



The Community of Christ

Celebrating
New Art Work
in Santee Chapel

October 20, 1999

Service of Word & Sacrament

Prelude Patricia Huffman
Improvisation on "Slane" — Paul Manz
Deo Gratias — Philip Moore

Preparing the Space Sacred Movement Group

Greeting & Invocation Anabel Proffitt

Opening Hymn "Joyful, Joyful, We Adore You" #4

Story of the Art Work Peter Schmiechen

Litany of Thanksgiving Peter Schmiechen

Leader: Ever-creating God, we come before you to
offer praise for the beauty of your creation.
For color and design, for sound and sight, for
symbols that move us to praise:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: For artists and poets, musicians and
connoisseurs in our midst, whose artistry
enlivens our spaces, our minds, our lives:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: For the ways the good news of salvation
comes alive in the artistry of the different
gospel accounts, in artists' multiple renderings

of those stories, and in hymns that enable us
to sing the good news:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: For the creative impulse you have placed in
each one of us and for those who recognize it,
nurture it, and encourage us to create:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: For this institution, which celebrates the arts
in architecture, in worship, in classes, and
nurtures faculty and students' creativity:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: For persons whose generosity makes possible
the gift of art we celebrate today, that our
imaginations might be expanded by the gospel
vision:

People: We offer you thanks and praise.

Leader: God of truth and beauty, may our eyes and
ears, our minds and hearts, our hands and feet
be always attuned to the creativity of your
ever-present, ever-moving Spirit, that we may
participate in God's redeeming activity on
behalf of the world God so loves.

People: Amen.

Reflection on *Let them come* Anabel Proffitt
--Mark 10:13-16

Hymn "Little Children Welcome" #323

Reflection on *Do as I have done* Greg Carey
--John 13:1-17

Hymn "Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love" #498

Reflection on *All were filled* Belva Brown Jordan
--Matthew 14:13-21

Hymn "Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ" #347

Reflection on *You are my witnesses* Julia O'Brien
--Luke 24:1-10

Communion (see insert)

Closing Hymn "Because You Live, O Christ" #231

Benediction Anabel Proffitt

Postlude Patricia Huffman
Voluntary on "Vruechten" — Charles Callahan

*Special Thanks to Janet Brewer, soloist and the LTS Sacred
Movement Group led by Faith McCausland*

LITURGY FOR WORD AND SACRAMENT

CALL TO CONFESSION:

We come to this table.

We come with self-inflicted pains

Of broken trust and chosen wrong,

Half-free, half-bound by inner chains,

By social forces swept along,

By powers and systems close confined

Yet seeking hope for humankind

Together, let us confess our sin before God and one another:

Oh God, in love undiminished by generations of people and centuries of time, you care for us as deeply as those who strained to hear Jesus' gracious words and who yearned for his healing touch.

Forgive us, for we are slow to trust in your love, unchanged by all history. We have not claimed the ancient story of your love as our own. If we do not see ourselves as the blind, the broken, and the lost, neither can we see ourselves as those whom Jesus found, healed, and claimed as disciples. Have mercy upon us, O God.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON:

Great God, in Christ You call our name

And then receive us as your own

Not through some merit, right or claim

But by your gracious love alone.

We strain to glimpse your mercy seat

And find You kneeling at our feet.

Friends: Believe the good news of the Gospel!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Amen!

INVITATION

This table of bread and wine
 Is the table of company with Jesus.
 It is the table of sharing with the poor of the world,
 With whom Jesus identified himself.
 It is the table of communion with the earth
 In which Christ became incarnate.

So, come to this table,
 You who have much faith
 And you who would like to have more;
 And you who have been to this sacrament often,
 And you who have not been for a long time;
 You who have tried to follow Jesus,
 And you who have failed.
 Come.
 It is Christ who invites us to meet him here.

God be with you.
And also with you
 Lift up your hearts
We lift them to God.
 Let us give thanks to God most high
It is right to give God thanks and praise.

THE STORY OF THE LAST SUPPER

Blessed is our brother Jesus,
 Who walks with us the road of our world's suffering,
 And who is known to us in the breaking of bread.
 On the night of his arrest Jesus took bread
 And having blessed it
 He broke the bread
 and gave it to his disciples, saying
 "This is my body, given for you."
 In the same way he took wine
 And having given thanks for it,

He poured it out
 And gave the cup to his disciples, saying,
 "This cup is the new relationship with God,
 Sealed with my blood.
 Take this and share it.
 I shall drink wine with you next
 In the coming Kingdom of God."

COMMUNION PRAYER

Loving God,
 It is through your goodness that we have
 This bread and wine to offer,
 Which Earth has given and human hands have made.
 In the sharing of this bread,
 May we know your resurrection presence,
 And may we know that, in touching all bread, all matter,
 It is you that we touch.

PRAYER OF BLESSING

Hear us now, O Christ,
 And breathe your spirit upon us
 And upon this bread and wine.
 May they become for us your body,
 Vibrant with your life,
 healing, renewing, and making us whole.
 And as the bread and wine which we now eat and drink
 become a part of us,
 May we become a part of you,
 Bone of your bone, flesh of your flesh,
 Loving and caring in the world.

SHARING THE BREAD AND WINE

Look, the Body of Christ is broken
For the life of the world.
Here is Christ coming to us in bread and wine.
The gifts of God
For the people of God.

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING (UNISON)

**We give you thanks, almighty God
that you have refreshed us at your table
by granting us the presence of Jesus Christ.
Strengthen our faith,
increase our love for one another,
and send us forth into the world
in courage and peace,
rejoicing in the power of the Holy spirit;
through Jesus Christ our Savior, Amen.**