

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Flute Voluntary Thomas Arne

Introit :: “Lift Up Your Hearts” George Thalben-Ball

Lift up your hearts. We lift them up unto 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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of light and love,
we have been so blind when your truth has been so clear.
When we could have looked ahead, we fell behind.
When we could have viewed the wider picture, we saw only a part.
When we could have sensed the Spirit leading, we missed the way.
Forgive our dim apprehension of love’s clear leading.
Give us faith that trusts when it cannot see,
and illumine us by your Word and Sacrament,
that we might follow your paths once more. Amen.

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

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.”

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “O Sing unto the Lord a New Song” Peter Aston

O sing unto the Lord, sing a new song; sing unto the Lord, all the earth.

O sing unto the Lord, bless his name; show forth his salvation from day to day.

For the Lord is great, and greatly to be praised.

Declare his glory among the heathen; declare his wonders among all the people.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Luke 4:14–19 New Testament, page 57

Psalter (*sung*) :: “God’s Glory Fills the Heavens” (Psalm 19) The Hymnal, 690

*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 4:20–28 New Testament, page 57

Sermon :: “Year of the Lord’s Favor” Matt Helms

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 744 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*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.

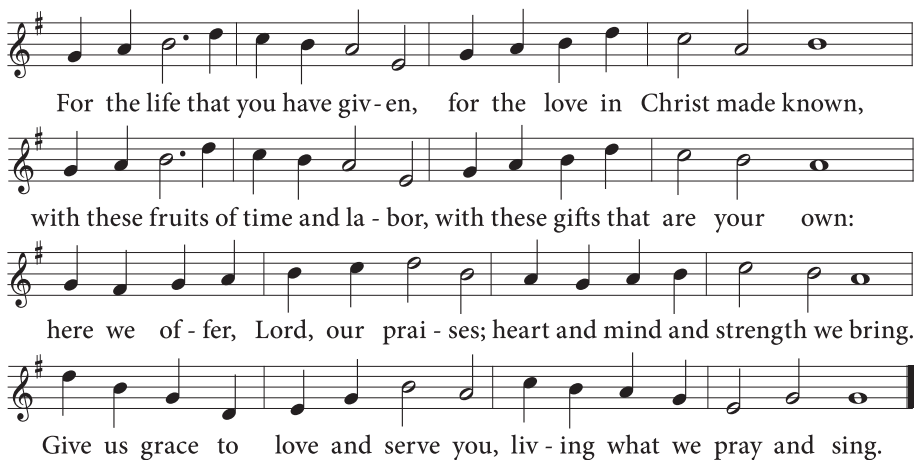
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Minute for Mission

Offering

Offertory Voluntary ♯ Basse de Cromorne. Jean François Dandrieu

*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 :: “Appalachian Lord’s Prayer” Rick Sowash

*Beloved God, beyond the mountains, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kin-dom 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.
Deliver us, we pray, from evil.
For thine is the kin-dom, the power of morning,
the sunset glory, now and forevermore. Amen.*

*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
filling our plates with the bread of life
and our cups with salvation.
Send us out, O God, with tenderheartedness
to touch an ordinary, everyday world
with the promise of your holiness. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee. Johann Sebastian Bach

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Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented on behalf of the Souper Bowl of Caring.

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.

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