

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE**                      Adagio for Strings                      *Samuel Barber*

**INTROIT**                      “Let Nothing Disturb Thee”                      *Donald Bryant*

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

**\*HYMN 376**                      “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”    *Tune: HYFRYDOL*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

Minister: Creator God, with the breath of your word,  
you formed this world good, but we perverted  
your providence. So we are born into a twisted world,  
bent by its way. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **make us new.**

Minister: You made us to hunger after you, but we have  
become captive to selfish desires. We turn our eyes  
from souls and bellies that are empty so we can  
stay full. Lord in your mercy,

People: **make us new.**

Minister: You made us to be in communion with one another,  
yet we are so afraid of others’ expectations that we  
shut them out before they can get too near. We see  
them as threat, label them bad, refuse their voice and  
presence as your children. Lord, in your mercy,

People: **make us new.**

Minister: We stand exposed in the light of your eternal love,  
filled with death, yet longing for life. You alone  
have the power to break our bondage to sin.

People: **Forgive us, O Lord.**

Minister: Cover us with your compassion  
and refashion us in your image.  
This we pray through Christ, our only hope.

People: **Amen.**

## DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

## COMMISSIONING OF MUSICIANS

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 34:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 480, O.T.)

**ANTHEM** “Shalom, Peace, Salaam” *John W. W. Sherer*

**FIRST LESSON** Romans 14:1–12 (page 152, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

**SECOND LESSON** Matthew 18:21–35 (page 19, N.T.)

**SERMON** CALUM I. MACLEOD

The Insanity of Grace

*“Not seven times, but, I tell you, seventy-seven times.”*

Matthew 18:22 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 280** “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”  
*Tune: AMAZING GRACE*

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

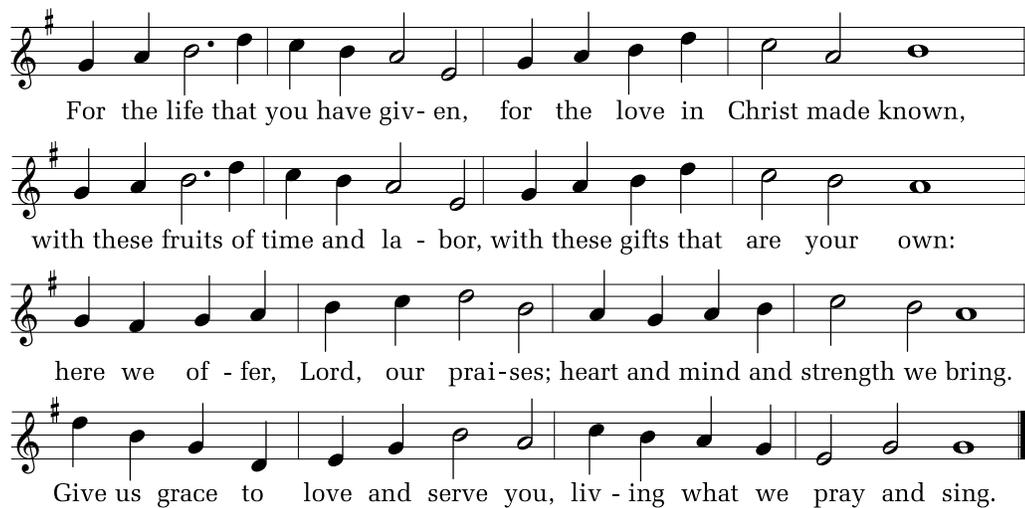
**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; 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 ANTHEM "O God, Our Help in Ages Past" *Alan Hovhaness*

O God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,  
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home.  
Before the hills in order stood or earth received her frame,  
from everlasting thou art God, to endless years the same.  
A thousand ages in thy sight are like an evening gone,  
short as the watch that ends the night before the rising sun.  
Time, like an ever-rolling stream, soon bears us all away;  
we fly forgotten, as a dream dies at the opening day. O God,  
our help in ages past, our hope for years to come, be thou  
our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home. Amen.

### \*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.

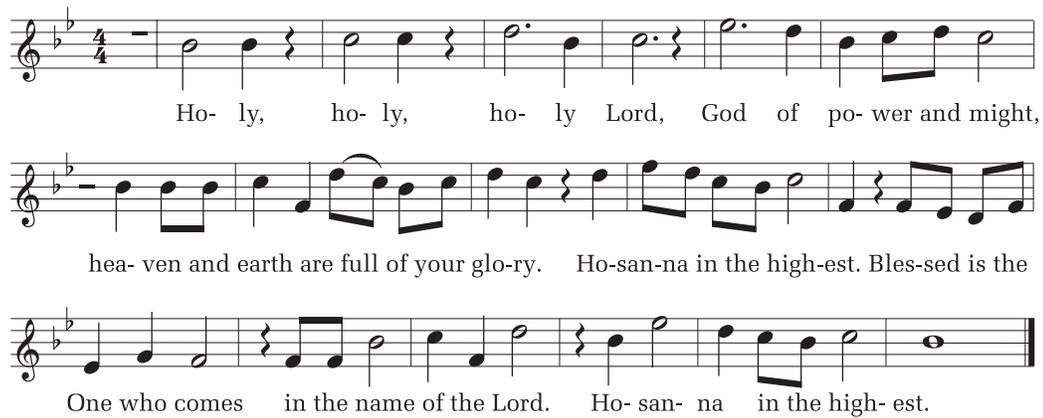
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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

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

## PRAYER

Minister: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .  
. . . 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** "Dona Nobis Pacem"

*Anonymous*

Grant us peace.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**You have spared nothing, Holy God,  
going with us into the depths of human experience  
to raise us up into your hope  
for the healing of the world.  
Thank you that you count us worthy  
to share in the suffering of Christ  
for the redemption of all.  
Now may we rise in him  
to feed the hungry,  
bind up the brokenhearted,  
comfort and care for all in need;  
to the glory of your holy name, we pray.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 515**

“Now to Your Table Spread”

*Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Dialogue

*François Couperin*

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## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**The Chancel and Morning Choirs** are being commissioned during the 8:00 and 11:00 services respectively. Through their varied repertoire, the choirs unite us with the church around the world and throughout the ages, bringing their music to this time and place. With them we lift our voices in singing praise to God.

**Today's prayers are from** a Presbyterian Church (USA) worship resource for observing the tenth anniversary of 9/11.

**This morning's anthem, "Shalom, Peace, Salaam,"** begins with one note and gradually expands to many notes as each individual singer adds lines of music at his or her own pace. At the conclusion, the singers return to the same note that began the piece. It uses words for peace that are familiar to the Jewish, Christian, and Islamic faiths.

**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. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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