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**Stanford Memorial Church**
**University Public Worship**

5 May 2013
10:00 a.m.
Baptism Sunday

**OPENING VOLUNTARY**
Toccata in C
Johann Pachelbel (1653 - 1706)

**WELCOME**
Rev. Joanne Sanders

**THE LITURGY OF THE WORD**

*HYMN* God is Here As We Your People Meet

*OPENING SENTENCES* (Responses of the people are in italics)

Blessed be God: Eternal Majesty, Incarnate Word, and Abiding Spirit.
And blessed be God’s reign, now and forever.
There is one Body and One Spirit;
There is one Hope in God’s call to us;
One God, one Faith, one Baptism;
One Creator, who cares for all.

*All who are able, please stand.*
*PRAYER OF THE DAY

May God be with you. And also with you.

Let us pray: God our Mother and Father, Living Water, River of Mercy, Source of Life, in whom we live and move and have our being, who quenches our thirst, and refreshes our weariness, bathes and washes and cleanses our wounds; be for us always a fountain of life and for all the world a river of hope springing up in the midst of the deserts of despair. Honor and blessing, glory and praise to You forever. Amen.

(Childcare is provided for preschool aged children; exit through the door to the right of the chancel.)

READING Acts 16:9-15 Sairus Patel

ANTHEM Jubilate Deo attr. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

O be joyful in God all ye lands (1756 – 1791) (1591 – 1637)

*GOSPEL John 14:23-27

CHILDREN’S SERMON Opening to Possibility Wilma Reichard

*HYMN God, When I Came Into This Life
PLEASE NOTE Checks written to Stanford University will be considered gifts to Stanford Memorial Church to support the programs and events in this Church. These gifts will not be formally acknowledged in writing, unless your gift check is $250.00 or greater. Thank you for your thoughtfulness in giving.

SINGERS WANTED The Memorial Church Choir sings at the weekly University Public Worship services at Memorial Church during the academic year. If you’d like to audition, please email rhmorgan@stanford.edu.

COMMUNION BREAD Gluten free crackers have replaced pita bread for our service of Holy Communion.

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UPCOMING EVENTS

COMPLINE SERVICE TONIGHT End your weekend with a peaceful candle-lit 30-minute musical service featuring the Valley Presbyterian Church Choir. All are welcome to this free event. Sunday, May 5, 9:00 – 9:30 pm, Memorial Church. Upcoming Spring quarter Compline dates: Sundays, May 12 and 19, June 2. All are welcome.

INTERFAITH@NOON The Office for Religious Life, the Haas Center for Public Service, the McCoy Family Center for Ethics in Society, and the Religious Studies department are offering an Interfaith@Noon course during spring quarter. The course will focus on "Faith and Wealth" and will explore both religious and secular views on wealth, poverty, philanthropy, and personal finances.

Wednesday, 12:00 pm in the Arrillaga Dining Commons Study Room. This course is open to the public.

YOGA ON THE LABYRINTH Rejuvenate the body, mind and spirit in the sacred space of Memorial Church on a sacred piece of geometry, the labyrinth. The space and light this architecture offers to visitors is awe inspiring and memorable. This labyrinth event will be led by yoga instructor Rebecca Snowball. Wednesday, May 15, 5:30-7:00 p.m., Memorial Church.

UNDERGRADUATE AND GRADUATE STUDENTS

FELLOWSHIP FOR RELIGIOUS ENCOUNTER The Office for Religious Life offers up to 16 fellowships to engage students in sustained, meaningful religious encounter with one another. The fellowship is to engage students in sustained, meaningful religious encounter with one another. The fellowship is a wonderful opportunity for students to engage with others from various religious traditions.

WHAT MATTERS TO ME AND WHY The second of our Spring quarter 2013 installments of this popular lunchtime lecture and discussion series features David Abernethy, a Professor Emeritus in the Department of Political Science. Wednesday, May 8, 12:00 pm, CIRCLE Common Room, Old Union, 3rd Floor.

THE SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

PRESENTATION AND EXAMINATION OF CANDIDATES

Minister: The candidates for Holy Baptism will now be presented.
Parents & Sponsors: I present (name) to receive the Sacrament of Baptism.

Minister (to Parents & Sponsors): Do you desire this child to be baptized?
Parents & Sponsors: I do. (We do.)

Minister: Will you be responsible for seeing that the person you present is brought up in the Christian faith and life?
Parents & Sponsors: I will, with God’s help.

Minister: Do you renounce the dark powers of this world which corrupt and destroy the creatures of God?
Parents & Sponsors: I renounce them.

Minister: Do you put your trust in God’s grace and love?
Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Minister: Do you promise, by the grace of God, to resist oppression and evil, to show love and justice, and witness to the work of Christ as best you are able?
Parents & Sponsors: I do.

Minister: Will you who witness these promises do all in your power to support, love and care for these children in their life in Christ?
People: We will.

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Let us join with those who are committing themselves to Christ and reaffirm our faith:

O God, the source of our being
and the goal of all our longing,
we believe and trust in you.
The whole earth is alive with your glory,
and all that has life is sustained by you.
We commit ourselves to cherish your world,
and to seek your face.

Jesus, our brother, born of the woman Mary,
you confronted the proud and the powerful,
and welcomed as your friends
those of no account.

Holy Wisdom of God, firstborn of creation,
you emptied yourself of power,
and became foolishness for our sake.

You labored with us upon the cross,
and have brought us forth
to the hope of resurrection.

We commit ourselves to struggle against evil
and to choose your love and justice.

O God, life-giving Spirit,
Spirit of healing and comfort,
of integrity and truth,
we believe and trust in you.

Warm-winged Spirit, brooding over creation,
we commit ourselves to work with you
and renew our world. Amen.
THANKSGIVING OVER THE WATER

May God be with you.
And also with you.
Let us give thanks to God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

We thank you, Mother of Creation, for the gift of water. Over it you breathed your Holy Spirit in the beginning of time. Through it you led the children of Israel out of their bondage in Egypt into the land of promise. In it your child, Jesus, was baptized and was anointed by the Holy Spirit as the Christ, to lead us from the bondage of sin into everlasting life.

We thank you, Father, for the water of Baptism. In it we are buried with Christ. By it we share in Christ’s resurrection. Through it we are reborn by the Holy Spirit. Therefore, in joyful obedience to Christ, we bring into this fellowship those who come in faith, baptizing them in your name.

Sanctify this water, we pray, by the power of your Holy Spirit, that those who here are received into the Body of Christ may continue in grace and peace to the glory of your name. Glory to you eternal God, the one who was, and is, and shall always be, world without end.

Sanctify, also, this oil, that those who are sealed with it may share in the priesthood of Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

THE BAPTISM

(Name), I baptize you in the Name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit, one God, Mother of us all. Amen.

You are sealed by the Holy Spirit in Baptism and marked as Christ’s own forever. Amen.
PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Let us say together: And now because you are one with us, O God, enable us to share your life with the world by sharing our own lives with the world. And so we pray, in the words you taught us:

Abba in heaven, hallowed be your Name, your reign come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins, as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the triumph, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

*WELCOME

Let us welcome the newly baptized:
Bless these your faithful people.
Unite them in the peace of Christ and the company of the Holy Spirit.

*THE PEACE

The peace of God be with you.
And also with you.

*HYMN  Great Work Has God Begun in You
Great Work Has God Begun in You

Great work has God begun in you, so let the Spirit follow through; The mark of Christ upon your brow, baptismal touch remember now.

In love, God calls you to this day, and gives you strength, these vows to say; Take up the faith that you were shown, and grow, assured you are God’s own.

Around God’s table celebrate the end of bondage, sin and hate; A feast of love and victory, the gift of Christ who sets us free.

Great work has God begun in you; take on God’s love in all you do, And may that love in you increase now, with God’s blessing, go in peace.

Text: Birkland
Tune: Duke Street

*THE HOLY COMMUNION

This is the table of God on which is set tokens of love and hope and to which the Holy One calls all who want to share in that life. So come, whether your faith is strong or weak, whether your hope shines brilliantly or is dimmed. Come, ready to receive; for all are welcome at this feast of love.

Generous God whose story and song are now and always the hope of the world: We praise you for the stories of creation and incarnation, redemption and resolution, the unending words of love. We rejoice in your song of yearning and calling, waiting and welcoming, gathering and cherishing, the eternal music of hope. And we join our voices now in that great song of love and adoration that creation sings back to you.
God, When I Came Into this Life
Fred Kaan, 1979

1 God, when I came into this life, you called me by my name; To day I come, com-
memor ber of your cast, I take my place with
in the name of the Lord. Ho -
might, Ho - ly ho - ly, ho - ly Lord
God of power and might.
Hea - ven and earth are
full, full of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
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The musical setting for this text by contemporary poet Fred Kaan is on Appalachian folk tune of possible British origin. Annabel Morris Buchanan, an organist, music teacher, and scholar of American hymnody, collected and arranged this and other tunes in Folk Hymns of America, 1938.

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This bread is a sign of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising, of breaking and sharing, of nourishment and strengthening, of being more than enough. It is both the story of what it is in itself and the story of which it reminds us – that, on the night before his death, Jesus took bread and broke it with friends. Take and eat, do this for the remembrance of me.

This wine is a sign of hope, it holds a story of dying and rising, of pouring and sharing, of refreshment and renewal, of being more than enough. It is both the story of what it is in itself and the story of which it reminds us – that, on the night before his death, Jesus took wine and poured it for friends. Drink this cup, poured out for you and for all.

And we too are a sign of hope, for we too hold a story of death and rising, of old and new, of offered life taken into the hands of God, who wastes nothing, and there becoming more than enough. It is both the story of who and what we each are and the greater story of which we are a part – the ongoing story of God’s reign and life on earth.
And so, as we do in this place what Christ did in an upper room, send down your Holy Spirit on us, and on these gifts of bread and wine – that the story of hope – of death and rising of new life and the fruit of the kingdom – may continue on in us, and through us. Amen.

FRACTION ANTHEM  Whoever Eats This Bread
(Choir only)

God, the source of all hope, offers to us now these signs of hope and invites us to share in their story.

The bread of life.
The cup of hope.

(Adapted from a communion liturgy from Iona Abbey, Scotland on the theme of hope.)

ANTHEM  If Ye Love Me
Henry Gauntlett
(1805-1876)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Eternal Spirit, Living God, in whom we live and move and have our being, all that we are, have been, and shall be is known to you, to the very secrets of our hearts, and all that rises to trouble us. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the Living Bread and cannot remain the same. Living flame, burn into us. Cleansing wind, blow through us. Fountain of water, well up within us, that we may love and praise in deed and truth. Amen.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

*HYMN  Sent Forth by God’s Blessing

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY  Toccata in F
Charles-Marie Widor
(1845 - 1937)

(You are invited to remain seated during the closing voluntary.)