

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Elegy George Thalben-Ball

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Giovanni Biordi
Praise ye the Lord. The Lord is high above all nations.

*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 8 “Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, we come to you this day
with deep and abiding need for your compassion and mercy.
We know that we have been indifferent to your will
for our individual and corporate lives.
You have asked us to speak with love and compassion.
We have often been silent.
You have called us to do what is just.
We have been fearful.
You have asked us to show kindness and mercy.
We have held back.
O God, forgive us.
And in your forgiveness, restore us and your entire creation
to wholeness and peace. Through Christ 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
arr. Robert Brewer

*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. Though 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 20 Old Testament, page 472

*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

Isaiah 2:2-4. Old Testament, page 594

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 342 “Judge Eternal, Throned in Splendor”

*Affirmation of Faith from the Brief Statement of Faith

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage
to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.
In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
and to live holy and joyful lives,
even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Prélude Modal Jean Langlais

*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

"Communion Anthem" Don McAfee

Blessed Jesus, at thy table here we bow.

Bread of heaven, save us by thy mercy now, alleluia.

Here in quiet contemplation, grateful hearts to thee we raise.

For the joy of thy salvation we will sing unending praise, alleluia. Amen.

*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude for this moment,
this meal, these people, we give thanks, most gracious God.
Take us out to live as changed people in this world,
nourished with the bread of life
and thirst quenched by the cup of salvation.
May we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 346 “For the Healing of the Nations”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major Georg Philipp Telemann

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Matt Helms, Roberta Dawson, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Chancel Choir

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

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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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