

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three Welsh Hymn Preludes Ralph Vaughan Williams
II. Rhosymedre

Introit

“Christ Is Our Cornerstone” John Darwall
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*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 409 “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost,
but we confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We have been misled by our pride,
seeing ourselves as blameless, even when we are to blame,
and seeing ourselves as great, when instead we are small.
We have failed to love more widely,
neglected justice for those are oppressed, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.
Return us to your paths; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

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

*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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*) Psalm 145:1–9

Leader: *I will exalt you, O God my Sovereign,
and praise your name forever and ever.*

People: **Every day I will honor you,
and praise your name forever and ever.**

Leader: *Great is the Lord and greatly to be praised;
there is no end to your greatness.*

People: **One generation shall praise your works to another
and shall declare your power.**

Leader: *I will ponder the glorious splendor of your majesty
and all your marvelous works.*

People: **They shall speak of the might of your wondrous acts,
and I will tell of your greatness.**

Leader: *They shall publish the remembrance of your great goodness;
they shall sing of your righteous deeds.*

People: **The Lord is gracious and full of compassion,
slow to anger and of great kindness.**

Leader: *O Lord, you are loving to everyone,
and your compassion is over all of your works.*

Anthem

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

First Lesson

Jeremiah 23:1–6 Old Testament, page 681

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 15:1–12 New Testament, page 126

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Law and Disorder” Matt Helms

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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

O Waly Waly English folk tune; arr. Thomas Fielding

*Offertory Response

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

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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Leader: *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, God of 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.

Leader: . . . *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

“Jesu, Joy of All Desiring” Johann Sebastian Bach

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for what you have given
and for what you have promised us here.
You have made us one with all your people
in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread and cup
and renewed us for your service.
May our love be your love,
reaching out into the life of the world;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 312 “Take Us As We Are, O God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Marche-Sortie Théodore Dubois

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Roberta Dawson, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

Grant Nill, Fourth Church Organ Scholar (2017–2018)

Worship Notes

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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