

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sarabande	George Frideric Handel arr. Maurizio Machella
Prelude and Fugue in B-flat Major	Clara Schumann
Rhapsody on a Theme of Paganini	Sergei Rachmaninoff arr. William McVicker
Variation 18	

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty” German chorale
arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Praise ye the Lord, the almighty, the King of creation.
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation.
All ye who hear, now to his temple draw near; join me in glad adoration.*

*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: *The world belongs to God,*
People: **the earth and all those who dwell in it.**
Leader: *How good and pleasant it is*
People: **to live together in harmony.**
Leader: *Love and faith come together,*
People: **justice and peace kiss.**
Leader: *If the disciples of Jesus remain silent,*
People: **these stones would cry aloud.**
Leader: *God, open our lips,*
People: **that we shall proclaim your glory.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, forgive us for the times when we bemoan our sinfulness. Forgive us for the times that the confessing of our litany of sins has left us satisfied that we have kept our side of the pact between us—we confess and you forgive. There is more to it than that. Help us to understand that the times we recognize we have fallen short of the standards of love and honesty are opportunities to grow closer to you.

Teach us to recognize that we can never fall out of your loving. Help us to find ways to heal where we have hurt, build where we have damaged, begin again and again in love. This we ask 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 (*sung*)

“I’ll Praise My Maker” (Psalm 146) The Hymnal, 806

Anthem

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair” Eric H. Thiman

How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts; how dear thy pleasant tabernacles are, where thou dost dwell so near. My soul doth long and almost die, thy courts, O Lord, to see; my heart and flesh aloud do cry, O living God, for thee. Happy who in thy house reside, where thee they ever praise. Happy whose strength in thee dith bide and in their hearts thy ways. They journey on from strength to strength, with joy and gladsome cheer, till all before our God at length in Zion do appear. For God the Lord, both sun and shield gives grace and glory bright; no good from them shall be withheld whose ways are just and right. Amen.

First Lesson

Isaiah 1:16–17 Old Testament, page 593
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

Acts of the Apostles 2:42–47 New Testament, page 112
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Holistic Mission” Andrea Zaki

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*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.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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” Max Bruch

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Love Divine” Howard Goodall

*Love divine, all love’s excelling, joy of heaven to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling, all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesu, thou art all compassion, pure unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation, enter every trembling heart.
 Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast,
 let us all in thee inherit, let us find that second rest;
 take away our power of sinning, alpha and omega be,
 end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty.
 Come, almighty to deliver, let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return and never more thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above;
 pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love.
 Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation, perfectly restored in thee;
 changed from glory into glory, till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love and praise.*

*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 (*unison*)

With this offering, we dedicate our lives, Spirit of Love.
 Send us to serve you, where your love needs to be known.
 We open our hearts, Spirit of Life.
 Take us where life needs to be announced, recreated, and shared.
 We pray to you, Spirit of grace,
 that you will sustain us with your blessing,
 renew us with your strength,
 and encourage us with your presence.
 for your grace sustains us today and every day. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 321 “The Church’s One Foundation”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Final Jacques Nicolas Lemmens

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Jim Ford, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Andrea Zaki

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Stephanette Walker, Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Andrea Zaki

The Music Today

Women's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH WELCOMES TO THE PULPIT the Reverend Dr. Andrea Zaki, a leading voice for Christians in the Middle East, particularly in Egypt. Dr. Zaki is the President of the Protestant Churches of Egypt and General Director of the Coptic Evangelical Organization for Social Services (CEOSS), an NGO that works to raise the quality of life for more than 2 million Egyptians in economically challenged communities each year. He also lectures at the Evangelical Theological Seminary in Cairo and serves as the President of the Fellowship of Middle East Evangelical Churches and as a board member of Hands Along the Nile Development Services (HANDS), based in the Washington, D.C. area.

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