

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Solemn Melody Walford Davies

Introit

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord” Stephen Sturk
*O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving.
Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.*

*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 of Worship

Leader: *We come, tired from frantic, worrying lives.*
People: **We come, hoping to find God here.**
Leader: *We come, seeking to believe we are loved.*
People: **We come, wanting to love others.**
Leader: *We come, O God, to know of your presence.*
People: **We come because surely the Lord is in this place.**

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 28 “You Are Before Me, Lord”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed; by what we have done and by what we have left undone. We have not loved you with our whole heart and mind and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.

In your mercy forgive what we have been, help us amend what we are, and direct what we shall be, so that we may delight in your will and walk in your ways to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The Peace of God” John Rutter
The peace of God, which passeth all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God and of his Son Jesus Christ, our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Ghost be amongst you and remain with you always. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 139:1–12 Old Testament, page 545

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

Scripture Lesson

Genesis 28:10–19a Old Testament, page 24

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 523 “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”

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

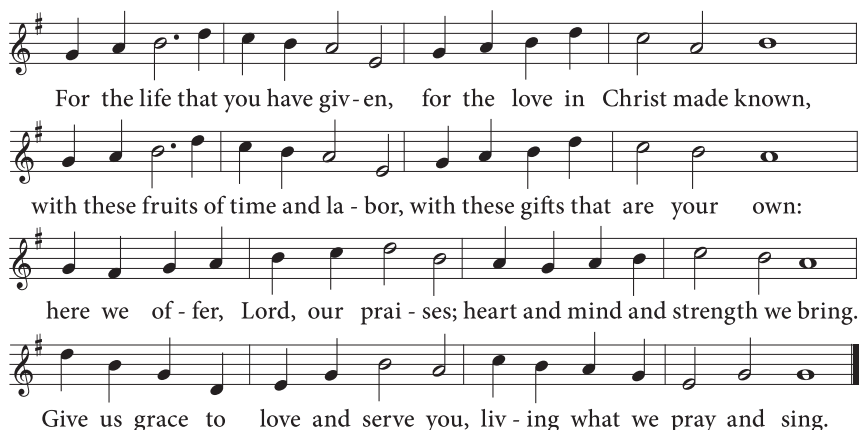
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics*. Dan Locklair

*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

“Peace I Leave with You” Matthew Glandorf
*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you;
not as the world gives do I give unto you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, thank you that you always desire to feed us, to nurture us, to make us whole. We pray that you remind us in the coming week that we have been fed, that we have been forgiven, that you have called us by name, and that we are yours. May those reminders help us feed and nurture others with love and forgiveness and welcome. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Praise God, Ye Christians, One and All Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 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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