

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“This Is the Day” Anonymous
This is the day which the Lord has made. We will rejoice and be glad in it.

*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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God,
that we breathe the proud spirit of the world,
the spirit that scorns the way of weakness,
boasts of its cleverness,
clings to knowledge as a means of power,
and seeks to prove its worth by belittling others.
Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.
Fill us with the desire to search for your truth,
that being content to be fools for Christ’s sake,
we may transform the world. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“To God Be the Glory” Scottish tune
arr. George Bayley

To God be the glory, all glory in the highest, and peace to his people who dwell here below. Our heavenly Father, our Lord, and our sovereign, to you, the almighty, our praises bestow. We worship and adore you; we bow before you with grateful thanksgiving; our song let us raise. All glory and honor and glad adoration to God in the highest hosanna and praise. Lord Jesus, the only begotten of the Father, we praise and we bless you, the Son and the Lamb. The sin of the world you have taken upon you; have mercy upon us, the great I AM. For holy, you meet us, yet lowly you greet us, the Lord in the highest, the holy one. All glory to the Father, the Son, and the Spirit, from ages everlasting, the three in one.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 119:137–144 Old Testament, page 538

*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 19:1–10 New Testament, page 77

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*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

“A Mighty Fortress Is Our God” Johann Nicolaus Hanff

*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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing 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 Taste and See” Heinrich Isaac
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blessed are the ones who trust in him.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,
we thank you for the love
that 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 515 “I Come with Joy”
- *Benediction and Response
- *Recessional (*please remain standing*)
 - Scotland the Brave Scottish tune
- Postlude
 - Toccatà in D Minor J. S. Bach

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Jim Kendzel, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; George Sims, bagpiper
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored the hymn “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God,” sung early in today’s service and featured in the Offertory.

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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