

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Song . . . . . Louis Vierne

### Introit

“The Earth Is the Lord’s” . . . . . Iain Quinn

*The earth is the Lord’s, for he made it; 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 (*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: *O praise the Lord.*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,  
for God’s love endures forever.*

People: We will tell of the Lord’s mighty acts  
and make God’s praises heard.

Minister: *Happy are they who act justly  
and do right at all times.  
Let us worship God.*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 274 . . . . . “O God of Earth and Space”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, gracious God,  
that we too quickly become impatient  
for a visible sign of your presence in our lives.  
When you seem distant or absent from us for a long time,  
we try to take life into our own control.  
We do not remember  
the abundance of your love or your wonderful works,  
and we stop trusting you.  
Like our ancestors before us,  
we create our own gods in which we invest our security.  
Forgive our sinful ways,  
and make the manner of our lives  
be worthy of the gospel of Jesus Christ.  
Hear now our silent confession . . .

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 106:1–6, 19–23 . . . . . Old Testament, page 526

Anthem

“Cantate Domino” . . . . . Hans Leo Hassler  
*O sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth.*  
*Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.*  
*Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all the peoples.*

First Lesson

Philippians 4:1–9. . . . . New Testament, page 187  
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 32:1–14 . . . . . Old Testament, page 75

Sermon

God Is Not in our Pocket . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 291 . . . . . “O God of Earth and Altar”

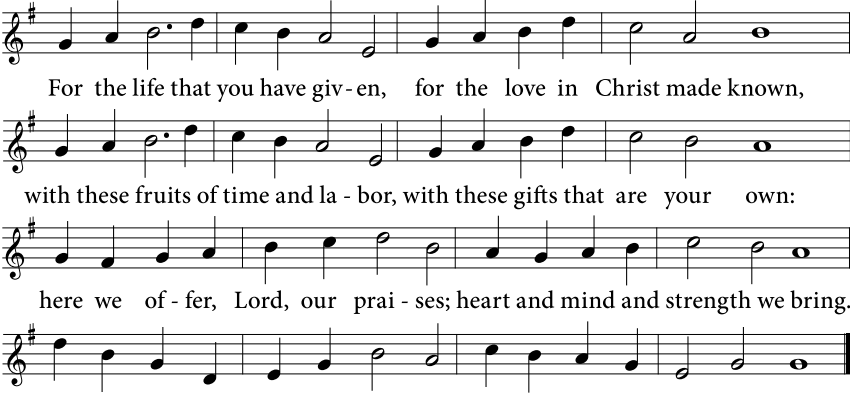
\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)  
We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.  
In sovereign love God created the world good  
and makes everyone equally in God’s image  
male and female, of every race and people,  
to live as one community.  
But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator.  
Ignoring God’s commandments,  
we violate the image of God in others and ourselves,  
accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature,  
and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care.  
We deserve God’s condemnation.  
Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation.  
In everlasting love, the God of Abraham and Sarah  
chose a covenant people to bless all families of the earth.  
Hearing their cry,  
God delivered the children of Israel from the house of bondage.  
Loving us still, God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.  
Like a mother who will not forsake her nursing child,  
like a father who runs to welcome the prodigal home,  
God is faithful still.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Arioso . . . . . Johann Sebastian 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.

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## Sealing the Word

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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.

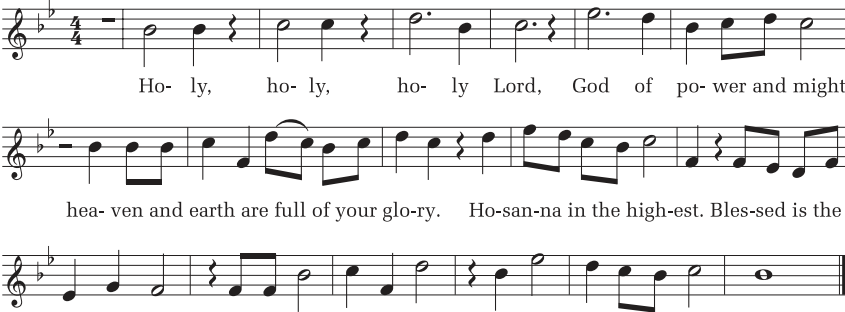
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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.

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, Dulcis Memoria” . . . . . Tomás Luis de Victoria  
*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast,  
but sweeter far thy face to see and in thy presence rest.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God,  
you have so greatly loved us,  
long sought us,  
and mercifully redeemed us.  
Give us grace,  
that in everything we yield ourselves,  
our wills, and our works,  
a continual thank-offering to you  
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 261 . . . . . “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor . . . . . Johann Pachelbel

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# The Music Today

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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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