

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Come, Holy Ghost, Lord God Dieterich Buxtehude

Introit :: “O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness” Louis Bourgeois; arr. Philip Ledger

*O thou sweetest source of gladness, light’s all-lovely fountainhead,
who alike in joy and sadness leavest none unvisited;
breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,
wilt uphold with love undying, hear, O hear me humbly crying.*

*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!

*Call to Worship

Leader: We come as people on the way, finding our true life in the Living God.

People: We come to worship and bow down.

*Leader: We come to learn of Christ’s path of discipleship,
following with eyes fixed on him.*

People: We come with ready hearts.

*Leader: We come waiting for the Holy Spirit to move us to action,
challenging us to live the Good News.*

People: We come with joy to meet the ever-present Triune God.
Let us worship God.

*Hymn 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God,
we confess before you and this faith community
that we have failed to live up to all you have created us to be.
You alone know that we have wandered to a far country,
hiding from you, O God, because of our sin.
We are sorry. By your loving mercy,
guide us back from the far country into your abiding presence
so that we can be fully who you know us to be, through Christ. Amen.

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 :: “Simple Gifts” Shaker melody; arr. Aaron Copland

*’Tis the gift to be simple, ’tis the gift to be free, ’tis the gift to come down where you ought to be;
and when we find ourselves in the place just right, ’twill be in the valley of love and delight.
When true simplicity is gained, to bow and to bend we shan’t be ashamed;
to turn will be our delight ’til by turning we come round right.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 50:1–8, 22–23



*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Scripture Lesson :: Hebrews 11:1–3, 8–16 New Testament, page 211

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

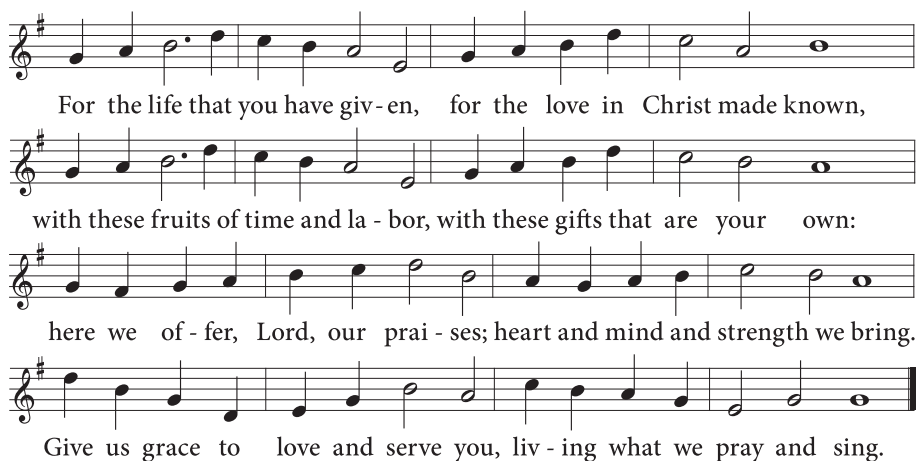
*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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 :: Allegro from *Symphony in D Major* William Boyce

*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 :: "A Gaelic Blessing" Roland E. Martin

*Deep peace of the running wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of abundance, with this bread of life and cup of salvation you have united
us with Christ, making us one with all your people. Now send us forth in the
power of your Spirit that we may proclaim your redeeming love to the world
and continue to live as those who are Easter people in this your world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 65 "Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Chant on the First Kyrie François Couperin

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Judith L. Watt, Roberta Dawson, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 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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