

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cantilene Lynn Trapp

Introit

“Siyahamba” South African freedom song
arr. Anders Nyberg

We are marching in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God.

We are singing in the light of God.

*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.**

*Litany for Reformation Sunday

Leader: *We have met to confess and acknowledge one God alone,*

People: **to whom alone we must cleave
whom alone we must serve,
whom only we must worship,
and in whom alone we put our trust.**

Leader: *We have met to feast on the Living Word, Jesus Christ,*

People: **who took on human flesh to become one with us,
and from whom our salvation springs and depends.**

Leader: *We have met to listen for the song of the Holy Spirit,*

People: **who opens minds and bends stubborn hearts,
who has led the church throughout all ages,
in all realms and tongues.**

Leader: *We have met to proclaim that we are the Church Reformed,*

People: **always willing to be reformed,
and always willing to be changed for the purposes of God.**

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

*Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, you have called us into covenant,
yet our commitment is shallow and our love is weak.
We place lesser concerns high on our list of priorities
and give you whatever time and energy are left.
Forgive our sin, O God, and turn us again toward your purposes.
Reform our lives by renewing our dedication to you.
By your Holy Spirit, give us a new sense of our calling,
a new zeal in our faithfulness,
a new compassion toward neighbors in need,
and a new appreciation for your love in Jesus Christ, our Lord.
May we always be open to the reforming and refreshing wind
of your Spirit. Amen.

Assurance 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

Anthem

“Praise Ye the Lord, Ye Children” Christopher Tye
*Praise ye the Lord, ye children; praise ye the name of the Lord. Blessed be the name of
the Lord for evermore. The Lord’s name is praised from the east unto the west.
The Lord is high above all nations, and his glory above the heavens.*

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 34:1–8, 19–22 Old Testament, page 480

*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 10:46–52 New Testament, page 44
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

*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.

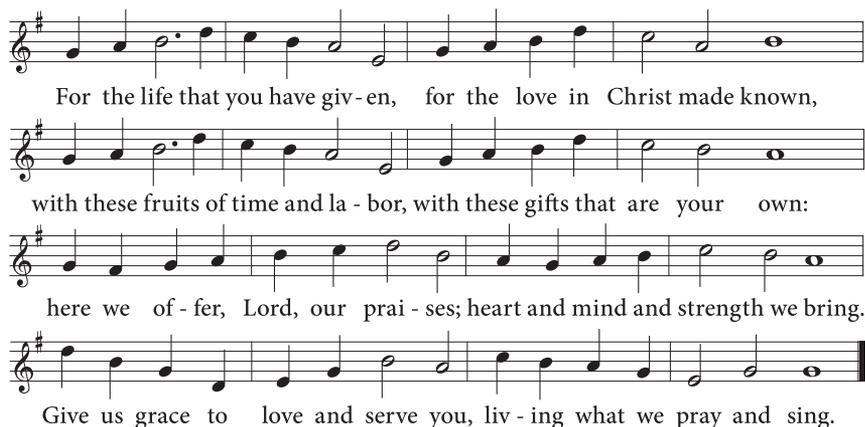
Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Prelude on an Anthem Jean Langlais

[†]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*) The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed” Morgan Simmons

*Litany of Dedication of Our Offerings and 2019 Pledge Commitments

Leader: *The Creator of all life and love
has given our earth bountiful blessings.*

People: God created humanity
to share in the wonder of these blessings
and to steward them for the purposes of God.

Leader: *All thanks be to God,
Giver and Receiver of all that is good.*

People: We return to God portions of what God has given us:
our time, the fruits of our labors, our commitment.

Leader: *May the giving from the fullness of our lives
be acceptable in God’s sight.*

People: May the gifts we bring show
that God’s rule is at hand—both now and to come.

Leader: *We dedicate our offering and our promise
toward the ministry God has given us.*

People: Praise God from whom all blessings flow!

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 550 “Give Praise to the Lord”

*Benediction and Response

*Recessional (*please remain standing*)

Highland Cathedral Ulrich Roever and Michael Korb

Postlude

A Mighty Fortress. arr. Friedrich Wilhelm Marburg

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Worship Notes

TODAY IS REFORMATION SUNDAY, a day when we recall the rich heritage of the Protestant tradition. The Presbyterian Church (USA) grew out of the Reformation of the sixteenth century under leaders such as John Calvin and John Knox. It was on October 31, 1517, that Martin Luther posted his ninety-five theses on the church door in Wittenberg, Germany, the watershed event sparking the Reformation. Luther later authored today's opening hymn, "A Mighty Fortress Is Our God."

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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