

*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

Vocalise . . . . . Sergei Rachmaninoff  
arr. Patricia Bird

### Introit

“Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart” . . . . . Arthur Messiter  
arr. Norman Clayton

*Rejoice, ye pure in heart; rejoice, give thanks, and sing;  
your festal banner wave on high, the cross of Christ your King.*

\*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

Leader: *We come from all walks of life.*

People: **We come to worship God.**

Leader: *We come with burdens great,  
haunting pasts, and unknown futures.*

People: **We come to follow Jesus.**

Leader: *We come from a world of judgment and condemnation.*

People: **We come into the freedom and liberation of Jesus.**

Leader: *We come to worship God.*

People: **We come to follow our Savior together.**

### \*Opening Prayer

\*Hymn 14 . . . . . “For the Beauty of the Earth”

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

Leader: *Let us confess our failures in discipleship.  
For the times we have preferred our own comfort  
and ignored your call to service:*

People: Lord Christ, forgive us.

Leader: *For placing our material welfare above the demands of love:*

People: Lord Christ, forgive us.

Leader: *For blaming others for our own failure to act:*

People: Lord Christ, forgive us.

*(Please hold silence.)*

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Alleluia” from *Exsultate, Jubilate* . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 77:1-2, 11-20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 508

\*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 9:51-62. . . . . New Testament, page 66

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 697 . . . . . “Take My Life”

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

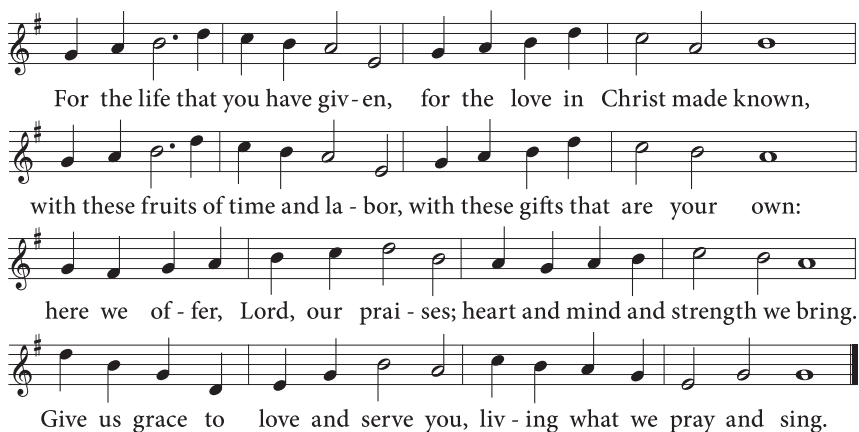
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from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

“Offertory” . . . . . André Fleury

\*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.**

#### 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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” . . . . . Calvin Hampton

*There’s a wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;  
there’s a kindness in his justice which is more than liberty.  
There is welcome for the sinner and more graces for the good;  
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.  
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;  
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.  
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;  
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the Head.  
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;  
and the heart of the Eternal is most wonderfully kind.  
If our love were but more faithful we should take him at his word,  
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

## Prayer after Communion (unison)

Loving God, thank you for always desiring to feed us, to nurture us, to make us whole. We pray that you remind us in the coming week that we have been fed, that we have been forgiven, that you have called us by name, and that we are yours. May those reminders help us feed and nurture others with love and forgiveness and welcome. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 693 . . . . . “Though I May Speak”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major . . . . . Henry Purcell

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt

## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

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## Worship Notes

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THE WOMEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through July 17. The Women's Choir consists of women from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church; the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

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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