

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Four Quiet Interludes Lloyd Webber

4. Choral

Introit

“O, Bless the Lord, My Soul” Aaron Thomas
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*O, bless the Lord, my soul. Let all within me join and aid my tongue
to bless his name whose favors are divine.*

*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 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Most gracious and most merciful God,
we confess to you and to one another that time after time
we have entered your presence with countless prayers
but with hearts that have been closed to your grace.
We have lifted our hands to you in praise,
but our feet have still strayed from your path.
We have rehearsed your commandments
but have refused to see your face in the needs of our neighbor.
We pray, Lord, that you forgive our lack of faith and pardon our acts.
Grant us the healing that comes from your presence.
We pray this in the name of Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*) Psalm 95:1–6

Leader: *Come, let us sing to God;
let us shout for joy to the rock of our salvation.*

People: **Let us come before God’s presence with thanksgiving
and raise a loud shout to the Holy One with psalms.**

Leader: *For the Most High is a great God,
and a great Sovereign above all nations.*

People: **Our Creator holds the caverns of the earth
and sustains the heights of the hills.**

Leader: *The sea belongs to God, who made it,
whose hands have molded the dry land.*

People: **Come, let us bow down, and bend our knees;
let us kneel before our Maker.**

Anthem

“The Garden Hymn” Ronald Perera

The Lord into his garden comes, the spices yield a rich perfume, the lilies grow and thrive; amazing love and grace divine, from Jesus flow to every vine, and make the dead revive. Come, children, ye that love the Lord, who taste the sweetness of his word, in Jesus’ ways go on; our troubles and our trials here will only make us richer there, when we arrive at home. The glorious time is rolling on; the gracious work is now begun, my soul a witness is; I taste and see the pardon free for all mankind as well as me, who come to Christ to live.

First Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 17:1–9 New Testament, page 128

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

1 Thessalonians 1:1–10 New Testament, page 191

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution”

“The Seeds of Church” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 307 “God of Grace and God of Glory”

*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.

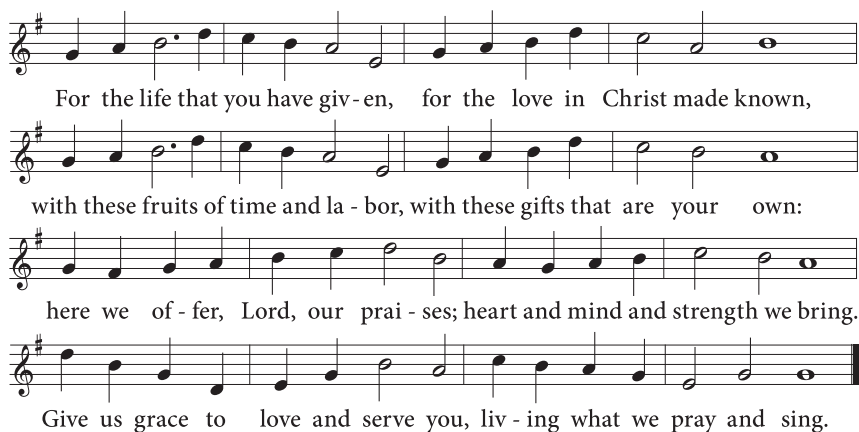
Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Gaitilla for the Left Hand Sebastián Durón

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

*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

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

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” Plainsong
*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be; both
flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail. O blest
memorial of our dying Lord, who living bread to all doth ere afford! O may our souls
forever feed on thee, and thou, O Christ, forever precious be! Fountain of goodness,
Jesus, Lord and God, cleanse us, unclean, with thy most cleansing blood; increase our
faith and love, that we may know the hope and peace which from thy presence flow.
O Christ, whom now beneath a veil we see, may what we thirst for soon our portion
be: to gaze on thee unveiled, and see thy face, the vision of thy glory and thy grace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness,
to touch an ordinary, everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fugue for the Chromhorne François Couperin

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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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