

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

2. “Silence may be kept.”

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; Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Invocation

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful and forgiving God, we confess to you and before our church family that we have sinned against you by dismissing your love and ignoring your grace in our lives. Though you have called us to be your children, we have gone to a far country, thinking we can live without you. We have been swallowed up by those things that we assume bring bounty—fame, wealth, prestige—and have not lived up to your call to us, to be disciples of Jesus Christ, carrying his cross each day. What is more, we have failed to love our neighbor as ourselves. O God, forgive us. Call us home. And bring us joy and love through your forgiveness and peace. 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.”

*Stand as you are able.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “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



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 583



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 14:25–33 New Testament, page 73

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

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

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,

and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,

Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain

and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised this Jesus from the dead,

vindicating his sinless life,

breaking the power of sin and evil,

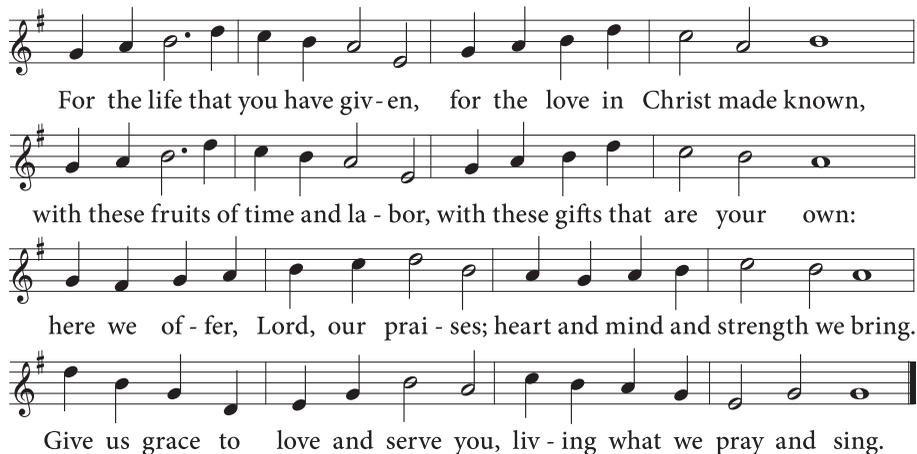
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: Rubrics Dan Locklair

4. “The Peace may be exchanged.”

*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 :: “Say, How May Earth and Heaven Unite” Alan Morrison

*Say, how may heaven and earth unite! Say, how shall we with angels join,
what link harmonious may be found, nature discordant to combine.*

Loud let the pealing organ swell! Breathe forth your soul in raptures high!

Angels with all in music join; music’s the language of the sky.

*With all my powers of heart and tongue I’ll praise my maker in my song;
angels shall hear the notes I raise, approve the song, and join the praise.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of abundance, with the 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 forever in the risen life of Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 826 “Lift High the Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Rubrics Dan Locklair

5. “The people respond—Amen!”

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The Music Today

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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 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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