

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Major Pierre Camonin

Introit

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” Plainsong

*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*

*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: *Come now, all who thirst,*

People: **and drink the water of life.**

Leader: *Come now, all who hunger,*

People: **and be filled with good things.**

Leader: *Come now, all who seek,*

People: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord, your word could not be more simple or your voice more clear: cease to do evil, learn to do good, seek justice, rescue the oppressed, defend the orphan, plead for the widow. Still we confess we are prone to plead for our own and to defend ourselves. We'd rather others rescue while we watch. And justice eludes us, for we have learned to accommodate convenient evils. Rework and remake us, O God, so that goodness and justice, courage and salvation, would be the song of our lives. 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*)

Psalms 33:1-9 Old Testament, page 480

Anthem

“Let the Whole Creation Cry” Jakob Hintze
arr. John Ferguson

*Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!”
Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King!”
Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love;
sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice.
Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word,
those to whom the arts belong add voices to the song.
Powers of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw;
all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!”
Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold,
and let children’s happy hearts in this worship take their parts.
From the north to the southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll:
“Holy, holy, holy one; glory be to God alone!”*

First Lesson

Isaiah 1:1, 10–20 Old Testament, page 592

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

Luke 12:35–40 New Testament, page 70

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

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

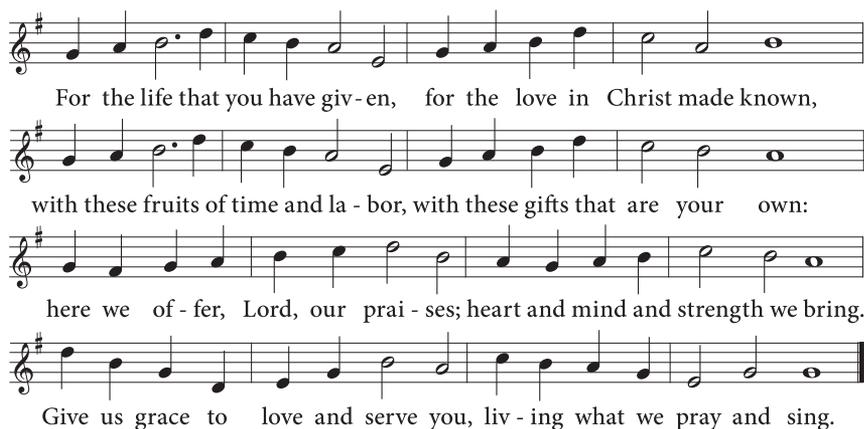
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the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

“Fugue on the Trompette” François Couperin

*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

"How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds" Alexander Reinagle
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds, and drives away his fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary rest.
Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
my never failing treasury, filled with boundless stores of grace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people, because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. So Lord, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 175 "Seek Ye First"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Te Deum. Jean Langlais

Worship Leader

Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

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

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Worship Notes

THE MEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through September 4. The Men's Choir consists of men 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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