

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Long Live Jesus, My Love Traditional Mexican hymn
arr. H. Ricardo Ramirez
- El Flautista Ramón Noble
- Psalm and Dance David Evan Thomas

Introit

“O Father, Hear My Morning Prayer” Berrian R. Schute
*O Father, hear my morning prayer; thine aid impart to me,
that I may make my life acceptable to thee.*

*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 401 “Here in This Place”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of all ages, you have made your love known to us:
a love so great that it comes down to be with us
and a love so great that it calls us forth.
Forgive us when we fail to trust in your greatness,
when we pretend that we can contain you or that we are in control.
Free us from the small plans we make for ourselves,
and open us to the great plans you lay before us.
Release us from any fear of what we do not know,
and call us into a future in which your Spirit will be free.

Declaration of Pardon

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

*Stand as you are able.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair” Eric H. Thiman
How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts; how dear
thy pleasant tabernacles are, where thou dost dwell so near.
My soul doth long and almost die, thy courts, O Lord, to see;
my heart and flesh aloud do cry, O living God, for thee.
Happy who in thy house reside, where thee they ever praise!
Happy whose strength in thee doth bide, and in their hearts thy ways.
They journey on from strength to strength, with joy and gladsome cheer,
’til all before our God at length in Zion do appear.
For God the Lord, both sun and shield give grace and glory bright;
no good from them shall be withheld whose ways are just and right. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (responsively)

Psalms 84 Old Testament, page 513

*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.

Scripture Lesson

1 Kings 8 (selected verses). Old Testament, page 297

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Letting in to Go Out Joyce Shin

“But will God indeed dwell on the earth?
Even heaven and the highest heaven cannot contain you,
much less this house that I have built!” 1 Kings 8:27 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 410 “God Is Calling through the Whisper”

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed be 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.

Prayer Response

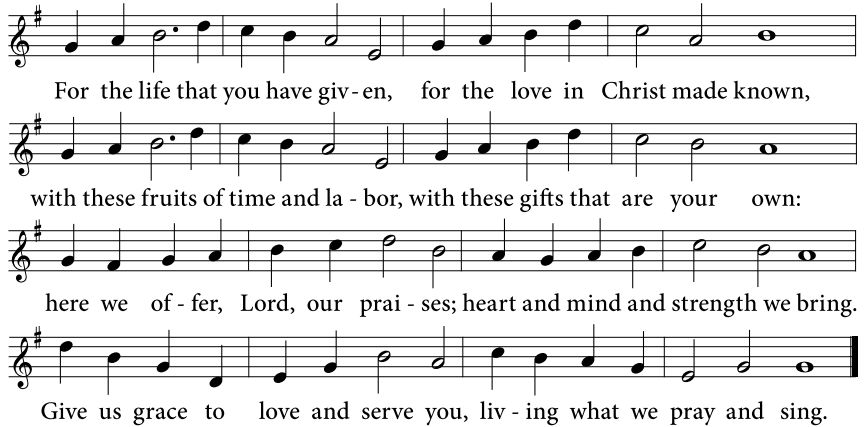
“Amen” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina

Offertory Anthem

“Come, O Thou Traveler Unknown” Richard Webster

*Come, O thou traveler unknown, whom still I hold but cannot see!
My company before is gone, and I am left alone with thee;
with thee all night I mean to stay
and wrestle till the break of day.
I need not tell thee who I am, my misery and sin declare;
thyself hast called me by my name; look on thy hands and read it there.
But who, I ask thee, who art thou?
Tell me thy name, and tell me now.
Yield to me now, for I am weak but confident in self-despair.
Speak to my heart in blessing speak, be conquered by my instant prayer;
speak, or thou never hence shalt move,
and tell me if thy name is Love.
'Tis Love! Thou diedest for me, I hear thy whisper in my heart.
The morning breaks, the shadows flee,
pure universal Love thou art to me,
to all thy mercies move;
thy nature and thy name is Love.*

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Thanksgiving (unison)

Gracious God, you give us more than we could ask.
We give you thanks for the things we can count
and even more for the things we cannot count.
We thank you for your abiding presence in our lives
and for all that you make possible.
Receive what we have offered and, as you always do,
multiply them with your love and freedom
to the good of your world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

 Divertimento en Thema Antiguo R. Noble

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Worship Notes

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