

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Dearest Jesus, We Are Here Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” Patrick Matsikenyiri
Jesus, we are here for you.

*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.**

*Call to Worship

Minister: *We’ve come to worship God,*

People: **who makes streams flow from rock,
who turns the parched earth into springs of water,**

Minister: *who sends the rain from heaven
and makes the wilderness blossom and flourish.*

People: **As the deer thirsts for flowing streams,
so we thirst for you, O God.**

Minister: *Come, let us worship our life-giving God,
who pours out living water on all who thirst.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God,
 in your gracious presence
 we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
 Although Christ is among us as our peace,
 we are a people divided against ourselves
 as we cling to the values of a broken world.
 The profit and pleasures we pursue
 lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
 The fears and jealousies that we harbor
 set neighbor against neighbor
 and nation against nation.
 We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
 of intellect and reason,
 and turn them into bonds of oppression.
 Lord, have mercy upon us;
 heal and forgive us.
 Set us free to serve you in the world
 as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
 People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 25:1-9 Old Testament, page 475

Anthem

“How Lovely Are the Messengers” Felix Mendelssohn
 from *St. Paul*
How lovely are the messengers that preach us the gospel of peace.
To all the nations is gone forth the sound of their words.

First Lesson

Philippians 2:1-13 New Testament, page 186

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*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.

Second Lesson

Exodus 17:1-7 Old Testament, page 61

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Water, Water Everywhere Layton Williams

“Is the Lord among us or not?” Exodus 17:7 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 294 “Wherever I May Wander”

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

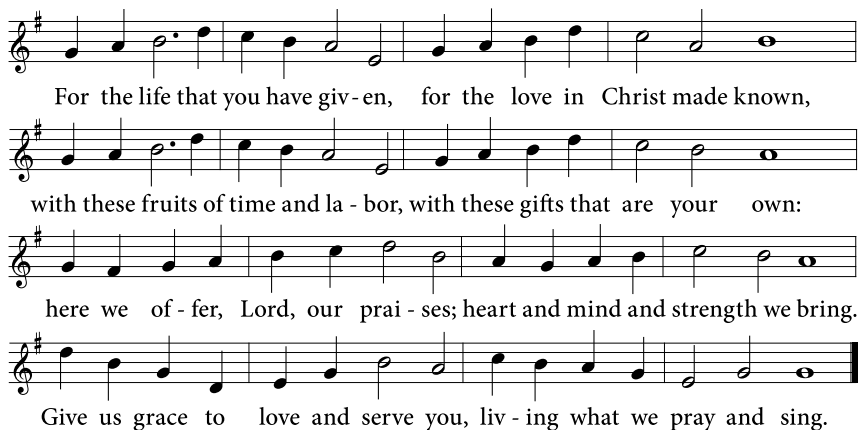
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth J. S. Bach

*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.**

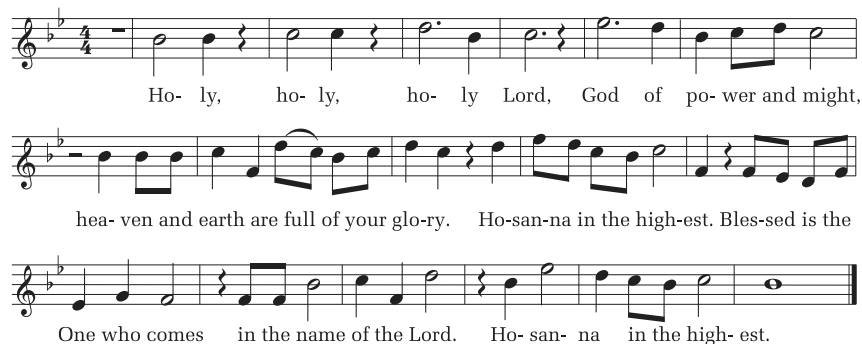
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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-wei 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

“Jesu, Joy of Man’s Desiring” J.S. Bach
*Jesu, joy of man’s desiring, holy wisdom, love most bright;
drawn by thee, our souls aspiring, soar to uncreated light.
Word of God, our flesh that fashioned with the fire of life impassioned,
striving still to truth unknown, soaring, dying, round thy throne.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God,
we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world
in the strength of your Spirit
to give ourselves for others,
in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Commissioning of the Ushers

*Hymn 276 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccatà in E Minor Johann Pachelbel

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Worship Notes

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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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