

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Toccata Undecima Georg Muffat

O God, Thou Faithful God Johannes Brahms

Introit

“Even Now, Says the Lord” Richard Proulx

*Even now, says the Lord, return to me with your whole heart,
for I am gracious and merciful.*

*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 awe,*

People: standing in the presence of the One
who crafted the stars, the mountains, the seas.

Leader: *We gather in faith,*

People: trusting that the One who has held little children
holds our lives in the heart of God.

Leader: *We gather in need,*

People: seeking the One who longs for justice
to grace each and every person in creation

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 806 “I’ll Praise My Maker”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you promise us a life full of blessing,
but we do not always believe.
You incite us to hope,
but we fall back in fear.
You urge us to give freely,
but we cling to what we have.
You call us to watch at all times for you,
but we grow lazy and self-absorbed.
Forgive us. Increase our hope, enlarge our hearts,
and keep us alert to the wonders you work in the world every day.
For the sake of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe this good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Amen.

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.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Thou Knowest, Lord, the Secrets of Our Hearts” Henry Purcell
*Thou knowest, Lord, the secrets of our hearts; shut not thy merciful ears unto
our prayer, but spare us, Lord most holy. O God most mighty, O holy and most
merciful Savior, thou most worthy judge eternal, suffer us not at our last hour for
any pains of death, to fall from thee. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 119:137-144 Old Testament, page 538

*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 19:1–10 New Testament, page 77
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 450 “Be Thou My Vision”

*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

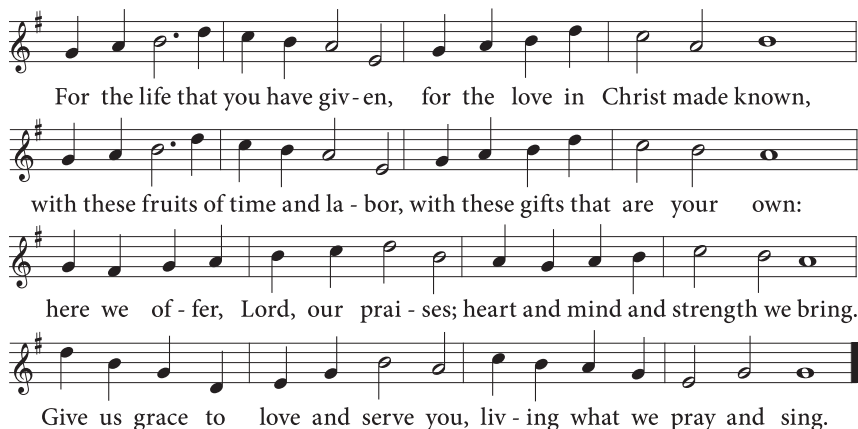
“Amen” Dale Wood

Offertory Anthem

“Miserere mei” William Byrd

*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love;
according to your abundant mercy, blot out my transgressions.*

*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*)

In gratitude, O God, we come to your table,
into your presence, into your house.
For all that you have done for us,
most especially for the gift of your Son,
our brother and Savior, we offer our thanks and praise.
We long to live as children of light,
doing what is pleasing to you
and being your coworkers in the transformation of this world.
In his name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

One Great Hour of Sharing

Serve one another with whatever gift each of you has received.

—1 PETER 4:10

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The Music Today

The Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

BAPTIZED TODAY during the 9:30 a.m. service is

Alden Oliver Gedey, child of Roderick and Shannon Gedey.

BAPTIZED TODAY during the 11:00 a.m. service are

Ada Louise Derrick, child of Thomas and Mary Derrick

Elizabeth Maeve Johnsen, child of Nicholas and Audrey Johnsen

Miles Kmet Kozak, child of John and Jill Kozak

Olivia Jane Neubauer, child of Tom and Chelsea Neubauer

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