

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

In Thee Is Joy Johann Sebastian Bach
To Jordan Came the Christ, Our Lord J. S. Bach
Shall We Gather at the River John Ferguson

Introit

“You Belong to Christ” Robert A. Hobby
You belong to Christ, in whom you have been baptized. Alleluia.

*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 to Worship

Leader: *Mountains and rivers, islands and oceans—*

People: **give God glory!**

Leader: *Foolish and wise, rulers and nations—*

People: **give God glory!**

Leader: *All who live, all who breathe—*

People: **give God glory!**

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we are precious in your sight,
yet we often forget that we are your beloved.
We confess our love can be fickle and inconsistent.
We tend to follow selfish goals and
forget we are all part of your family, your beloved creation.
We are sorry and we want to change.
Create in us a clean heart, strengthen our resolve,
reconcile us to one another, and bless us with your peace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe and trust this good news of the Gospel:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Tribus miraculis” Orlandus Lassus
*This holy day, adorned by three miracles, we celebrate. Today a star led the
magi to the manger. Today wine was made from water for the nuptials.
Today Christ undertook to be baptized by John that he might save us all. Alleluia.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 29. Old Testament, page 477

*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

Mark 1:4–11. New Testament, page 32

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 488 “I Was There to Hear Your Boring Cry”

A REAFFIRMATION OF OUR BAPTISMAL VOWS

*Baptismal Litany

Leader: *Remember your baptism and be glad!*

People: **The waters of God’s mercy have flowed
and we have been cleansed and refreshed.**

Leader: *Remember the waters that God gathered together
and called seas, the mothers of rivers, lakes, and springs
that quench the thirst of the earth and all its inhabitants.*

People: **We drink of the water of God’s creation
and praise God’s name for life.**

Leader: *Remember the waters of the Red Sea and God’s salvation.*

People: **With the people of old,
we have been freed from our oppression
and brought to a new land.**

Leader: *Remember the well where our Samaritan sister found Jesus
and received her blessing.*

People: **We know that sacred place,
for Jesus has also encountered us there,
speaking truth to us and loving us.**

Leader: *Remember Jesus at the River Jordan;*

People: **the One who was without sin took upon himself our sin.**

Leader: *We are redeemed by Jesus, called to live his righteousness.*

People: **May God be our help.**

Leader: *Remember God’s grace:
we are redeemed by Jesus and not by who we are or what we do.*

People: **Thanks be to God for unmerited grace!**

Leader: *Remember your baptism and be glad!*

People: **We remember and our lives are filled with joy!**

*Profession of Faith and Renunciations

*The Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

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.

Blessing over the Waters

Proclamation and Invitation for Remembrance

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.

Prayer Response

"Amen" Philip E. Baker

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Father in Heaven" David Hurd

Father in heaven, who at the baptism of Jesus in the River Jordan proclaimed him your beloved Son and anointed him with the Holy Spirit, grant that all who are baptized into his name may keep the covenant they have made and boldly confess him as Lord and Savior, who with you and the Holy Spirit lives and reigns, one God, in glory everlasting. Amen.

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication

O God, at his baptism
 you acknowledged Jesus as your beloved Child,
 and through him you opened to us the gift of grace.
 May these offerings we return to you be a sign
 of our dedication to live as your faithful children,
 born in the waters of baptism by the power of the Holy Spirit;
 through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 163 “Wild and Lone the Prophet’s Voice”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

The Water Music Suite George Frideric Handel
 Allegro Maestoso

Worship Leaders

9:30 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Fred Schwartz, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Ella Buchanan, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

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