

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Aria Paul Manz

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” German chorale
arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration!*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 592

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invocation

*Hymn 473 “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, in baptism you promise forgiveness and new life,
making us part of the body of Christ.
We confess that we remain preoccupied with our selves,
separated from sisters and brothers in Christ.
We cling to destructive habits, hold grudges,
and show reluctance to welcome one another;
we allow the past to hold us hostage.
In your loving-kindness, have mercy on us, and free us from sin.
Remind us of the promises you make in baptism
so that we may rise to new life and live together in grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Gloria” John W. W. Sherer

*Glory to God in the highest,
and peace to God’s people on earth.
Lord God, heavenly King, almighty God and Father,
we worship you; we give you thanks;
we praise you for your glory.
Lord Jesus Christ, only Son of the Father,
Lord God, Lamb of God,
you take away the sin of the world;
have mercy on us.
You are seated at the right hand of the Father,
receive our prayer.
For you alone are the holy one; you alone are the Lord;
you alone are the most high, Jesus Christ,
with the Holy Spirit,
in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 138 Old Testament, page 545

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 579

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

Scripture Reading

Romans 12:1–8 New Testament, page 151

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 436 “We Are Your People”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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

“Rock of Ages” Seth Bingham

*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.

Sealing the Word

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.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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

“Now the Silence” Gerald Near

*Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted.
Now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father’s arms in welcome.
Now the hearing, now the power, now the vessel brimmed for pouring.
Now the body, now the blood, now the joyful celebration.
Now the wedding, now the songs, now the heart forgiven leaping.
Now the Spirit’s visitation, now the Son’s epiphany, now the Father’s blessing.
Then the glory, then the rest, then the sabbath peace unbroken.
Then the garden, then the throne, then the crystal river flowing.
Then the splendor, then the life, then the new creation singing.
Then the marriage, then the love, then the feast of joy unending.
Then the knowing, then the light, then the ultimate adventure.
Then the Spirit’s harvest gathered, then the Lamb in majesty,
then the Father’s amen.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Great God, Lord Jesus, Holy Spirit,
you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours.
Take us; renew and remake us.
What we have been is past;
what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

*Hymn 364 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Thou Art Peter, the Rock. Henri Mulet

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Peyton Randy Keller, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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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