

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Trio in A Minor Josef Rheinberger

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” George Guest

O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 606

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 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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 ourselves,
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 what keeps us apart from you.

Remind us of the promise 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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 111 Old Testament, page 531

Anthem

“Praise, O Praise” Martin How

*Praise, O praise our God and King, hymns of adoration let us sing,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*And the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light,
praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*And hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Praise him for our harvest store, he hath filled the garner floor,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*And for richer food than this pledge of everlasting bliss,
for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure.*

*Glory to our bounteous King, glory let creation sing,
glory to the Father, Son, and blest Spirit, three in one.*

First Lesson

Proverbs 9:1–6 Old Testament, page 558

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

**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

John 6:51–58 New Testament, page 93

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 174 “Come and Seek the Ways of Wisdom”

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

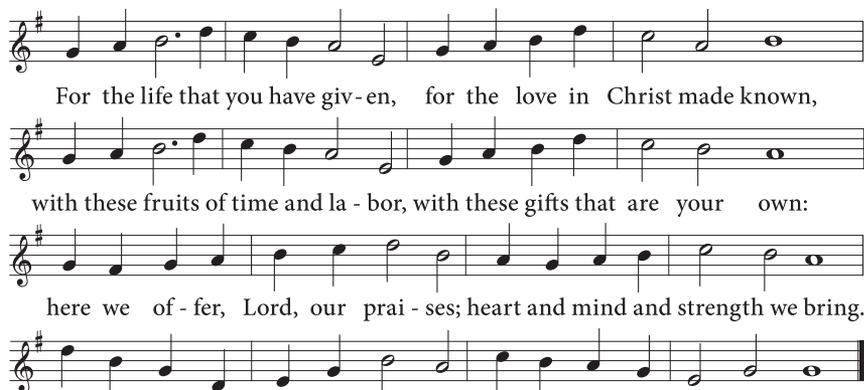
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“How Fair and How Pleasant Art Thou”. Marcel Dupré

*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

“Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants” M. How

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple;
grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of new life, with joy we have received this sacrament
of the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
the promise of hope and the grace of forgiveness.
Remind us in the days to come that we have been fed by your very hand
and that you desire to nurture us always,
because your love for us is more than we can imagine;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer, who lives and reigns
with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 755 “Alleluia! Laud and Blessing”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in D Major Johann Pachelbel

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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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