

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Intermezzo Johannes Brahms

Introit

“Hallelujah! For the Lord God Omnipotent Reigneth” Eric Thiman
Hallelujah! For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.

*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 22 “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and merciful God,
we come before you to offer our apologies, to simply say, “We are sorry.”
We are sorry for our participation in the evils of the world around us
and for our blind acceptance of things that advantage us and harm others.
We are sorry for our individual sins,
which cause confusion or anxiety or hurt to those around us.
We confess that some of our worst moments
are experienced by those closest to us.
As we offer our apologies to you, dear God, help us to apologize to others.
Give us sight into our own failings and destructive ways and then,
with our new ability to see, give us courage to receive your forgiveness.
In the name of Jesus, our friend and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*congregation sings the refrain*)

“Taste and See” (Psalm 34) The Hymnal, 520

Anthem

“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children”. Christopher Tye

Praise ye the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord forevermore.

The Lord’s name is praised from the east unto the west.

The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory is above the heavens.

First Lesson

Job 42:1–6, 10–17 Old Testament, page 462

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 10:46–52 New Testament, page 44

Sermon

Sight Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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

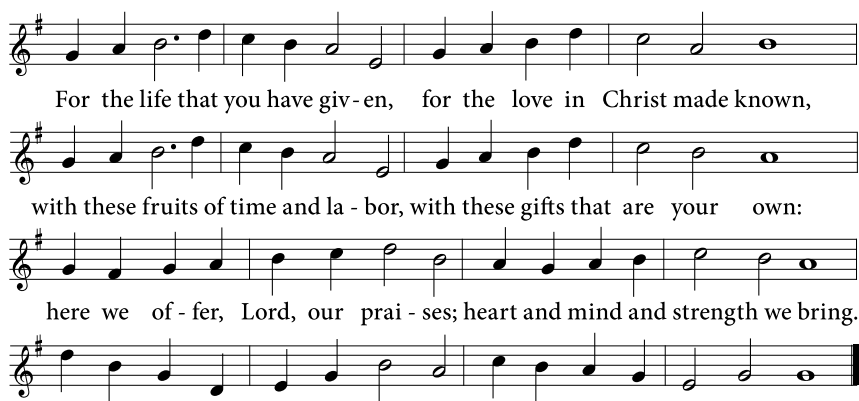
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Prelude on an Anthem 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.

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

“Shall We Gather at the River” Robert Lowry
arr. Robert McIver

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angel's feet have trod,
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down,
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.
Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease,
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Thank you, great God,
for the reminder you have given us in table,
bread, and cup, that you are with us,
that you desire to feed and nurture us into wholeness,
and that no matter how far we wander
or how arduous the journey back,
you welcome us into your presence.
Open us to the spiritual food you offer,
and make us ever mindful of our blessings,
so that we can be signs of your love to the world around us. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

*Benediction and Response

Recessional (*please remain standing*)

Scotland the Brave Scottish folk tune

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress. arr. Friedrich Wilhelm Marpug

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The Music Today

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Worship Notes

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” featured in the Postlude.

TODAY’S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Bill Patterson on behalf “Give. Grow. Become!”—the Annual Appeal for Fourth Presbyterian Church and Chicago Lights.

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 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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