

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Siciliano for a High Ceremony Herbert Howells

Introit

“O Praise the Lord” Georg Philipp Telemann
O praise the Lord, his praise be ever in my heart.

*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: *Our God is gracious, steadfast in love, and generous in mercy.*

People: *God created us, and creates us still.*

Leader: *We belong to God, who calls us beloved.*

People: *We praise God who makes us whole.*

*Hymn 664 “Morning Has Broken”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess to you, God of Mercy, that we pin others to their past,
assuming that who they have been is who they will always be.
We doubt the newness you create. We too often judge others negatively,
focusing on their mistakes and weaknesses and overlooking their
goodness. We fail to be humbled by our own limitations and take
for granted your gift of grace. Deepen our recognition of how far
we have fallen short, that we may in similar measure be grateful
for your forgiveness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter *(responsively)*

Psalms 5:1–8. Old Testament, page 464

Anthem

“Laudamus Te” from Gloria. Antonio Vivaldi

We praise you; we bless you; we adore you; and we glorify you, O Lord.

First Lesson

Galatians 2:15–21. New Testament, page 177

*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 7:36—8:3. New Testament, page 62

Sermon

No Need, No Love. Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 201 “A Prophet-Woman Broke a Jar”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) adapted from the New Testament

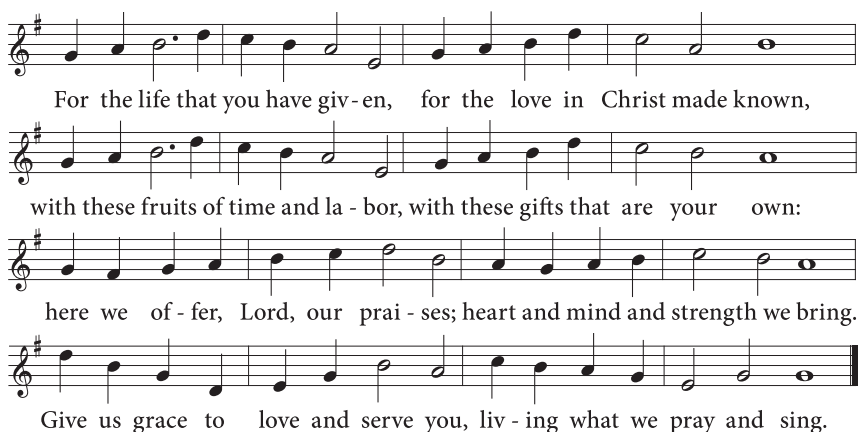
This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women, then to Peter,
and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God;
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Grazioso” Georg Philipp Telemann

*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

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . who forever sing 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.

Minister: . . . *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*)

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.

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 healing light on you.
Deep peace of Christ, the light of the world, to you; deep peace of Christ to you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves,
our wills, and our works, a continual thank offering to you;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major G. P. Telemann

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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 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.

TODAY’S AFFIRMATION OF FAITH is adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:1–6, Mark 16:9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, and John 20:28.

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