

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Giovanni Biondi

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations. Praise ye 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: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth.*

People: **Come and see what God has done!**

Leader: *Listen, all you who suffer and carry heavy burdens*

People: **and all who are made to stand far away.**

Leader: *Lift up your voices and cry for mercy.*

People: **Come before God and be made whole again!**

Leader: *Sing with thanksgiving and present yourselves to God.*

People: **We go our way—our faith has made us well.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 22 “God of the Sparrow”

Prayer of Confession

Loving God, there is more brokenness in us than we like to admit.
We want what isn’t ours. We envy those who have more than we do.
We put down others, lest they become more important than we are.
We take for granted the blessings you shower upon us and fail to be grateful people. Sovereign God, have mercy on us. Let your Spirit move in and through us, that we may be forgiven and made whole. 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

“Make a Joyful Noise to God!” (Psalm 66) The Hymnal, 54

Anthem

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep” John Rutter
Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep. Nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand. I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey, like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love. Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear; suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way. Where thou leadest I would go, walking in thy steps below, till before my Father’s throne I shall know as I am known.

First Lesson

2 Timothy 2:8–15 New Testament, page 200

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 17:11–19 New Testament, page 75

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“More Than Meets the Eye” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 796 “We Come to You for Healing, Lord”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

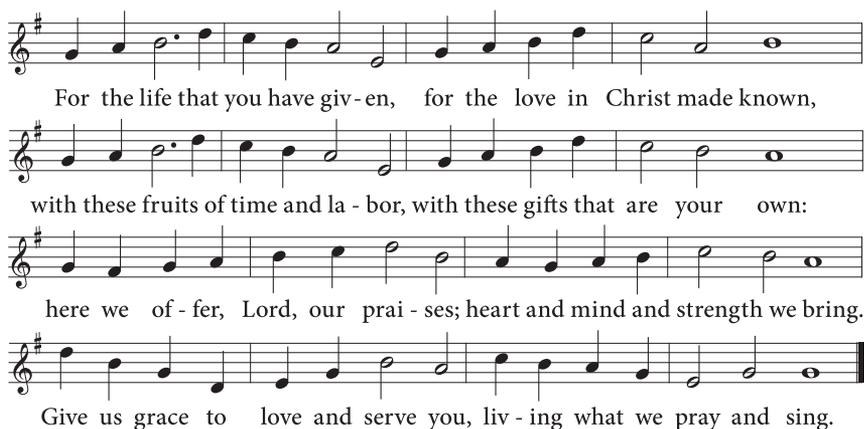
We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
everywhere the giver and renewer of life. . . .
In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”
With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Plein jeu and Duo from *Suite I* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

*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: *May the God of joy be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *People of God, open your hearts to the one
who does wonders for you.*

People: **We offer our hearts to God,
who plants gardens of peace within us.**

Minister: *Children of God, sing praises to the one who leads us to this place.*

People: **We join all creation in singing our thanks to God, our Creator.**

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

“Sing, My Soul, His Wondrous Love” Ned Rorem

*Sing, my soul, his wondrous love, who, from yon bright throne above,
ever watchful over our race, still to us extends his grace.
Heaven and earth by him were made, all is by his scepter swayed;
what are we that he should show so much love to us below?
God, the merciful and good, bought us with the Savior’s blood,
and, to make our safety sure, guides us by his spirit pure.
Sing, my soul, adore his name; let his glory be thy theme.
Praise him till he calls thee home; trust his love for all to come.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face-to-face in your realm.
For you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 772 “Live into Hope”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Dialogue from *Suite I* Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

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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 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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