



ELIJAH
PASSED BY
HIM & THREW
HIS MANTLE
UPON HIM.



1 KINGS 19:19

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

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

July 12, 2009 at 10:00 AM

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

GATHER IN G_D'S NAME

HYMN SING

WELCOME AND COMMON CONCERNS

OUR PURPOSE IN ACTION All-Church Picnic, Wade and Claudia Askew

CONGREGATIONAL INTROIT *In His Time* No. 2203

❖ CALL TO WORSHIP

Before the earth was formed,
we were chosen by G_d to be G_d's people.

**G_d gathers us together that we might
sing of joy and hope, as G_d's beloved.**

Before the stars glittered in the night sky,
we were chosen through Christ to be G_d's family.

**Christ gathers us together that we might
carol the good news of redemption.**

Before the rivers flowed to the seas,
we were chosen by the Spirit to serve creation.

**The Spirit gathers us together that we might
dance in the fields of peace with our sisters and brothers.**

❖ HYMN OF PRAISE *I've Got Peace Like a River* No. 368

❖ **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

We would sing praises to you, Composer of our lives, but we remember the harsh words we used toward a friend this week. We would learn your healing hymns of grace, but the broken chords of our anger and pain echo deep within us. We would dance in the circle of your love, but we recall how quickly we turned and ran when offered opportunities to serve your people.

Forgive us, Gifter of every blessing. Open our hearts and fill us with your mercy. Open our ears that we may hear the songs of grace you would teach us to share with the world. Open our eyes that we may see the hope we have in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior, our inheritance of love and joy.

❖ **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Before the earth was shaped, G_d created the music of grace which sets our hearts, our souls, our feet to dancing with joy in the hope G_d has given to us. **It is G_d who has created us, it is G_d who has redeemed us, it is G_d who sends us forth to live as brothers and sisters of Christ. Thanks be to G_d, we are forgiven. Amen.**

❖ **RESPONSE OF PRAISE**

Gloria Patri

No. 579

❖ **THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you!

ORDINATION AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

A TIME WITH THE YOUNG CHURCH

Vacation Bible School volunteer dedication

PROCLAIM G_D'S WORD

ANTHEM

With a Voice of Singing

Jennings

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSONS

1 Kings 19:15-21 and Luke 9:51-62

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word.
Thanks be to God!

SERMON

On Eating the Oxen

Pastor Minshew

RESPOND TO THE WORD

OFFERING (Please sign and pass the friendship folder)

Call for the Offering

Offertory *Cujus animam gementem*, from *Stabat Mater* Rossini

Peter Marsh, tenor

Cujus animam Whose soul laments

gementem

Contristatam et dolentem sorrowful and anguished

Pertransivit gladius. pierced by a sword.

O quam tristis et afflicta Oh how sad and in pain

Fuit illa benedicta is she that was blessed

Mater unigeniti! mother of the only begotten

Quae moerebat et who mourns, and suffers

dolebat, pain

Pia Mater, dum videbat and trembles for her child

Nati poenas incliti. bent in punishment.

❖ Doxology

❖ Prayer of Dedication

Lord, we pray not only for these gifts, but also for the generous people who give them, for your special servants who will distribute them, and for the good causes to which they have been appointed; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

GO IN G_D'S NAME

❖ HYMN

How Firm a Foundation

No. 361

❖ BENEDICTION

❖ CONGREGATIONAL BENEDICTION RESPONSE

Sent Out in Jesus' Name

No. 2184

* *From René: I learned from my Rabbi friends that the name of G_d is so holy that it is not to be written, only pointed to. I have adopted that tradition in my own writing*