

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude and Fugue in E Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit :: “Freedom Is Coming” South African song

Freedom is coming. O yes, I know. Jesus is coming. O yes, I know.

*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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *We gather in the name of God whose power is great!*

People: We gather in praise of God!

Leader: *With people across this vast globe, we come to praise Jesus!*

People: We gather in praise of Jesus!

Leader: *With the Spirit, who showers us with blessings!*

People: We gather in praise of the Spirit!

Leader: *As pilgrims of the Holy Life,*

People: we gather to praise the Triune God. Amen.

*Hymn 309 “Come, Great God of All the Ages”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul, mind, and strength. We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have failed to reach out to people in need and have not told your story to the world. Gracious God, in your mercy forgive us our shortcomings, amend our ways, and raise us to the fullness of life you wait to give us; in the strong name of Jesus. 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 :: “Lord, Hear Our Supplication” John Dowland

Lord, hear our supplication, regard our petition,

thou who dost grant salvation to those who love thy Son.

’Neath thy wings hide us, Lord, until our hearts, restored,

bow down before thee, praise and adore thee.

Glory to the Creator, eternally sing praise;

glory be ever greater, rejoice through endless days.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 1 Old Testament, page 463

*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

Luke 6:17–26 New Testament, page 60

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 815 “Give to the Winds Thy Fears”

*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.

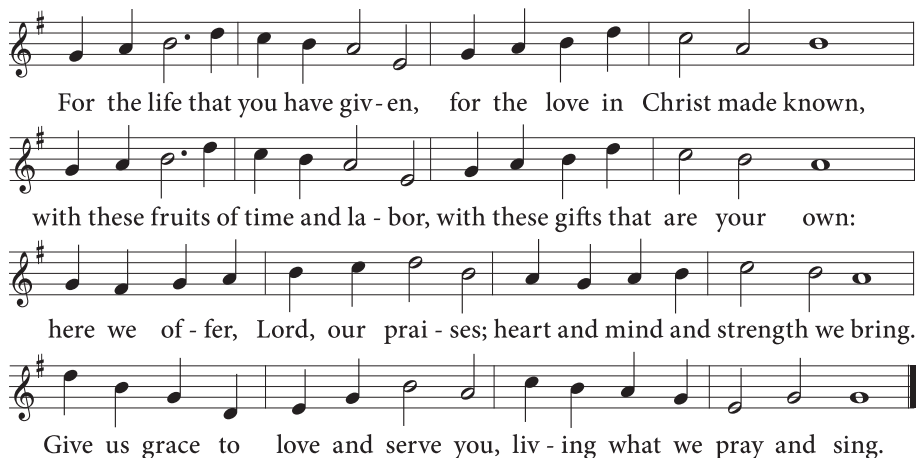
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Solo :: “When the Saints Go Marching In” arr. Hall Johnson

*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, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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, 553

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 :: "Take My Life, and Let It Be" Stephen Sturk

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord, to thee; take my moments and my days, let them flow in ceaseless praise. Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of thy love; take my heart, it is thine own, it shall be thy royal throne. Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my King; take my intellect and use every power as thou shalt choose. Take my will, and make it thine; it shall be no longer mine. Take myself and I will be ever, only, all for thee.

*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Precious Lord, you have placed in our hands
your very self, body broken, blood shed,
as a visible sign of an invisible grace.
We have partaken of this sacrament
to be nourished by the power of your very life
to live as your disciple in this world.
In every step we take from this table into the world,
may our hearts brim with joy,
our eyes hold your gracious light,
and our hands reach to those who need your generous love.
In the name of your child, our Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 550 “Give Praise to the Lord”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Aria Pastorella Valentin Rathgeber

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 Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

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