

HOLY COMMUNION / EPIPHANY 5 SUNDAY

February 6, 2022

Organ Prelude: Prelude and Fugue in D minor

J. S. Bach

Welcome, Announcements & Worship Theme

CALL TO WORSHIP:

“Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened.” (Luke 11: 9-10)

We come to worship as those who pray. In our praying we ask for things. In our praying we are sometimes searching for something. In our praying we are also, sometimes, knocking, hoping a door will open.

Is there a better way to ask, O God, or a better focus for our asking? Is there something better for us to seek after than what is often there in our minds and our hearts we're seeking for? Is there a door that has yet to be opened we don't know exists?

Come to us in this time of worship, O God. Enlighten us, speak to us and give us the courage to trust where you may take us if we're willing to go.

Let us worship God together!

Hymn: Sweet is the solemn voice

No. 444

1. Sweet is the solemn voice that calls
the Christian to the house of prayer;
I love to stand within its walls,
for you, O Lord, are present there.

3. How good to raise our common song!
Joining in holy praise and love,
we imitate the blessed throng,
uniting hearts and songs above.

2. I love to walk within the courts
where two or three for worship meet,
for it is there that Christ resorts
to make their holy bond complete.

4. Within these walls may peace abound;
may all our hearts in one agree,
and where we meet, where Christ is found,
may peace and concord ever be.

The Peace of Christ be with you all;
And also with you.

Children's Theme for Church School

Special Music: O Holy Spirit, by whose breath

9th century plainsong
harmonized by Healey Willan

Scripture Readings: Luke 11: 5-13; 22: 39-46

Luke 11: 5-13

5 And he said to them, 'Suppose one of you has a friend, and you go to him at midnight and say to him, "Friend, lend me three loaves of bread; ⁶for a friend of mine has arrived, and I have nothing to set before him." ⁷And he answers from within, "Do not bother me; the door has already been locked, and my children are with me in bed; I cannot get up and give you anything." ⁸I tell you, even though he will not get up and give him anything because he is his friend, at least because of his persistence he will get up and give him whatever he needs.

9 'So I say to you, Ask, and it will be given to you; search, and you will find; knock, and the door will be opened for you. ¹⁰For everyone who asks receives, and everyone who searches finds, and for everyone who knocks, the door will be opened. ¹¹Is there anyone among you who, if your child asks for a fish, will give a snake instead of a fish? ¹²Or if the child asks for an egg, will give a scorpion? ¹³If you then, who are evil, know how to give good gifts to your children, how much more will our heavenly Father give the Holy Spirit to those who ask for it!' Amen.

Luke 22: 39-46

39 He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. ⁴⁰When he reached the place, he said to them, 'Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.' ⁴¹Then he withdrew from them about a stone's throw, knelt down, and prayed, ⁴²'Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.' ⁴³Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. ⁴⁴In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground.]] ⁴⁵When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, ⁴⁶and he said to them, 'Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.'

We are listening, O God;
Speak to us!

Sermon:

PRAYING FOR THE HOLY SPIRIT

Dr. Harris

Special Music: Seek Ye first

K. Lafferty; arr. B. Nasmith

Invitation to the Lord's Supper

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving & the Lord's Prayer

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

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

Hosanna in the highest.

Christ has died!

Christ is risen!

Christ will come again! Hallelujah!

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, the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

Words of Institution

Sharing of Bread and Wine

Prayer after Communion:

Thank you for feeding us in this meal, O God. You have given us bread before we have asked for it and the wine of your fullness before we have sought for it. You have opened the door of our spirits to a larger foundation to live our lives than simply our own wits, wisdom and resources. May Jesus and his Spirit we call Holy, enter us anew as we have

partaken bread and wine. May his indestructible love broken and crushed yet risen into new life enter us as faith that new doors will always open for us. Give us eyes to see and ears to hear... We pray now and we will keep praying, in Jesus' name; Amen.

Hymn: Fire of God, O sacred flame

No. 395

1. Fire of God, O sacred flame,
Spirit who in splendor came,
let your heat my soul refine
till it glows with love divine.

4. Truth of God, your piercing rays
penetrate my secret ways.
May the light that shames my sin
guide me, holier paths to win.

2. Breath of God, that swept in power
in the pentecostal hour;
holy Breath, be now in me
source of vital energy.

5. Love of God, your grace profound
neither ages, nor is bound:
come, my heart's own guest to be,
dwell forevermore in me.

3. Strength of God, your might within
conquers sorrow, pain, and sin;
fortify from evil's art
all the gateways of my heart.

Benediction

Threefold Amen

Organ Postlude: Come down, O Love Divine

Bruce Nasmith