

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three Liturgical Improvisations George Oldroyd

2. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall
abide under the shadow of the Almighty.

Introit

“Rise Up, O Saints of God” William Henry Walter
arr. Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of righteousness and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait
with strength unequal to the task; rise up, and make it great.
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
come brothers, sisters of the faith, rise up, O saints of God!*

*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 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Triune God, we praise you as the God of love and life.
Though Jesus prayed we would be one,
we confess that we fail to live in unity with each other and with you.
We break our communion through hostile words and unkind actions.
We long for your Spirit to heal us and correct us.
We long for you to help us experience communion
with you and each other as we gather around your Word and table.
Even now, dependent on your grace,
we commit ourselves to live more fully in the unity you desire.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 8 Old Testament, page 466

Anthem

“Non Nobis, Domine” Roger Quilter

*Not unto us, O Lord, the praise and glory be of any deed or word.
For in thy judgment lies to crown, or bring to naught,
all knowledge and device that man has reached or wrought.
And we confess our blame, how all too high we hold
that noise which some call fame, that dross which some call gold.
For these we undergo our hot and godless days,
but in our souls we know not unto us the praise.
O Power, by whom we live, creator, judge, and friend,
upholdingly forgive, nor leave us at the end.
But grant us yet to see, in all our piteous ways,
O Lord, not unto us the praise.*

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 13:11-13 New Testament, page 175

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

Matthew 28:16-20 New Testament, page 32

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Bound Together” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*Affirmation of Faith 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 Solo

“Bist du bei mir” Johann Sebastian Bach
*When thou art near, I go with joy to death and to my rest.
 O how joyous would my end be if your fair hands would close my faithful eyes.*

*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.

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

“Lamb of God” Nikolaus Decius; arr. Christopher Aspaas
*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer, patient, still, and lowly;
thyself to scorn didst offer. Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken,
have mercy on us, O Jesu!*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Great and gracious God, inspired by your invitation and nourished
by your promises, may we who have shared in this communion meal
share of your love both freely and fully. May you strengthen us in
your service, and may our daily living show our thanks. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 296 “Go in Grace and Make Disciples”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major William Boyce

Worship Leaders

Victoria G. Curtiss, Mary Zeltmann, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Sean Stanton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

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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