

MORNING WORSHIP

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight *James Biery*

INTROIT “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth” *H. Percy Smith*
Mothering God, you gave me birth in the bright morning of
the world. Creator, source of every breath, you are my rain,
my wind, my sun.

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 454** “Blessed Jesus, at Your Word” *Tune: LIEBSTER JESU*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**We are people of unclean lips, Holy Spirit,
for we have not always spoken words of peace.
We are people of unclean hands, Lord Jesus,
for we have not always worked for justice.
We are people of unclean hearts, O God,
for we have not always loved as you call us to.
By your grace, cleanse us, Holy God;
focus our lives on justice, peace, and love,
that in forgiving our failures,
you would confirm us anew as your people.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 67 (*responsively*) (page 500, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“At the River”

Robert Lowry
arr. Aaron Copland

Shall we gather by the river, where bright angel feet
have trod, with its crystal tide forever flowing by
the throne of God? Yes, we'll gather by the river,
the beautiful river. Gather with the saints by the river
that flows by the throne of God. Soon we'll reach
the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody
of peace.

FIRST LESSON

John 5:1–9

(page 90, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 21:10, 22—22:5

(page 244, N.T.)

SERMON

The Future of Futility

JOHN H. BOYLE

***HYMN 332**

“Live Into Hope”

Tune: TRURO

***APOSTLES' CREED**

(unison)

**I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on
the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting.
Amen.**

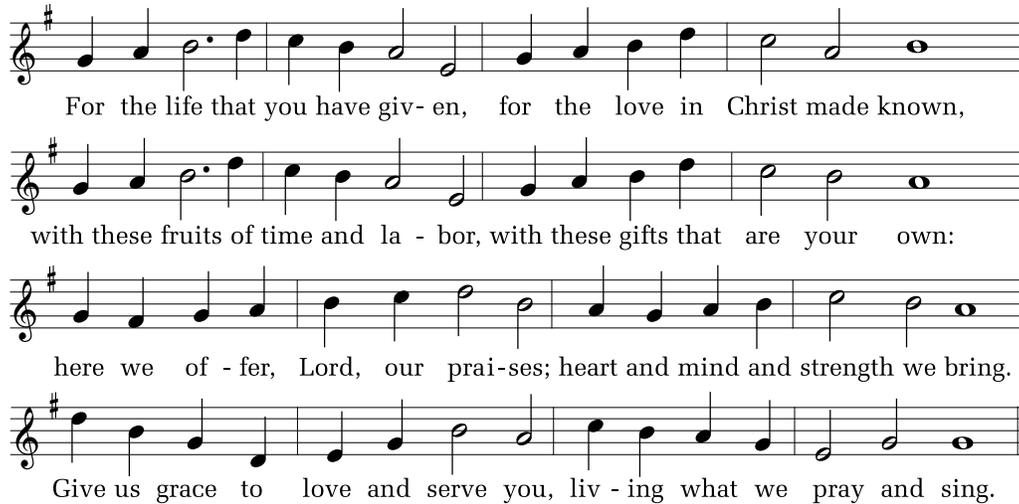
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Dan Locklair

4. "The Peace may be exchanged."

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE



For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai-ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

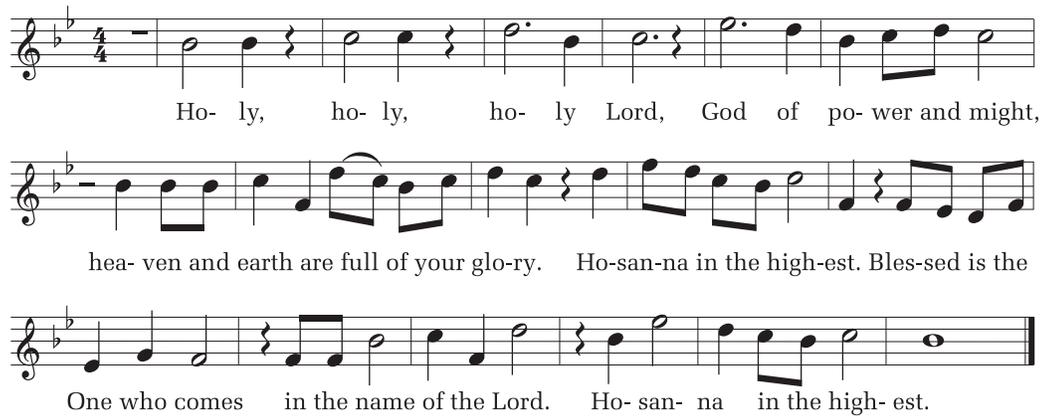
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .
. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high- est.

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THE LORD'S PRAYER (*unison*)

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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM "I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord"

Carl Schalk

I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved,
and free; in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down
for me. I come with Christians far and near to find,
as all are fed, the new community of love in Christ's
communion bread. As Christ breaks bread and bids
us share, each proud division ends. The love that
made us makes us one and strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence,
always near, is in such friendship better known.
We see and praise him here. Together met, together bound,
we'll go our different ways; and as his people in the world,
we'll live and speak his praise.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

O God, through this bread and this cup
you have made us one
with you and with each other.
May the unity we find at this table
be a gift that we carry out
into your suffering, divided world.
Help us to find strength in knowing
that you, the God of peace,
will always be with us.
Amen.

***HYMN 339**

“Be Thou My Vision”

Tune: SLANE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Richard Proulx

WORSHIP LEADERS

Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, Donna Gray, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. The invitation to the Lord's Supper is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God's love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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