

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Rondeau from *Abdelazer* Henry Purcell

Introit

“Freedom Is Coming” South African song
Freedom is coming, O yes, I know. Jesus is coming, O yes, I know.

*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.

*Call to Worship from 2 Corinthians 2:6

Leader: *God who said, “Out of darkness the light shall shine!”*
People: *is the same God who makes light shine in our hearts*
Leader: *to give us the knowledge of God’s glory*
People: *shining in the face of Christ.*
Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 11 “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,
but we turn away, distracted by our own plans.
We confess that we speak when we should listen
and act when we should wait. Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.
Grant us wisdom to live in your light
and to follow in the way of your beloved Son,
Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. 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 (*sung*)

“Tremble, O Tremble” (Psalm 99) The Hymnal, 57

Anthem

“Christ Is in This Place” Allen Pote

We come to eat the bread of life and drink the cup again. We come to kneel before the one who brings us peace within. We come to greet the living Christ, who feeds our hungry souls. O may we live as ones forgiven; in Christ we are made whole. Alleluia, sing of love and grace; alleluia, Christ is in this place. We go refreshed, with hearts renewed, into the world again. We go with minds and spirits blessed, which gives us strength within. We go to seek the living Christ in everyone we meet. O may we live with love for humankind; in Christ we are complete. Alleluia, sing of love and grace; alleluia, Christ is in this place.

First Lesson

Exodus 24:12–18 Old Testament, page 68

Minister: *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

Luke 9:28–36 New Testament, page 65

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Beyond Words Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 190 “Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from the Nicene Creed

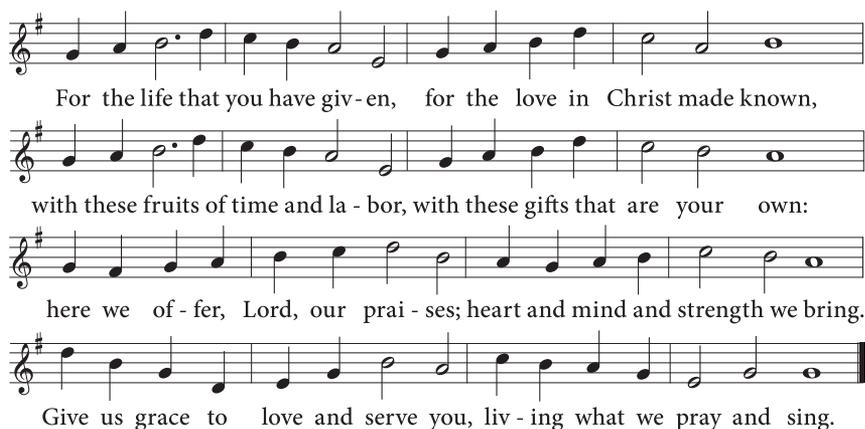
We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty,
maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.
We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God,
eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light,
true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the
Father; through him all things were made.
For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven,
was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary,
and became truly human.
For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate;
he suffered death and was buried.
On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures;
he ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father.
He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead,
and his kingdom will have no end.

Offering

Offertory Solo

“The Lamb” Theodore Chanler

*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 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“The Disciples Knew the Lord Jesus” Mark Schweizer

*The disciples knew the Lord Jesus in the breaking of the bread.
The bread which we break is the communion of the body of Christ.
One body are we, for though we are many, we share one bread.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Illuminate our lives, O God, with the radiance of Christ’s love,
and inspire us to shine in faith and witness as his holy disciples.
Transform us into his likeness that we may live for you, as he lived,
and love others, as he loved them. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon Herbert Murrill

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Jim Kendzel

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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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