

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit

“Hallelujah!” Richard Warner
*Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised; in the high and heavenly places
be the sounding anthem raised.*

*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 305 “Come Sing, O Church, in Joy!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Righteous God, you have crowned Jesus Christ as Lord of all.
Still we confess that we give allegiance to the powers of this world.
We fail to be governed by justice and love. In your mercy, forgive us.
Raise us to acclaim a higher ruler, that we may be loyal ambassadors,
obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Wondrous Love” American folk hymn
arr. Carson Cooman

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul,
that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful cross for my soul.
When I was sinking down, beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.
To God and to the Lamb I will sing.
To God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 46 Old Testament, page 489

*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 23:33–43 New Testament, page 83

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 264 “At the Name of Jesus”

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

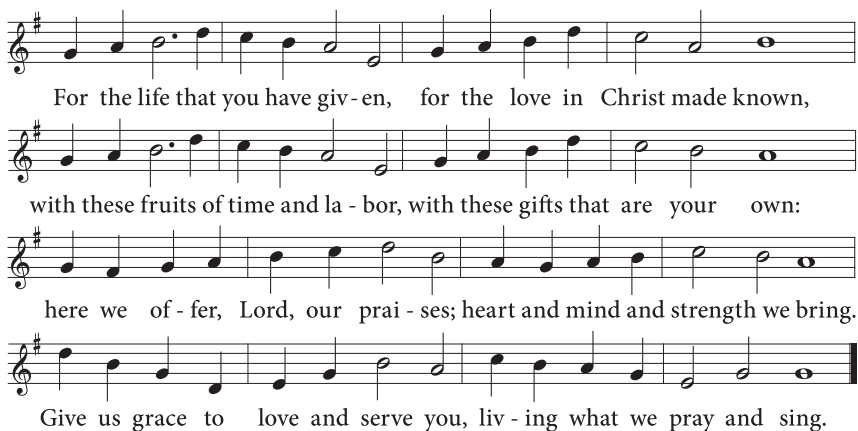
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

I Call to You, Lord Jesus Christ. Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

“Deck Thyself, My Soul, with Gladness” George Frideric Handel

*Deck yourself, my soul, with gladness, leave the gloomy haunts of sadness.
Come unto the daylight’s splendor, there with joy thy praises render.
Unto him whose grace unbounded hath this wondrous banquet founded.
High over all the heavens reigneth, yet to dwell with thee he deigneth.*

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 268 “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Let All Together Praise Our God Nikolaus Vetter

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Judith L. Watt, Rocky Supinger

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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