

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Now That the Daylight Fills the Sky” Plainsong

*Now that the daylight fills the sky, we lift our hearts to God on high,
that he, in all we do or say, would keep us free from harm this day.
To God the Father, heavenly light, to Christ, revealed in earthly night,
to God the Holy Ghost we raise our equal and unceasing praise.*

*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 624 “I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we long for new life when we are worn and tired;
new love when we have turned hard-hearted;
forgiveness where we have wounded others.
Free us from all that keeps us from you,
and plant new life in the very marrow of our being.
Through Christ Jesus, we pray. 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

Anthem

“King of Glory, King of Peace” David Charles Walker

King of glory, King of peace, I will love thee; and that love may never cease, I will move thee. Thou hast granted my request, thou hast heard me; thou didst note my working breast, thou hast spared me. Wherefore with my utmost art, I will sing thee; and the cream of all my heart, I will bring thee. Thou my sins against me cried, thou didst clear me; and alone, when they replied, thou didst hear me. Seven whole days, not one in seven, I will praise thee; in my heart, though not in heaven, I can raise thee. Small it is in this poor sort to enroll thee; e'en eternity's too short to extol thee.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 15 Old Testament, page 469

*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 7:1–8, 14–15, 21–23 New Testament, page 39

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“Finding Our Way to Yes!” Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 630 “Fairest Lord Jesus”

*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

Fairest Lord Jesus Healey Willan

*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

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” Calvin Hampton

*There’s wideness in God’s mercy like the wideness of the sea;
there’s a kindness in his justice, which is more than liberty.
There is welcome for the sinner, and more graces for the good;
there is mercy with the Savior; there is healing in his blood.
There is no place where earth’s sorrows are more felt than up in heaven;
there is no place where earth’s failings have such kindly judgment given.
There is plentiful redemption in the blood that has been shed;
there is joy for all the members in the sorrows of the head.
For the love of God is broader than the measure of the mind;
and the heart of the eternal is most wonderfully kind.
If our love were but more faithful, we should take him at his word;
and our life would be thanksgiving for the goodness of the Lord.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O gracious and loving Christ,
we have shared your meal this day with other pilgrims in this life’s path.
We have broken bread and shared the cup,
your body and your blood,
source of healing and wholeness.
May these gifts from your hand strengthen us
for your work in this world—
to heal what is broken;
to share what is life-giving;
to awaken love and joy; and to be a blessing to all we encounter.
Through Jesus Christ, we pray, Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fantasia Camille Saint Saëns

II. Allegro di molto con fuoco

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Sue Thompson, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

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

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.

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Men of the Morning Choir for their musical leadership during morning worship this summer. The Chancel Choir will resume singing during 8:00 a.m. worship next Sunday, September 9.

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