

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Sinfonia Festiva James Biery
Thy Holy Wings Swedish folk melody, arr. Richard Webster
Andante from *Symphony No. 5*. Felix Mendelssohn
arr. Charles Schuchat
Little Song Henri Mulet
In the Name of the Father, Son, and Holy Spirit Orlando Gibbons
arr. C. Schuchat

Introit

- “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright” Robert Lehman
*O Splendor of God’s glory bright; O thou that bringest light from light;
O Light of light, light’s living spring; O Day, all days illumining.*

*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: *From the rising of the sun, to its setting in the west,*

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: *On the lips of the young and by babies at the breast,*

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: *In the vision of the old and the dreaming of the youth,*

People: **God’s holy name be praised.**

Leader: *In the banquet hall of heaven and the forgotten corners of our hearts,*

People: **God’s holy name be praised. Let us worship God!**

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

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 12. “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and loving God,
 for the right road we have avoided traveling
 and the kindly words we have refused to share;
 for the hidden hurts we have held too tightly
 and the promises which we never kept;
 for the careless use of our time and money
 and the poor excuses we should never have made;
 for the false gods who have received our worship
 and the true selves we have starved of love,
 God, by your grace forgive us.

You are not finished with us yet, O God,
 and for this we are so grateful.

For all you have in store for us and all you may demand of us,
 God, in your love, prepare us.

And keep us in your eternal love that by your grace
 we would be at peace. Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*
 People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Of Hospitality”. Jane Marshall
*I saw a stranger yester e'en; I put food in the eating place, drink in the drinking place,
 music in the listening place; and in the sacred name of the Triune he blessed myself, he
 blessed my house, my cattle and my dear ones. And the lark said in her song, often goes
 love in the stranger's guise.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 104:1-24. Old Testament, page 524

*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

2 Corinthians 4:1–12 New Testament, page 169
Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Our Legacy in Faith” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 662 “Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies”

*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.

New Members (11:00)

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

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” Vincent Persichetti

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“The Guest House” Carson Cooman

This being human is a guest house. Every morning a new arrival. A joy, a depression, a meanness, some momentary awareness comes as an unexpected visitor. Be grateful for whoever comes, for each has been sent as a guide from beyond. “For I was a stranger, and you invited me in. Truly, I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of my brothers and sisters, you did for me.” This being human is a guest house.

*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*)

Generous and faithful God,
you give us so very much—
hands ready to serve, hearts brimming with love,
the world in all of its holy majesty.
We are grateful to be called children of God, and so we are.
Give us hope in your ever-living promises of abiding presence,
awakening peace, and merciful care,
made known in your Son, Jesus Christ,
in whose name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 719 “Come, Labor On”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Triumphal March Giuseppe Verdi
arr. J. Brower

Worship Leaders

9:30 Leslie Whittet, Judith L. Watt, Linda Barker, Jeffrey Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

11:00 Jane Nerison, Judith L. Watt, Justin Epps, Jeffrey Doane, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, "The Guest House," was written by Carson Cooman for the installation of Lucy Forster-Smith as chaplain at the Memorial Church at Harvard University on October 12, 2014. The text for this anthem is by Rumi—a thirteenth-century Muslim poet, mystic, and theologian—and from the Gospel of Matthew.

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