

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 G Major Felix Mendelssohn

Introit :: “Lift Thine Eyes” from *Elijah* F. Mendelssohn

*Lift thine eyes to the mountains whence cometh help;
thy help cometh from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
He hath said thy foot shall not be moved, thy keeper will never slumber.*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow. Praise God, all creatures high and low.
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and to save the lost,
but we confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We have been misled by our pride,
seeing ourselves as blameless, even when we are to blame,
and seeing ourselves as great, when instead we are small.
We have failed to love more widely,
neglected justice for those who are oppressed, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy on us, O Lord, and forgive our sin.
Return us to your paths, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Stand as you are able.

*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 :: “Love Divine” Howard Goodall

Love divine, all loves excelling, Joy of heaven, to earth come down, fix in us thy humble dwelling; all thy faithful mercies crown. Jesu, thou art all compassion; pure, unbounded love thou art; visit us with thy salvation; enter every trembling heart. Breathe, O breathe thy loving Spirit into every troubled breast; let us all in thee inherit; let us find that second rest. Take away our power of sinning; Alpha and Omega be; end of faith as its beginning, set our hearts at liberty. Come, Almighty to deliver; let us all thy life receive; suddenly return, and nevermore thy temples leave. Thee we would be always blessing, serve thee as thy hosts above, pray, and praise thee, without ceasing, glory in thy perfect love. Finish then thy new creation; pure and spotless let us be; let us see thy great salvation perfectly restored in thee: changed from glory into glory, 'til in heaven we take our place, 'til we cast our crowns before thee, lost in wonder, love, and praise!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Genesis 18:1–10a Old Testament, page 13

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.

Second Lesson :: Luke 10:38–42. New Testament, page 67

Sermon :: “Sacred Hospitality” Matt Helms

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 316 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*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 ♯ Cantilène Rachel Laurin

*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 :: "Ave Verum" Karl Jenkins

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary; having truly suffered, sacrificed on the cross for all,
from whose pierced side water and blood flowed. Be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet
in the trial of death, O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment, we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because, after our experience of you, we cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
May we each sow the seeds of your love freely,
and may they indeed take root in our world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

- *Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”
- *Benediction and Response
- Postlude :: Prelude in F Major Fanny Mendelssohn

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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The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

THE WOMEN'S CHOIR will sing in morning worship through September 1. The Chancel Choir and Morning Choir will return on September 8.

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