

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Baroques Seth Bingham

I. Overture

II. Rondo ostinato

III. Sarabande

IV. Rhythmic Trumpet

V. Voluntary

Introit :: “Sing Out a Joyful Song” Dale Wood

Sing out a joyful song in praise and come to celebrate! With cheerful heart give thanks to God for goodness ever great. Sing new songs of joy; to God lift your voice! Sing new songs of praise; give thanks and rejoice! Sing out the hymn, the joyful psalm, the canticle of praise, and with the builders of this house, your alleluias raise!

*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: *Let us acknowledge the company in which we meet:
the church on earth and in heaven!*

People: **How very good and pleasant it is when kindred live together in unity!**

Leader: *There is one body and one Spirit,
just as we were called to the one hope of our calling,*

People: **One Lord, one faith, one baptism, one God and Maker of all.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

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

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Across the barriers that divide race from race,*

People: **reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: *Across the barriers that divide rich from poor,*

People: **reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: *Across the barriers that divide nations and communities,*

People: **reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: *Across the barriers that divide your church,*

People: **reconcile us, O Christ, by your love.**

Leader: *Across the barriers that divide young and old,*

People: **reconcile us, O Christ, by your love. Confront us, O Christ, with the hidden prejudices and fears that deny and betray our prayers. Enable us to see the causes of strife; remove from us all senses of superiority. Teach us to grow in unity with all your people. And all for your love's sake. Amen.**

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

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 :: “Shall We Gather at the River” Robert Lowry; arr. Robert H. McIver

*Shall we gather at the river, where bright angels' feet have trod;
with its crystal tide forever flowing by the throne of God?
Yes, we'll gather by the river, the beautiful river,
gather with the saints by the river that flows by the throne of God.
When we reach the shining river, lay we every burden down;
grace our spirits will deliver and provide a robe and crown.
Soon we'll reach the shining river; soon our pilgrimage will cease;
soon our happy hearts will quiver with the melody of peace.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 138

Leader: *I will give thanks to you, O Lord, with my whole heart;
before the gods I will sing your praise;*

People: **I will bow down toward your holy temple and praise your name,
because of your steadfast love and faithfulness;
for you have glorified your name and your word above all things.**

Leader: *When I called, you answered me, you increased my strength within me.*

People: **All the rulers of the earth shall praise you, O Lord,
when they have heard the words of your mouth.**

Leader: *They will sing of the ways of the Lord, for great is the glory of the Lord.*

People: **The Lord is high, yet cares for the lowly; perceiving the haughty from afar.**

Leader: *Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you keep me safe;
you stretch forth your hand against the fury of my enemies,
and your right hand shall save me.*

People: **You will make good your purpose for me;
O Lord, your steadfast love endures forever.
Do not abandon the work of your hands.**

Children age three through grade five are invited to come forward during the singing of the Gloria Patri.

*Gloria Patri (*sung*) The Hymnal, 581

**Glorify 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.**

Sending Forth: Hymn 748 “Go with Us, Lord”

Children depart for Sunday School with their teachers.

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 5:1–11 New Testament, page 58

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 170 “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

*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.

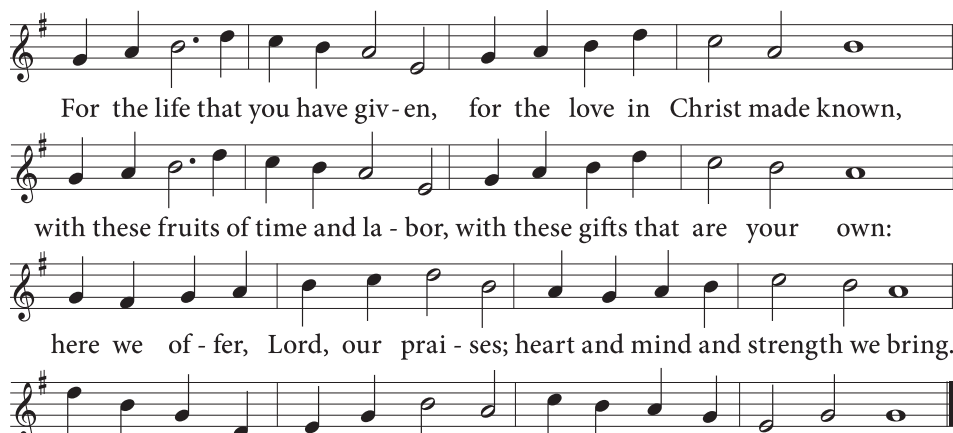
Prayer Response :: “Amen” Morgan Simmons

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion” Malcolm Boyle

*Thou, O God, art praised in Sion, and unto thee shall the vow be performed in Jerusalem.
Thou that hearest the prayer, unto thee shall all flesh come. Blessed is the one whom thou
choosest and receivest unto thee. They shall dwell in thy courts and shall be satisfied with
the pleasures of thy house, even of thy holy temple. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace
whose minds are stayed on thee. Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace because they trust
in thee. Trust ye in the Lord forever, for in the Lord, the Lord Jehovah is everlasting strength.
Let the people praise thee, O God; yea, let all the people praise thee. Then shall the earth
bring forth her increase, and God shall give us his blessing.*

*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*)

Gather us or scatter us, O Lord,
according to your will.
With these fruits of time and labor,
build us into one church,
that with open doors and hearts
we may work for the glory of your name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 720 “Jesus Calls Us”

*Benediction and Response

Worshipers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude :: Trumpet Tune. Michael McCabe

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The Music Today

Morning Choir; Children's Choir (11:00)
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth (11:00)
Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist (11:00)

Baptized Today

9:30 Phebe Estelle Graves, child of Stephen and Alexandra Graves
11:00 Lincoln Tyler Green, child of Erin Marie Green

Worship Notes

THIS MORNING'S OFFERTORY ANTHEM, "Thou, O God, Art Praised in Sion" was composed by Malcolm Boyle (1902–1976), who was organist at Chester Cathedral from 1932 to 1949. Written in 1937, the anthem was later sung at the Silver Jubilee of Queen Elizabeth II.

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