

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Swing Low, Sweet Chariot

*African American spiritual
arr. Calvin Taylor*

INTROIT

“Search Me, O God”

Eric DeLamarter

Search me, O God and know my heart; try me and know my thought, and see if there be any wicked way in me, and lead me into the life everlasting. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 223

“O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

Tune: STUTTGART

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Awesome and compassionate God,
you have loved us with unfailing,
self-giving mercy,
but we have not loved you.**

**You constantly call us,
but we do not listen.**

**You ask us to love,
but we walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.**

We condone evil, prejudice, violence, and greed.

**God of grace, as you come to us in mercy,
we confess in spirit and in truth,
admit our sin, and gratefully receive
your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,
our redeemer.**

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 103:1–8 (*responsively*) (page 523, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Rise Up, Ye Saints of God!” *Aaron Williams*
arr. Buryl Red

Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and mind and soul and strength to serve
the King of kings. Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom
tarries long; bring in the day of brotherhood and
end the night of wrong. Lift high the cross of Christ!
Tread where his feet have trod; as brothers of the Son
of man, rise up, ye saints of God!

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:9–14 (page 647, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 13:10–17 (page 71, N.T.)

SERMON Release Me JO PREUNINGER

***HYMN 313** “Come Down, O Love Divine” *Tune: DOWN AMPNEY*

***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.**

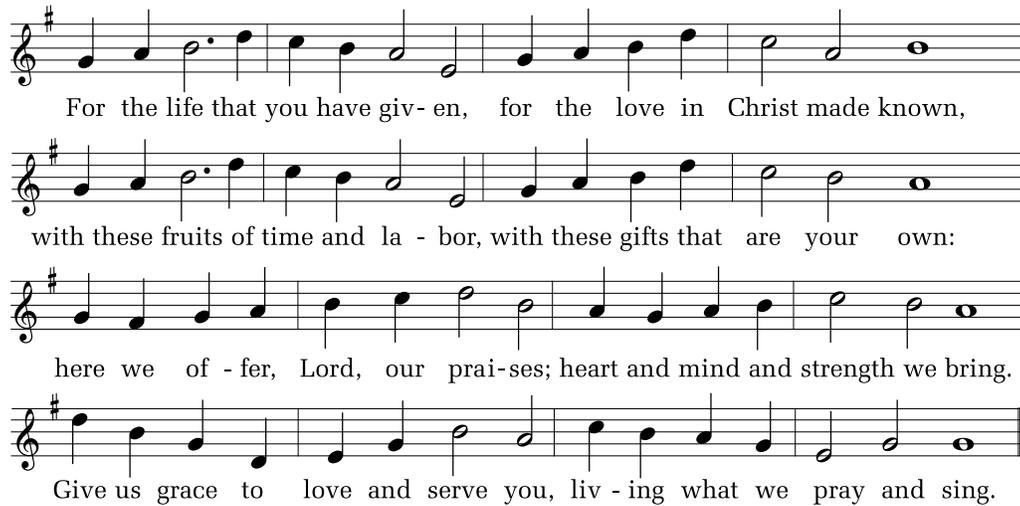
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

Verset on "Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee"

Léon Boëllmann

*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.

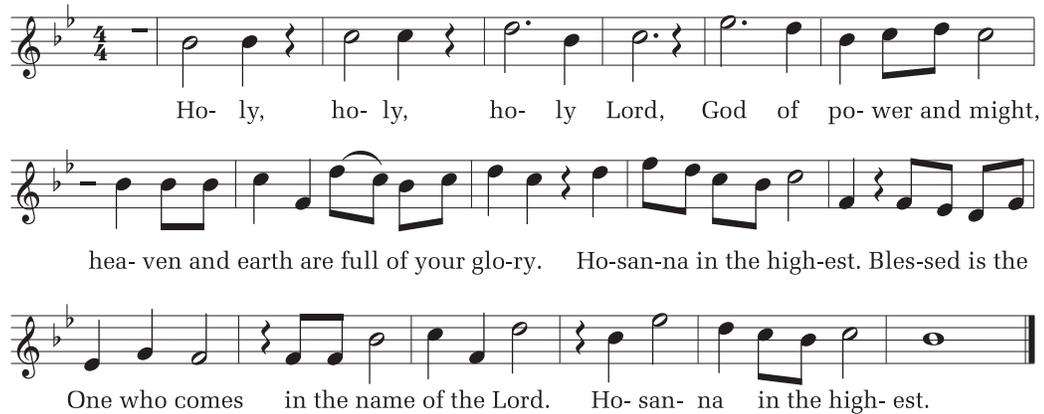
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 "O Sacrum Convivium" *Tomás Luis de Victoria*

O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is renewed, the mind is filled with grace and a pledge of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us,
and mercifully redeemed us.
In deep gratitude for this meal,
this moment, your love,
we give ourselves to you.
Help us to live as your people,
confident in your care.
Ask much of us,
expect much from us,
enable much by us,
and encourage many through us.
So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
through Jesus Christ.
Amen.

***HYMN 306**

“Fairest Lord Jesus”

Tune: CRUSADERS’ HYMN

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trumpet Tune in D Major

Johann K. F. Fischer

WORSHIP LEADERS

Donna Gray, Calum I. MacLeod, Jo Preuninger

THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The composer of this morning's prelude, Calvin Taylor, has arranged many African American spirituals for the organ. While widely recognized as a composer, Dr. Taylor, who began playing organ for church services when he was fourteen, has also performed in concerts around the world.

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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