

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Rubrics Dan Locklair

1. “. . . ‘Hallelujah,’ has been restored . . .”
2. “Silence may be kept.”
3. “. . . and thanksgivings may follow.”
4. “The Peace may be exchanged.”
5. “The people respond—Amen!”

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore

Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

*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: *God in Christ is at the center and the boundaries, inviting us to follow.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: *God the Creator is within and without, recreating and redeeming.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Leader: *God the Holy Spirit calls us and leads us, hovering over us with peace.*

People: **Thanks be to God. Let us worship with joy!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, you are our creator, by whom all life is both fashioned and sustained.
Yet we confess, O Lord, we do not always live as if what we acknowledge of you is true,
for we have allowed the tempting sounds and the dazzling sights of our world
to replace our vision of your greatness, your holiness, and your goodness.
In the place of worship, we have often substituted cynicism.
In the place of adoration, we have often substituted sentimentality.
In the place of confession, we have often substituted complaining.
Forgive us, O Lord, for trying to make you into our image.
Forgive us for assuming you are little more than a product of our own imagination.
May your Living Word be written large on our hearts,
stamped indelibly on our spirits, and fleshed out in the living of our lives.
This we pray in the name of Jesus, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God,
remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Antem :: “We Wait for Thy Loving-Kindness, O God” William McKie

*We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple, alleluia.
O God, according to thy name, so is thy praise unto the world’s end.
Thy right hand is full of righteousness, alleluia.
We wait for thy loving-kindness, O God, in the midst of thy temple.
O Lord, send us now prosperity. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 139:1–6, 13–18

Leader: *Lord, you have searched me out; O Lord, you have known me.*

People: **You know my sitting down and my rising up;
you discern my thoughts from afar.**

Leader: *You trace my journeys and my resting places
and are acquainted with all my ways.*

People: **Indeed, there is not a word on my lips, but you, O Lord, know it altogether.**

Leader: *You encompass me, behind and before, and lay your hand upon me.*

People: **Such knowledge is too wonderful for me;
it is so high that I cannot attain to it.**

Leader: *For you yourself created my inmost parts;
you knit me together in my mother's womb.*

People: **I will thank you because I am marvelously made;
your works are wonderful, and I know it well.**

Leader: *My body was not hidden from you, while I was being made in secret
and woven in the depths of the earth.*

People: **Your eyes beheld my limbs, yet unfinished in the womb; all of them were
written in your book; my days were fashioned before they came to be.**

Leader: *How deep I find your thoughts, O God! How great is the sum of them!*

People: **If I were to count them, they would be more in number than the sand;
to count them all, my life span would need to be like yours.**

*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 14:25–33 New Testament, page 73

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 718 “Take Up Your Cross, the Savior Said”

*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.

Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.

For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

Prayer Response :: “Amen” Anonymous

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “With a Voice of Singing” Kenneth Jennings

*With a voice of singing, declare ye this and tell this;
utter it even to the end of the earth, hallelujah!*

The Lord hath redeemed his servant Jacob, hallelujah!

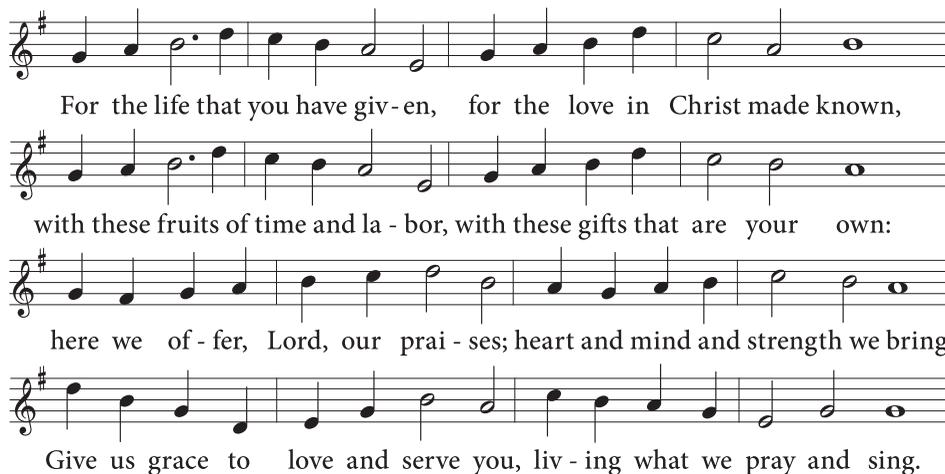
Make a joyful noise unto God, all ye lands.

Sing forth the honor of his name, make his praise glorious.

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.

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all, we are so thankful for this opportunity to give.
Multiply these gifts so that we may continue to do the work of your justice and mercy.
Give to us your Spirit so that we may reflect you in all that we do and say.
In your holy name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 826 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude ♯ Fanfare Richard Proulx

Worship Leaders

9:30 Victoria G. Curtiss, Ranjan Daniels, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Victoria G. Curtiss, Justin Epps, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Morning Choir | John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Baptized Today

9:30 Ryan Nadig Batkiewicz, child of Kevin Batkiewicz and Sara Nadig

Caleb Wendell Dower, child of Matthew and Siobhan Dower

Duke Elliott Jones, child of Elliott and Stephanie Jones

Flynn Connor Tolle, child of John and Rebecca Tolle

11:00 Maxence Curtis Jean Babelon, child of Octave and Ashely Babelon

Ryan Bhal, child of Rohit and Nidhi Bhal

Caroline Marie O'Neill, child of Anthony and Emilie O'Neill

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m. Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel.

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