

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cloister-Garth A. Herbert Brewer

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore
Praise ye the Lord. Praise, all ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

*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 scattered lives to this sanctuary
to seek our unity in the Spirit,
to seek the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ,
to seek the peace of God the Father.*

People: God’s people have gathered.
Let us worship God together.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, giver of light and grace,
we have sinned against you and against our fellow men and women,
through ignorance as well as knowledge,
through weakness as well as strength,
through our own deliberate fault.
For the sake of your Son Jesus Christ, who died for us,
forgive us all that is past, and lead us from darkness
to walk as children of light. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God” William McKie

We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God; in the midst of thy temple, alleluia.

O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end.

Thy right hand is full of righteousness, alleluia. We wait for thy loving-kindness,

O God, in the midst of thy temple. O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 113 Old Testament, page 532

*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 16:1–13 New Testament, page 74

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 697 “Take My Life”

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

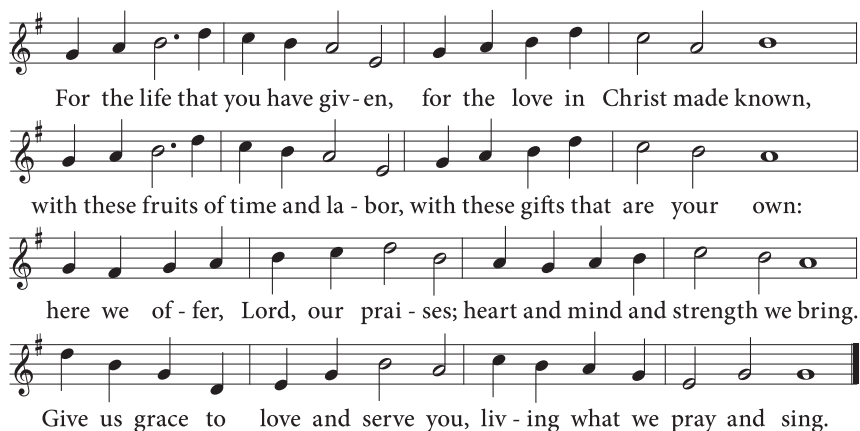
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Méditation Maurice Duruflé

*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 right to give you thanks and praise . . .*

. . . 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

“Say, How May Earth and Heaven Unite” Alan Morrison
*Say, how may heaven and earth unite! Say, how shall we with angels join,
what link harmonious may be found, nature discordant to combine!
Loud let the pealing organ swell! Breathe forth your soul in raptures high!
Angels with all in music join; music’s the language of the sky.
With all my powers of heart and tongue I’ll praise my maker in my song;
angels shall hear the notes I raise, approve the song, and join the praise.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,
we thank you for the love which brings us,
as food from heaven,
the life of your dear Son
and assures us that we belong
to the company of all God’s faithful people
in heaven and on earth.
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship
and by the power of the Holy Spirit,
we may continue Christ’s work in the world,
until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom;
through the same Jesus Christ,
your Son, our Lord.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 689 “When the Morning Stars Together”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Domenico Zipoli

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Margaret Laing

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

THE CHANCEL CHOIR is providing musical leadership this morning. Those interested in singing with the Chancel Choir are invited to join their weekly rehearsals, which take place on Thursdays at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which meets this month on September 23 at 7:30 p.m.

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