



Therefore, my beloved, be
steadfast, immovable, always
excelling in the work of the Lord,
because you know that in the
Lord your labor is not in vain.

~ 1 Corinthians 15:58

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Valley Community Presbyterian Church
8060 SW Brentwood, Portland, Oregon 97225

April 26, 2009 at 10:00 AM
Third Sunday of Eastertide

❖ *Please stand if you choose*
Bold Text is spoken by everyone

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

PRELUDE

Solemn Processional

Webber

ACOLYTES

Sophia Searce and Ty Searce

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

INTROIT

God of Love
Cherub Choir

❖ **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Liturgist, Beth Hurd

One: *We gather in worship mindful of the need of the world.
We remember the hungry, the friendless, the homeless, the
hopeless.*

All: But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

One: *We look out to the crowd ready, waiting, needing nurture, praying
that someone might show them the good news of G_d's love.*

All: But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

One: *We hear the voice of Jesus instructing us to break ourselves open,
to become vulnerable, available to the world around us, to trust in
G_d's promise of abundance.*

All: But we are only a few loaves and fishes. Are we enough?

One: *As we break ourselves open we discover the fount of living water
springing up within us, the bread of healing and peace kneaded in
our own hearts:*

All: There is enough, enough for us and all the world.

One: *Not only enough—more than enough.*

All: With baskets of leftovers spilling onto the ground!

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE

Come Away with Me

No. 2202

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Because we have always had enough to eat, O G_d, we have taken food for granted. We cannot really put ourselves in the place of those who have less than a handful of grain each day or lie awake at night with gnawing in their stomachs. Forgive us for the breads and cakes we enjoy while others hunger, and the meats and casseroles we devour while they die of starvation. Let us have mercy upon them as you have had mercy upon us. Let us find ways of sharing the bounty of your hand. Through Jesus Christ, who said, "Just as you did it to one of the least of these who are members of my family, you did it to me." Amen.

SILENT, PERSONAL PRAYER OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

One: *G_d has always shown mercy on those who themselves show mercy.*

All: **G_d will hear us if we earnestly repent and seek a better way.**

One: *For what does the Lord require of us, but to do justice, to love mercy,*

All: **And to walk humbly with our G_d. Amen.**

❖ RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you.

And also with you!

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

ANTHEM

Alleluia

Manuel

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 14:17-26

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.

Thanks be to God!

SERMON

Who is Guilty?

Pastor Minshew

PASTORAL PRAYER & THE LORD'S PRAYER (p. 16)

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *To G_d on High Alone Be Praised*

Bach

❖ **Doxology for Eastertide**

(sung to the tune "Praise G_d From Whom All Blessings Flow")

O Jesus, risen now to bless,

Do thou thyself our hearts possess,

That we may give you all our days

The willing tribute of our praise! Amen.

❖ **Prayer of Dedication**

O G_d, we thank you that Christ has entrusted us with the task of feeding your people. Make us faithful and courageous in our ministry of love and may we use these gifts to your glory. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ **HYMN**

The Strife Is O'er

No. 119

❖ **BENEDICTION**

❖ **CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Christ is Alive!

No. 108

(verses 1 and 5 only – please join in singing with the choir)

The time after the benediction is a time for hospitality. Please take this opportunity to make new friends and invite them to join you upstairs at coffee hour.