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***MORNING WORSHIP***

**Pentecost 24**

**Led by Rev. Ross Smith**

# ***The Gathering of the People of God***

## **Organ Prelude**

*Berceuse*

Louis Vierne (1870 - 1937)

*Please stand at the entry of the choir and clergy and remain standing for the...*

## **Greeting**

The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,  
and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with you.

**And also with you.**

## **Call to Worship**

**Hymn 596**      *Fill my whole life*      (Richmond)

## **Prayers of Adoration and Confession**

## **Declaration of Forgiveness**

...This is the Gospel.

**Thanks be to God.**

## Doxology 111 *Praise to the Lord!* (Lobe den Herren)

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me a - dore him!

All that has life and breath, come now with prai-ses be - fore him.

Let the A - men sound from his peo - ple a - gain:

glad - ly for e - ver a - dore him.

The image shows four staves of musical notation in 3/4 time, G major. The lyrics are written below the notes. The first staff ends with a double bar line. The second and third staves end with a double bar line. The fourth staff ends with a double bar line.

## Passing of the Peace

The peace of the Lord be always with you. **And also with you.**

*Congregational greeting and welcome to visitors and newcomers*

## ***The Service of the Word***

Your Word, O Lord, is a lamp to our feet: **A light to our path.**

## First Reading

*Ruth 3: 1-5, 4: 13-17*

**1** Naomi her mother-in-law said to her, "My daughter, I need to seek some security for you, so that it may be well with you. **2** Now here is our kinsman Boaz, with whose young women you have been working. See, he is winnowing barley tonight at the threshing floor.

**3** Now wash and anoint yourself, and put on your best clothes and go down to the threshing floor; but do not make yourself known to the man until he has finished eating and drinking. **4** When he lies down, observe the place where he lies; then, go and uncover his feet and lie down; and he will tell you what to do." **5** She said to her, "All that you tell me I will do."

**13** So Boaz took Ruth and she became his wife. When they came together, the Lord made her conceive, and she bore a son. **14** Then the women said to Naomi, "Blessed be the Lord, who has not left you this day without next-of-kin; and may his name be renowned in Israel! **15** He shall be to you a restorer of life and a nourisher of your old age; for your daughter-in-law who loves you, who is more to you than seven sons, has borne him." **16** Then Naomi took the child and laid him in her bosom, and became his nurse. **17** The women of the neighbourhood gave him a name, saying, "A son has been born to Naomi." They named him Obed; he became the father of Jesse, the father of David.

**Hymn 558**      *All praise to thee*      (Tallis' Canon)

*[based on Psalm 127]*

**Second Reading**      *Hebrews 9: 24-28*

**24** For Christ did not enter a sanctuary made by human hands, a mere copy of the true one, but he entered into heaven itself, now to appear in the presence of God on our behalf. **25** Nor was it to offer himself again and again, as the high priest enters the Holy Place year after year with blood that is not his own; **26** for then he would have had to suffer again and again since the foundation of the world. But as it is, he has appeared once for all

at the end of the age to remove sin by the sacrifice of himself. **27** And just as it is appointed for mortals to die once, and after that the judgment, **28** so Christ, having been offered once to bear the sins of many, will appear a second time, not to deal with sin, but to save those who are eagerly waiting for him.

## **Anthem**

### ***Blessed are the pure in heart***

*Text: John Keble (1792 - 1866)*  
*Music: Walford Davies (1869–1941)*

Blessed are the pure in heart. For they shall see our God; the secret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's abode. Still to the lowly soul he doth himself impart, and for his cradle and his throne chooseth the pure in heart.

## **Gospel Reading**

*Mark 12: 38-44*

**38** As he taught, he said, "Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and to be greeted with respect in the marketplaces, **39** and to have the best seats in the synagogues and places of honour at banquets! **40** They devour widows' houses and for the sake of appearance say long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation." **41** He sat down opposite the treasury, and watched the crowd putting money into the treasury. Many rich people put in large sums. **42** A poor widow came and put in two small copper coins, which are worth a

penny. **43** Then he called his disciples and said to them, "Truly I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all those who are contributing to the treasury. **44** For all of them have contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, all she had to live on."

May your word live in us:

**And bear much fruit to your glory.**

**Hymn 231**      *At the name of Jesus*      (Camberwell)

**Sermon**      *When Small is Great, and the Great is Small*

**Hymn 601**      *O Master, let me walk with thee*      (Maryton)

**Concerns of the Church**

**Prayers of the People**

*We stand to sing...*

# The Lord's Prayer

Albert H Malotte

Lento, religioso

Our Fa - ther, which art in heav - en

*pp*

Hal-low-ed be thy name Thy king-dom come.

*p*

Thy will be done on earth, As it is in heav - en

*mp* *p*

Give us this day our dai - ly bread. And for-give us our

*pp* *p*

tres-pass - es As we for-give those who tres-pass a - gainst us.

And lead us not in-to temp - ta - tion; But de-

*mp*

liv - er us from e - vil: For thine is the king - dom, and the

*mf* *f*

pow - er, and the glo - ry, for ev - er.

*ff*

A - men.

*f* *mf* *p* *pp*

## Offering

## Dedication

*We stand for the dedication of the Offering.*

## ***The Sending Forth of the People of God***

**Hymn 155**      *O Lord, my God*      (O store Gud)

## Blessing

... and remain with you always.

## Dismissal

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **In the name of Christ.**

## Threefold Amen

## Organ Postlude

*Minuet from 'Suite Gothique'*

Léon Boëllmann (1862 - 1897)

Adapted from *Uniting in Worship 2* (2005)  
Bible Readings taken from the *New Revised Standard Version* (1989)