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Welcome to Worship
at West Point Grey United Church

Easter 3

Sunday, May 7, 2000

The Worship Committee invites the congregation to choose a seat closer to the front of the Church

We are a congregation of great diversity. Some stand when indicated (), others remain seated for a variety of reasons. Please feel free to stand or sit as you are comfortable.*

PRAISE GOD

Prelude

Bill Bruneau

The Church Bells Call Us to Worship

* Hymn: "Come Let Us Sing to the Lord our Song" #222

Words of Gathering Kerry Child and Ben Lightburn

Sharing the Peace:

One: Peace be with you

All: and also with you

(Extend a word and sigh of peace to another)

Candle lighting

* Hymn: "Come Children Join to Sing" #345

Theme Time with the Children and Young At Heart

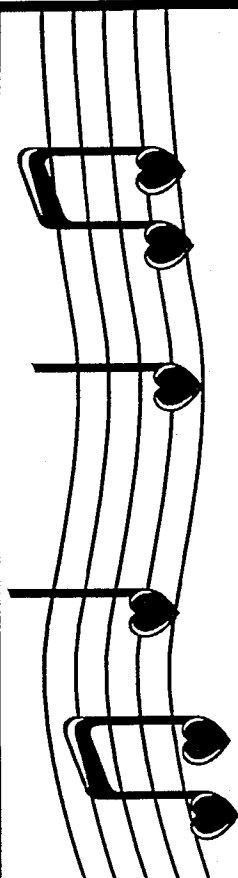
(children leave for their programs now)

Gathering Song: "This is the Day" #412

Prayer of Gathering Sam Gustin

* Indicates that those who are able to may stand

enlarged copies of the hymns are available from a greeter



JOYFUL SOUNDS - Part 11

West Point Grey United Church Choir
presents

"Rejoice in the Lamb"

Sunday, June 4th

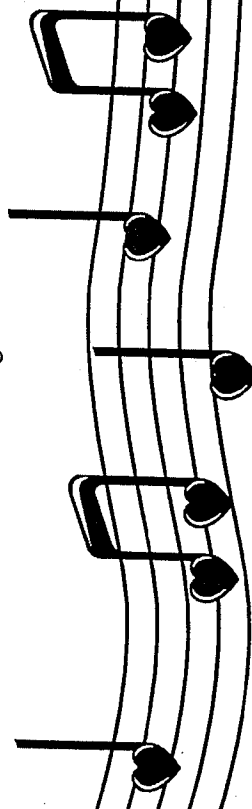
at

2:00 p.m.

West Point Grey United Church
4595 West 8th Avenue Vancouver

Adults \$13

Proceeds to the Organ and Music Fund



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Communion Meditation.

Almost from the beginning of the Church
 1930 years ago, the people needed to
 be reminded of the meaning of the Last
 Supper.

So ~~do we~~. We hear the words again
 and again = I believe it sharpens
 the impact of the service to be reminded
 each time of the context.

Same night in which he was
 betrayed — he took bread

End of his career and expectation.
 Before day break one of his most
 insightful followers would deny him
 Closest followers wouldn't leave
 it on them to keep vigil for our
 hour in the garden.

Took off in the end.

This is the crowd →

With desire I desired to grow this
 fruit with you

of Once heard Preaching that made
a striking comparison with the
behavior of Adolf Hitler - on the occasion
of the exposure of the plot to kill him
— an immediate response to work
out a quote everyone needed
connected with the plot.

Context
Issues

To that group →

at that critical time in his life & work
about to take off — abandon him
to go down alone

— not the Messiah

— not the King they wanted.

That's The Context.

Took Bread + The Cup.

Sorry Thine My Brokenness
... My Poured out life.

have some

Invitation

Partake

To be eat
and you drink it.

this kind of Brokenness
his kind of Poured out life.

Almighty God, unto whom all hearts are open, all desires known and before whom no secrets are hid, cleanse our thoughts by the inspirations of your holy spirit that we may truly love you and worthily magnify your holy name -

The only night that we sleep
find you thanks in all times
and places

For the magnifying creation
For the gift of life ~~and the~~ about
for the community of love
and serving to whom we
received our knowledge of you,
and want of all for the gift
of Jesus -

Now, as he willed us to -
we come to this table of
remembrance whose presence
on the same night on which
he was betrayed.

Take bread, offer

he had given thanks,
(as we have given thanks)
he broke it & said - This
is my body - broken for
you. Eat this in remembrance
of me.

Offer he never becomes
he took the cup when he had
draped himself in the
in the new covenant in my
blood, shed for the remission
of the sin of the world -
drink ~~and~~ you of it.

Offer as we eat the
bread & drink the cup &
show the Lord's death
till he come -

The Peace of the Lord
from Christ be with you

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Post Communion Prayer

Giver of Life

Continue to nourish us
with the bread of life.
Equip us to be partakers of
Christ's brokenness & poured
out life, as we take up
our ~~place~~ again in the world
go home. Keep us alert
for our next meeting with the
Loving Christ.

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