
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in D Major Domenico Scarlatti

Introit

“Sing Out a Joyful Song” Dale Wood

Sing out a joyful song in praise and come to celebrate!
With cheerful heart give thanks to God for goodness ever great.
Sing new songs of joy, to God lift your voice!
Sing new songs of praise, give thanks and rejoice!
Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise,
and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise.

*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*)

O God of Grace,
we confess that sometimes we are unsure of our faith.
We are weighed down with doubt and guilt,
and do not have the courage to trust in you.
Fill our hearts with the assurance of your love,
and renew our courage so that we may serve you with joy and trust.
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 1 Old Testament, page 463

Anthem

“Lord, Make Us Servants” Robert N. Roth

*Lord, make us servants of your peace; where there is hate, may we sow love;
where there is hurt, may we forgive; where there is strife, may we make one.*

*Where all is doubt, may we sow faith; where all is gloom, may we sow hope;
where all is night, may we sow light; where all is tears, may we sow joy.*

*Jesus, our Lord, may we not seek to be consoled, but to console,
nor look to understanding hearts, but look for hearts to understand.*

*May we not look for love’s return, but seek to love unselfishly,
for in our giving we receive, and in forgiving are forgiven.*

Dying, we live, and are reborn through death’s dark night to endless day;

Lord, make us servants of your peace, to wake at last in heaven’s light.

First Lesson

James 3:13–4:3, 7–8a New Testament, page 216

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 9:30–37 New Testament, page 42

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 697 “Take My Life”

*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

“Air” from *Water Music* Georg Frideric Handel

*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:

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

“I Come with Joy to Meet My Lord” Carl Schalk

*I come with joy to meet my Lord, forgiven, loved, and free,
in awe and wonder to recall his life laid down for me.
I come with Christians far and near to find, as all are fed,
the new community of love in Christ’s communion bread.
As Christ breaks bread and bids us share, each proud division ends.
That love that made us makes us one, and strangers now are friends.
And thus with joy we meet our Lord. His presence, always near,
is in such friendship better known; we see and praise him here.
Together met, together bound, we’ll go our different ways,
and as his people in the world we’ll live and speak his praise.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We thank you, O God, for your presence,
for this community, and for the signs of your grace
in word and prayer and bread and cup.
Give us strength of mind,
that we might walk the path of obedience and discipleship
without wasting our time thinking about who is more important.
Guide our thoughts and our emotions that we may be like children,
totally dependent on you, welcoming all with hospitality and love.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 537 “When at This Table”
(Choir sings verse 1; congregation sings verses 2–5)

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major Georg Philipp Telemann

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The Music Today

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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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