

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Elegy Charles Hubert H. Parry

Introit

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

*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 641 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy Spirit, we confess that we have created boundaries.

We have drawn lines on the world you created without borders.

We have worked to close doors that you have opened. Forgive us.

Forgive us for creating insiders and outsiders. Forgive us for not

recognizing that you are the God of all and that we are only

a small part. Give us a portion of your Spirit, that we might choose

embrace over exclusion, and love over fear. We pray in the name

of Christ, who is the bridge, the open door, and the way in the
wilderness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Love Divine” Howard Goodall

*Love divine, all loves excelling joy of heaven, to earth come down,
fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
visit us with thy salvation enter every trembling heart.
Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast
let us all in thee inherit, let us find that second rest;
take away our power of sinning Alpha and Omega be,
end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
Come, Almighty, to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
suddenly return and never, never more thy temples leave.
Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
pray and praise thee without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;
changed from glory into glory, 'til in heaven we take our place,
'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 96 Old Testament, page 520

*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

Luke 7:1–10 New Testament, page 61

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 435 “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

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

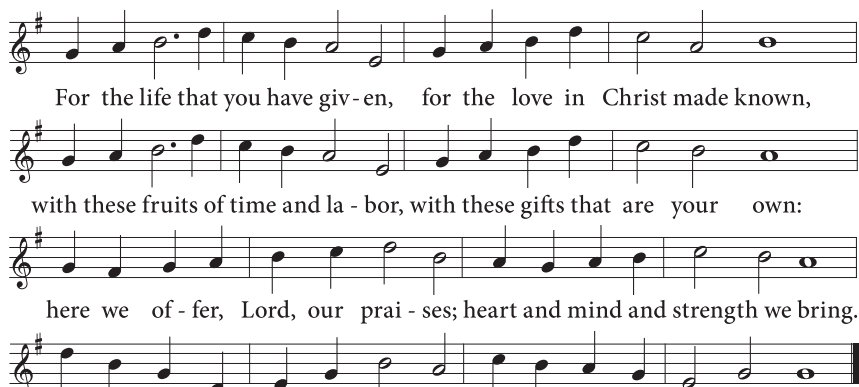
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“Memorial” Louis Vierne

*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.

Minister: *It is indeed right . . .*

. . . singing forever 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

“Ave Verum” Karl Jenkins
*Jesu, word of God incarnate, born of the blessed virgin Mary:
on the cross thy sacred body was torn with nails for us.
Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming forth from thy pierced side.
Feed us with thy broken body, now and always.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, in this meal we have been given a foretaste of the feast that
is to come. Help us always to be alert to the ways you open your arms
wide in welcome, and give us the courage to do the same. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

- *Hymn 8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”
- *Benediction and Response
- Postlude
 - Toccata in E Minor Johann Pachelbel

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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 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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