

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in D-flat Major John Knowles Paine

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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 386 “Come, Worship God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God,
fountain of all life and the true home of every heart,
we confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We have denied you by refusing to know you.
We have betrayed you by keeping our distance.
We have mocked you by pretending we are not yours.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts.
Help us turn to you and find forgiveness.
Lead us home, that we may again find in you
our life and joy and peace. Amen.

Extinguishing the Third Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Create in Me a Clean Heart” Dan Locklair
*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy holy spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free spirit.
Then will I teach transgressors thy ways, and sinners shall be converted unto thee.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 95 Old Testament, page 520

*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

John 4:5–42 New Testament, page 89

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John

“Come and See” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

*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

Ah, Holy Jesus. Helmut Walcha

*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, 572

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, 573

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

“The Holy Banquet” David S. Harris

I come to thee, O Lord, that by thy gift it may be well with me, that I be gladdened by thy holy banquet which thou, O God, in thy sweetness hast prepared for the poor. Therefore, gladden the soul of thy servant this day, because unto thee, O Lord Jesus, have I lifted up my soul. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of love,
as in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you,
living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly on the way where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill our bodies with the life that is Christ within us.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee Johann Sebastian Bach

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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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