

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“How Did My Heart Rejoice” Curt Oliver

*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 515 “Now to Your Table Spread”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of pure, unbounding love,
we are a people who long to be loving
and a people who often fail.
Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others.
Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care
and they hurt our family, friends, or neighbors.
Help us to go the second mile in loving and giving of ourselves;
make us strong and wise in our loving.
We pray to you for healing in our relationships;
with you, with our loved ones, with friends and associates,
with our world neighbors, and with ourselves.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalm 90:1-8 Old Testament, page 517

Anthem

“When Rooks Fly Homeward” Charles Callahan

*When rooks fly homeward and shadows fall;
when roses fold on the hayward wall;
when blind moths flutter by door and tree,
then comes the quiet of Christ to me.
When stars look out on the children’s path,
and grey mists gather on carn and rath;
when night is one with the brooding sea,
then comes the quiet of Christ to me.*

First Lesson

1 Thessalonians 5:1-11 New Testament, page 193

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

Matthew 25:14-30 New Testament, page 27

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Risky Business Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 415 “Come, Labor On”

*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.

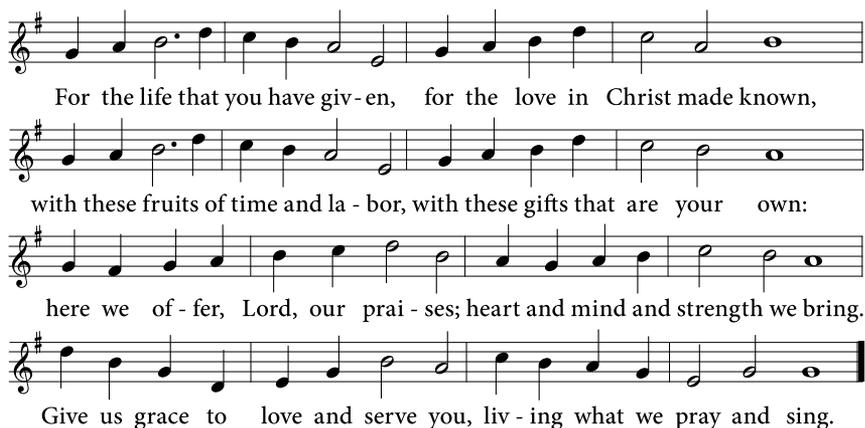
Offering

Offertory Solo

“Ye Are the Light of the World” Frank La Forge

*Ye are the light of the world.
A city that is set on a hill cannot be hid.
Neither does one light a candle and put it under a bushel,
but on a candlestick, and it giveth light unto all that are in the house.
Let your light so shine before all, that they may see your good works
and glorify your Father which is in heaven.
Ye have heard that it hath been said:
Thou shalt love thy neighbor and hate thine enemy.
But I say unto you, love your enemies;
bless them that curse you; do good to them that hate you;
and pray for them which despitefully use you and persecute you;
that ye may be the children of your Father which is in heaven.
Be ye therefore perfect, even as your Father which is in heaven is perfect.*

*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.**

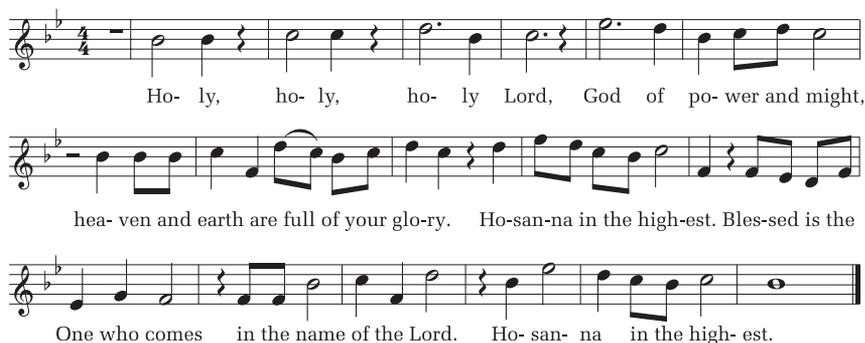
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

“Father, Who the Light This Day” C. Oliver

*Father, who the light this day out of darkness did create,
shine upon us now, we pray, while within thy courts we wait.
Wean us from the works of night; make us children of the light.
Savior, who this day did break the dark prison of the tomb,
bid our slumbering souls awake, shine through all their sin and gloom;
let us, from our bonds set free, rise from sin and live to thee.
Spirit, blessed comforter, sent this day from Christ on high.
Lord, on us thy gifts confer, cleanse, illumine, sanctify;
all thy fullness shed abroad; lead us to the truth of God.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord of the universe,
help us absorb the meal we have shared.
Make it one that strengthens us for the week to come.
Bring memories of it to our minds in tough moments,
in fearful moments, in times of joy,
so that we might remember your steadfast love
and constant desire to nourish us. Amen.

*Hymn 466 “O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing Paul Manz

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Sara Pfaff on behalf of the Mission Committee.

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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