy Spirit in the holy church,
now and forever. **Amen.**

**THE LORD'S PRAYER
BREAKING OF THE BREAD
COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

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Setting by Robert Hebble

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

One: God of compassion,
through your Son Jesus Christ
you reconciled your people to yourself.
Following his example of prayer and fasting,
may we obey you with willing hearts
and serve one another in holy love;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
All: Amen.

***HYMN 83** - *O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High*

DEO GRACIAS

BLESSING AND CHARGE

One: May the God of peace
make you holy in every way
and keep your whole being -
spirit, soul, and body -
free from every fault
at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.
All: Amen.

ALL DEPART IN SILENCE

**MORRISVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
ORDER OF WORSHIP
Ash Wednesday**

February 17, 2010

7:30 pm

GATHERING

**THE SERVICE BEGINS IN SILENCE TO ALLOW FOR
PRIVATE MEDITATION, CONFESSION AND PRAYER**

CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 42:5; 124:8

One: Our help is in the name of the LORD,
All: who made heaven and earth.
One: Why are you cast down, O my soul,
and why are you disquieted within me?
**All: Hope in God; for we shall praise him,
our help and our God.**

***HYMN 370** - *Just as I Am, Without One Plea*

WOODWORTH

LITANY OF PENITENCE

One: Let us pray.
All: Holy and merciful God, we confess to you and to one another, and to the whole communion of saints in heaven and on earth, that we have sinned by our own fault in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done, and by what we have left undone.
One: We have not loved you with our whole heart, and mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not forgiven others as we have been forgiven.
All: Have mercy on us, O God.
One: We have not listened to your call to serve as Christ served us. We have not been true to the mind of Christ. We have grieved your Holy Spirit.
All: Have mercy on us, O God.
One: We confess to you, O God, all our past unfaithfulness: The pride, hypocrisy, and impatience in our lives,
All: we confess to you, O God.
One: Our self-indulgent appetites and ways and our envy of those more fortunate than ourselves,
All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts, and our dishonesty in daily life and work,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Our negligence in prayer and worship, and our failure to nurture the faith that is in us,

All: we confess to you, O God.

One: Accept our repentance, O God, for the wrongs we have done. For our neglect of human need and suffering and our indifference to injustice and cruelty,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For the way we judge people, for uncharitable thoughts toward our neighbors, and for our prejudice and contempt toward those who differ from us,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: For our waste and pollution of your creation and our lack of concern for those who come after us,

All: accept our repentance, O God.

One: Restore us, O God, and let your anger depart from us.

All: Forgive us, O God, for your mercy is great.

SILENCE

DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Isaiah 58:1-12 (Old Testament, page 647)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

ANTHEM

This Sanctuary of My Soul
Women's Ensemble

Eleanor Daley

GOSPEL LESSON: Matthew 6:1-6, 16-21 (New Testament pages 5-6)

One: This is the Word of the Lord.

All: Thanks be to God.

MEDITATION

From Fast to Feast

Pastor Hancock

IMPOSITION OF ASHES

(The congregation is invited to come forward in two lines to receive the imposition of ashes.)

PRAYER

One: Accomplish in us, O God, the work of your salvation,

All: that we may show forth your glory in the world.

One: By the cross and passion of our Savior,

**All: bring us with all your saints to the joy of Christ's resurrection.
Amen.**

*HYMN 510 - *Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts*

QUEBEC

SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

GREAT PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy
to give you thanks and praise ... Therefore we praise you,
joining our voices with the heavenly choirs
and with all the faithful of every time and place,
who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

You are holy, O God of majesty,

And blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord...

Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving
as a living and holy offering of ourselves,
that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.