

Laguna Niguel Presbyterian Church

A Service for the Worship of God

Sunday • March 21, 2010 • 10:00 am

*For those who are able, please stand.

Please turn your cell phones off prior to entering the Worship Service.

“Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.”

—John 12:3

MORNING PRAISE

Marvelous Light

arr. Charlie Hill

WELCOME

**SONGS OF DEVOTION AND PRAISE*

The Wonderful Cross

arr. Chris Tomlin

Shout to the Lord

by Darlene Zschech

Worship Ensemble and Congregation

**CALL TO WORSHIP*

Susie Hess

Leader: The LORD has done great things for us, and we rejoice.

People: *Restore our fortunes, O LORD, like the streams in the desert.*

Leader: May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy.

People: *Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing shall come home with shouts of joy! Let us celebrate the promises to come as we worship the Lord!*

PRAYER OF ADORATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (In Unison)

Gracious and Holy God, our sins are too heavy for us to acknowledge and yet too real to hide. We say one thing and do another, and when we try to do what is right, we fall short. Set us free from a past we cannot change and open us to a future in which we can be changed. Forgive us and make us new. Grow us more and more into your likeness and image, through Jesus Christ our Lord and Savior. Hear us now as we offer our personal prayers of confession . . . Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news of the gospel.

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

Leader: Let us live joyfully in the grace of God.

All: *As we journey together, let us live as a community who celebrate the transforming love of Christ for all people!*

**PRAISE TO GOD (GLORIA PATRI)*

*Glory be to the Father, and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world
without end. Amen. Amen.*

**AFFIRMING GOD'S GRACE*

MUSICAL OFFERING

*Start at the Manger
Chancel Choir*

arr. Robert Sterling

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Janice Ehlers & Stacy Podres

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Administered to Jason Patrick Lee & Carson David Lee
Son's of Erin and Jason Lee

*Child of Blessing, Child of Promise
Child of blessing, child of promise, baptized with the Spirit's sign;
with this water, God has sealed you, unto love and grace divine.*

*Child of God, your loving parent, learn to listen to God's call.
Grow to laugh and sing and worship, trust and love God more than all.*

WORDS OF WELCOME AND CONGREGATIONAL LIFE

Please complete the yellow cards provided.

**HYMN OF PREPARATION #700 (vs. 1, 2)*

We Are God's People

SYMPHONY

MORNING PRAYERS AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Dr. Randy Steele

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 debts, as we forgive our debtors, and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS

OFFERTORY

Eli

by M. Costa

Judy Ruddiman, Soloist

**DOXOLOGY*

*Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.*

**PRAYER OF DEDICATION*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (In Unison)

*O God,
By your spirit tell us what we need to hear,
And show us what we ought to do,
To obey Jesus Christ our Savior.
Amen.*

SCRIPTURE READING

John 12:1-11

Pew Bible, N. T. Page 106

SERMON

"Martha in the Middle"

Rev. Emily McColl

Sometimes we are startled out of our routine by expectations on the one hand
and values on the other. We find ourselves in between.
Jesus tells us to trust God to lead us into each new day.

**HYMN OF COMMITMENT #229 (vs. 1, 3, 4)*

Lift High the Cross

CRUCIFER

**BENEDICTION*

(THE PRAYER TEAM IS AVAILABLE AFTER TODAY'S SERVICE BY THE STAINED GLASS WINDOW ON THE
RIGHT SIDE OF THE SANCTUARY.)

**CHORAL RESPONSE*

Prayer For The Road

*May we be blessed as we go on our way.
May we be kept in safety and love.
May grace and compassion find their way to every soul.
May this be our blessing, Amen. Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen. Amen, Amen.
May this be our blessing, Amen. Amen, Amen*

**POSTLUDE*

I Deeply Long for a Blissful End

by J. Brahms

Suk Choi, Organ

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“Remember God loves you”

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