

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Aria *Paul Manz*

INTROIT “The Lord Is Full of Compassion” *Iain Quinn*
The Lord is full of compassion and mercy;
come let us adore him. Glory to the Father,
and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning,
is now, and will be forever. Amen.

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

***HYMN 522** “Lord, When I Came Into This Life”
Tune: LAND OF REST

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of forgiving grace, you have taught us to do justice, to love mercy, and to walk humbly with you. We confess that we have ignored cries for justice and pleas for mercy and allowed our arrogance and pride to turn us away from those in need. Prejudice, resentment, and hatred make it easy for us to choose war rather than to strive for peace with our neighbors and in the world. In your mercy, cleanse us of our sin and baptize us with your Spirit, that our lives may witness to your love and to the power of your forgiving grace, in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

*African American spiritual
arr. Tim Harbold*

I want Jesus to walk with me. All along my pilgrim journey, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. In my trials, Lord, walk with me. When my heart is almost breaking, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me. When I’m in trouble, Lord, walk with me. When my head is bowed in sorrow, Lord, I want Jesus to walk with me.

PSALTER

Psalm 25:1–10 (*responsively*)

(page 475, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Mark 1:9–15

(page 33, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

The Life God Gives Us—Alternative to Futility

JOHN H. BOYLE

***HYMN 78**

“Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed”

Tune: MARTYRDOM

***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.**

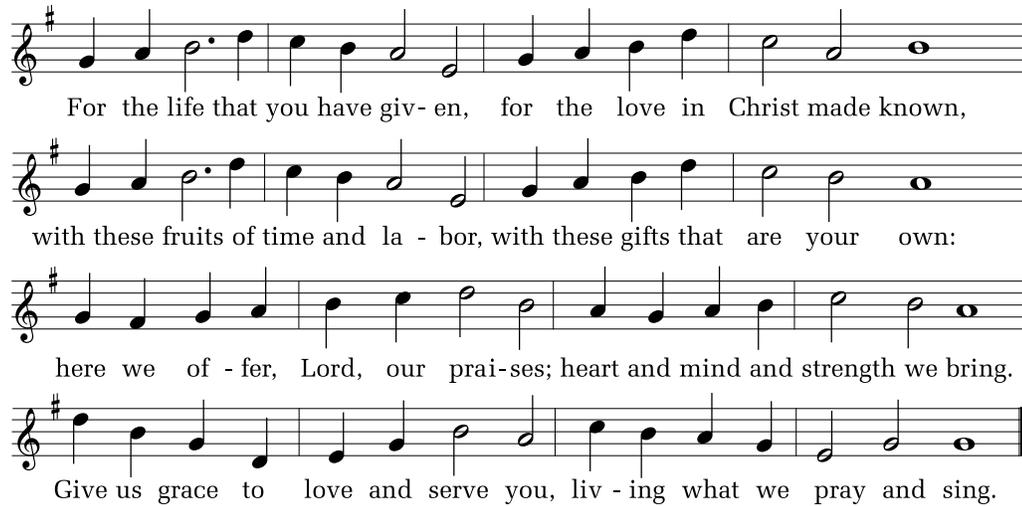
OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "Draw Near to Me"

Johann Sebastian Bach

Draw near to me, my joy and gladness.
In deep repose my soul shall rest.
My heart is glad when thou art near me.
My eyelids are closed by thy tender hands.
My eyes with love will rest on 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.

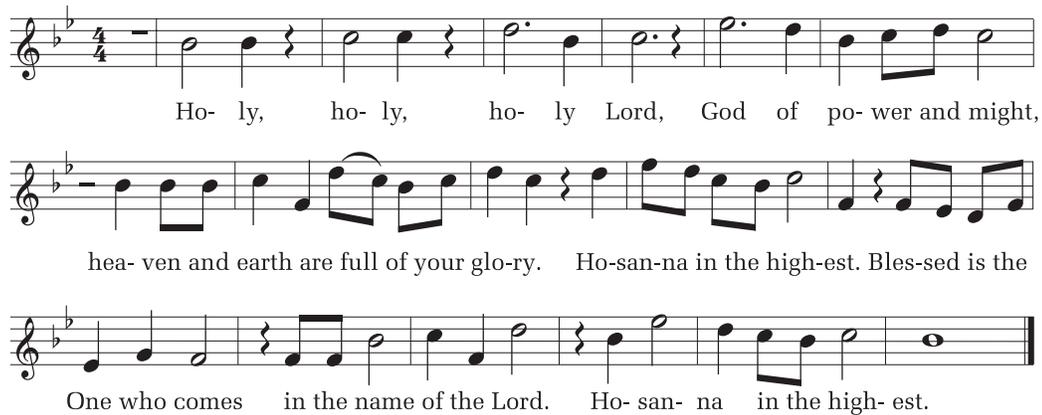
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 "Wondrous Love"

*American folk hymn
arr. Paul Christiansen*

What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of life to bear the heavy cross.
What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that Christ should lay aside his crown for my soul.

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Joyce Shin, Matthew J. Helms, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Anne Voshel on behalf of the effort to rebuild the Fourth Church organ.

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