

*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

Petit Lied . . . . . Henri Mulet

### Introit

“Halle, Halle, Halle” . . . . . Caribbean melody;  
arr. John Bell

*Hallelujah!*

\*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 12 . . . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of love and justice,  
we long for peace within ourselves  
and within the world around us.  
We long for harmony in our families,  
and serenity in the midst of struggle.  
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,  
we do not trust each other, and we harbor violence.  
We are not willing to take the risks  
and make the sacrifices that love requires.  
Look upon us with kindness and grace.  
Help us to once again follow the path  
that Christ made known to us. Amen.

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\*Stand as you are able.

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*)

Psalms 19:1–10 . . . . . Old Testament, page 472

Anthem

“Praise, All You People” . . . . . Bradley Ellingboe

*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things!  
All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart it amen sings!  
Blessed, O blessed are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high,  
whom from salvation naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh.  
Trust not in rulers for they are but mortal; earthborn are they and soon decay.  
Vain are their counsels at life’s portal; vain is their help on judgment day.  
Praise the Almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud him all my days;  
with song and anthem I come before him singing the Lord a song of praise!  
Hallelujah!*

First Lesson

Mark 8:22–26 . . . . . New Testament, page 41

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

Mark 8:27–36 . . . . . New Testament, page 41

Sermon

Struggling to See . . . . . Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 450 ..... “Be Thou My Vision”

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

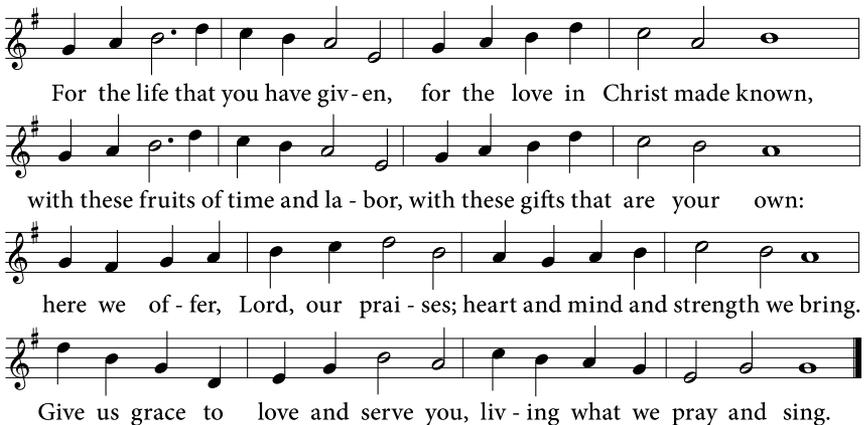
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from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

Prélude Modal ..... Jean Langlais

#### \*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.**

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

*. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

#### 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

“O Taste and See” . . . . . Ralph Vaughan Williams

*O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Grant us, Lord God,  
the vision of your kingdom,  
forgiveness and new life,  
and the stirring of your Spirit,  
so that we may share your vision,  
proclaim your love,  
and change this world,  
following Christ’s example. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 771 . . . . . “What Is the World Like”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fantasia in G Minor . . . . . Johann Pachelbel

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Sue Thompson, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Carol Mycio, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
Chelsie Coren, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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THE CHANCEL CHOIR is providing musical leadership this morning. Those interested in singing with the Chancel Choir are invited to join their weekly rehearsals, which take place on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

THE TEMPORARY ELECTRONIC ORGAN that we have been using since last summer has been moved from the Choir Loft to the Sanctuary floor. It will remain there this fall while work is done in the loft to install the rebuilt pipe organ, which we anticipate dedicating on November 22.

TODAY WE ARE SINGING a new musical setting of the Sanctus, which is the familiar “Holy, Holy, Holy Lord” words that we sing each week as part of the Communion liturgy. We are also introducing as part of that liturgy another element from the Presbyterian *Book of Common Worship*: the Memorial Acclamation of “Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.” The music for both of these is the familiar tune “Land of Rest,” to which the often-sung hymn “Lord, When I Came into This Life” (The Hymnal, 691) is sung. This music was arranged by Chicago organist Richard Proulx while he served as organist at Holy Name Cathedral and is included in the Presbyterian hymnal, *Glory to God*.

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