

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude in G Major *Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “O Splendor of God’s Glory” *Plainsong*
O splendor of God’s glory bright; O thou that bringest
light from light; O Light of light, light’s living spring;
O Day, all days illumining. O thou true Son of heavenly
love, pour down thy radiance from above; the Spirit’s
sanctifying beam upon our earthly senses stream.

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

***HYMN 302** “I Danced in the Morning” *Tune: SIMPLE GIFTS*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of healing mercies, we come to you this day as imperfect people. We know that you desire for us hope, happiness, and love, yet we have found so many ways in which to block your gifts or to grab hold of them as if we were entitled to them. We have been given the pathway to peace in the witness of Jesus Christ. He taught us to live as people of compassion and service. But our service has been mostly for ourselves, for our own gratification. We have failed to be your church, your witnesses on earth. We have neglected the needs of others in our rush for our own comfort. Forgive us, O merciful God. Heal our wounded spirits. Turn us again to you, that we may again learn of your love and mercy. Help us to become partners in peace and hope for others. For we ask this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Ecce, Nunc Benedicte Dominum”
Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Come, bless the Lord, all you servants of the Lord,
who stand by night in the house of the Lord.
Lift up your hands to the holy place and bless the Lord.
May the Lord, maker of heaven and earth,
bless you from Zion.

PSALTER Psalm 8:1–2, 8–19 (*responsively*) (page 466, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Hebrews 11:29—12:2 (page 212, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Faithful? SARAH A. JOHNSON

***HYMN 419** “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord” *Tune: REPTON*

***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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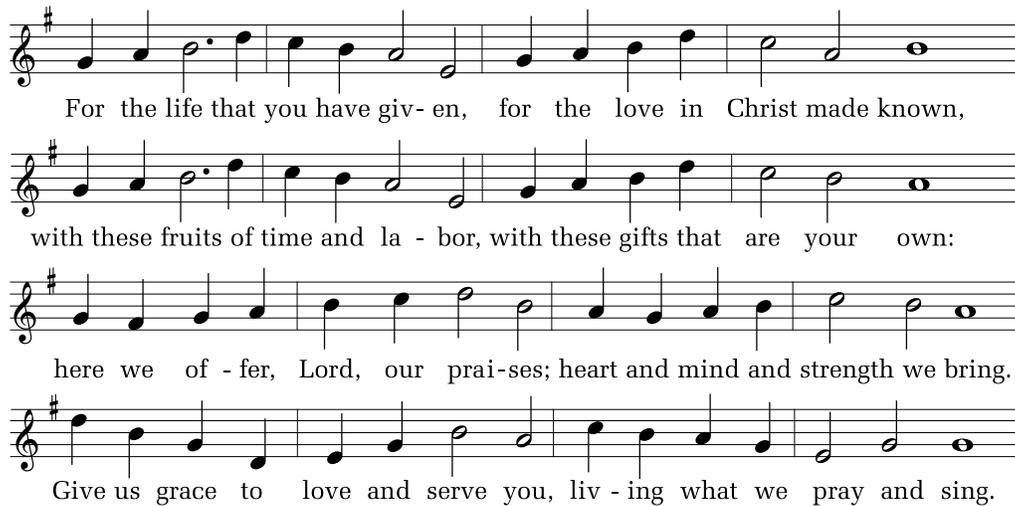
OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Panis Angelicus

César Franck

O Lord most holy, O Lord most mighty, O loving Father,
thee would we be praising always. Help us to know thee,
know thee and love thee. Father, grant us thy truth and
grace; guide and defend us. Rule thou our willful hearts,
keep thou our wandering thoughts; in all our sorrows
let us find our rest in thee. And in temptation's hour,
save through thy mighty power, thine aid O send us;
hear us in mercy. Show us thy favor, so shall we live
and sing praise to thee.

*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.

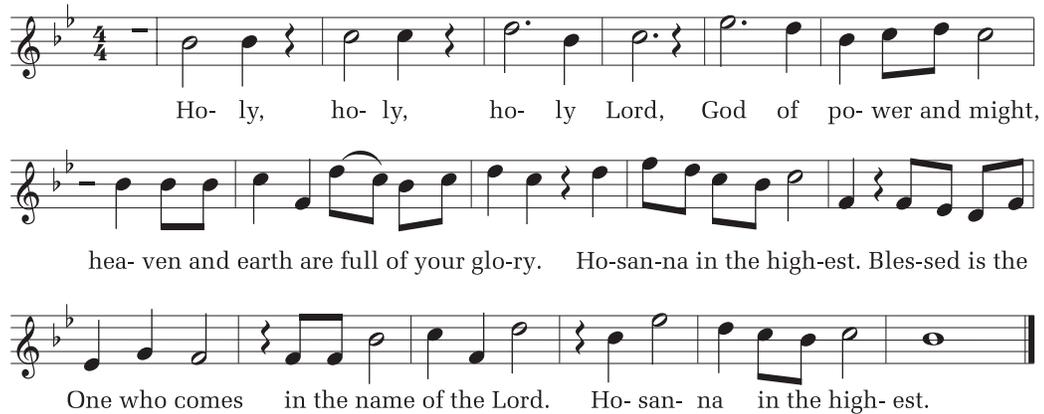
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

“Ave Verum”

Ludovico Viadona

Hail, word of God incarnate, of the blessed virgin
Mary born; on the cross thy sacred body for us all
with nails was torn. Cleanse us by the blood and water
streaming forth from thy pierced side. Feed us with
thy body broken, now and in death's final agony.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**Lord, you have met us here at your table of grace;
you have offered us forgiveness;
you have offered us compassion;
you have offered us encouragement;
you have offered us a challenge.
As we go from this place,
may we offer our lives to you and to others,
accepting your grace and extending it to others.
Amen.**

***HYMN 526**

“For All the Saints”

Tune: SINE NOMINE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccata in B-flat Minor

Louis Vierne

WORSHIP LEADERS

Thomas C. Rook, Donna Gray, Sarah A. Johnson

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir; Mark Eldred, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The men of the Morning Choir are singing during morning worship services in August. The Chancel Choir will return in September.

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.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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