

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Scherzetto Louis Vierne

Introit

“Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* Felix Mendelssohn

Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help.

Thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.

He hath said thy foot shall not be moved. Thy keeper will never slumber.

*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: *Praise to God our creator, source of life, and the wellspring of all.*

People: **Praise be to God!**

Leader: *Praise to Jesus, whom God made flesh to dwell among us.*

People: **Praise be to Jesus our Lord!**

Leader: *Praise to the Holy Spirit, fiery light and rushing wind!*

People: **Praise be the Spirit!**

Leader: *Let us worship the God of creative grace,
Jesus our guide, and the Holy Spirit that beacons and equips.*

People: **We are ready, by God’s grace, to worship. Praise be!**

*Hymn 1 “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sin, and whose mercy we forget: cleanse us from all offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires; that humbly we may draw near to thee, confessing our faults, confiding in thy grace, and finding in thee our refuge and our strength, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them "peace" or "the peace of Christ."

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

"I'm Gonna Live So God Can Use Me" African American spiritual
arr. M. Roger Holland II

*I'm gonna live so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna work so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna pray so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.
I'm gonna sing so God can use me anywhere, Lord, anytime.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 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

John 3:1-10 New Testament, page 88

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Lifting the Veil” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 7 “Mothering God, You Gave Me Birth”

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

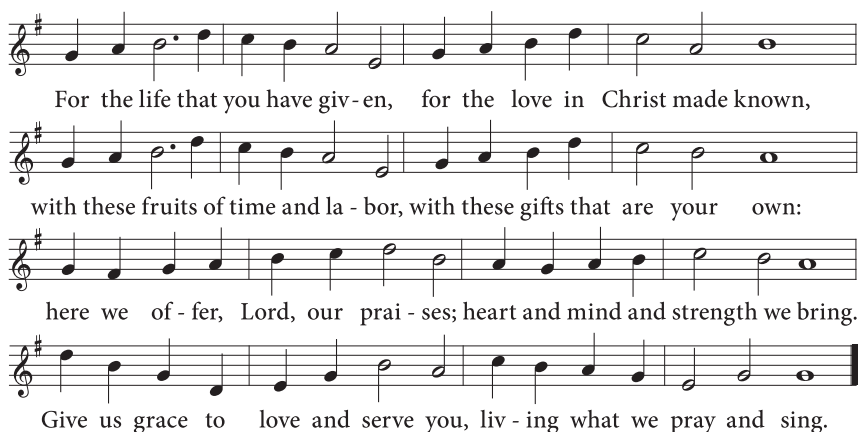
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the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

Memorial Louis Vierne

*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, 565

**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, 566

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

"Pie Jesu" from *Requiem* Andrew Lloyd Webber
Merciful Jesus, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest.
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant them rest everlasting.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We give thanks, almighty and ever-living God, for the meal which we have received. May the nourishment strengthen us for your service; may the promise of new life made known in the astonishing brokenness make us whole. May our hearts brim with gratitude for this foretaste of the feast to come: joy upon joy, grace upon grace, reconciled to one another and to you, Most Holy Christ. And as we step from this sanctuary may we open our hands with holy and radical hospitality to all we encounter. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 4 "Holy God, We Praise Your Name"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Litanies Jehan Alain

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Larry Thomas, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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.

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