

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Psalm Prelude Herbert Howells

Introit

“O Praise God in His Holiness” Eric H. Thiman
O praise God in his holiness; praise him in the firmament of his power.

*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: *Happy are those whose help is in the God,
whose hope is in God.*

People: God reigns forever, for all generations.
Praise the Lord!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 393 “O Day of Rest and Gladness”

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession

Dressed in fine linen,
most of us feast sumptuously every day,
while others long to satisfy their hunger.
We have the voices of the prophets,
yet we remain unconvinced,
waiting for some human warning.
Forgive us.
In your mercy, convince and comfort us
and lead us to righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Commissioning of the Choir

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 91:1–6, 14–16 Old Testament, page 518

Anthem

“Humbly I Adore Thee” Plainsong
arr. Robert J. Powell

*Humbly I adore thee, verity unseen,
who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;
lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,
tranced as it beholds thee shrined within the cloud.
Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail;
faith that comes by hearing pierces through the veil.
I believe whatever the Son of God hath told;
what the truth hath spoken, that for truth I hold.
O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death,
living bread that givest all thy creatures breath,
grant my spirit ever by thy life may live,
to my taste thy sweetness never failing give.
Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold
what my soul doth long for that thy word foretold.
Face-to-face thy splendor I at last shall see
in the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee. Amen.*

First Lesson

1 Timothy 6:6–19 New Testament, page 198

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 16:19–31 New Testament, page 75
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Abbi Heimach-Snipes

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

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

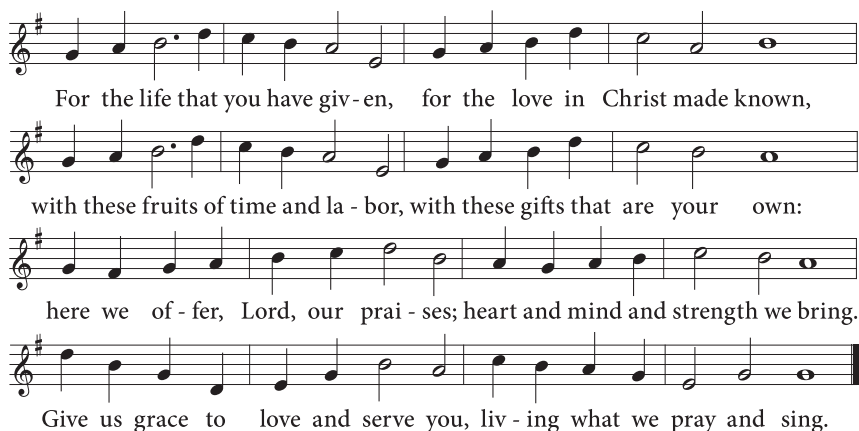
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Chant de Paix (Song of Peace) Jean Langlais

*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

"O Sacred Feast" John Erickson

O sacred feast wherein Christ is found, the memory of his passion is renewed in us; our souls are filled with grace, and the pledge of everlasting glory is given unto us. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, we thank you for your gift of communion,

for the bread and juice that breaks the chasms of our world.

At your table we meet abundance, love, hope,

and the vision of a transformed world.

Let your gifts nourish us, move us, hold us, and empower us

for your work on earth, this day and every day. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 "Will You Come and Follow Me"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue in C Major ("Jig") Dietrich Buxtehude

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Abbi Heimach-Snipes

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The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR lifts up the musical gifts they offer in weekly worship leadership.

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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