

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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Prelude # Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness. . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit # “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”. . . . . John B. Dykes; arr. Norman J. Clayton

*Jesus, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;  
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 609

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

\*Call to Worship

Leader: *Gather us in, the lost and the lonely, the broken and breaking,  
the tired and the aching who long for the nourishment found at your feast.*

People: **Gather us in, the done and the doubting, the wishing and the wondering,  
the puzzled and pondering who long for the company found at your feast.**

Leader: *Gather us in, the proud and the pretentious, the sure and superior,  
the never inferior who long for the leveling found at your feast.*

People: **Gather us in from corner or limelight, from mansion or campsite,  
from fears and obsession, from tears and depression, from untold excesses,  
from treasured successes. Gather us in to be found at the feast.**

**All: Gather us in, O God. Gather us in.**

\*Hymn 511 . . . . . “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

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\*Stand as you are able.

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness,  
we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.  
We hear your promise that the old passes away  
and that you make all things new,  
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.  
We confess our desire for guarantees  
when what you offer us is even greater hope.  
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.  
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?”  
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts  
in order to walk in your newness of life.  
Forgive our distrust, our anxiety, our fear. Amen.

## 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 :: “Tantum ergo” . . . . . Gabriel Fauré

*In adoration, lo, the sacred host we hail; over ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail;  
faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail. To the everlasting Father, and the Son  
who reigns on high, with the Holy Ghost proceeding forth from each eternally, be salvation, honor,  
blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.*

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 49:1-2

Ho - ly Spir - it, come to us.

\*Acclamation (*sung*) ..... The Hymnal, 583

Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, glo - ry in the high - est!  
Glo - ry to God, glo - ry to God, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

Scripture Lesson :: Luke 12:13-21 ..... New Testament, page 70

Sermon :: “Ownership” ..... Judith L. Watt

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 515 ..... “I Come with Joy”

\*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.

## Offering

Offertory Voluntary  $\sharp$  Allegro ..... João de Sousa Carvalho

### \*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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 :: “Ave Verum” . . . . . G. Fauré

*Hail, true body born of the virgin Mary, having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for all, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed, be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death. A sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus, O Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on me. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, thank you that you always desire to feed us,  
to nurture us, to make us whole.

We pray that you remind us of this meal in the days to come.

Remind us that we have been fed, that we have been forgiven,  
that you have called us by name, and that we are yours.

May those reminders help us feed and nurture others  
with love and forgiveness and welcome. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 536 . . . . . “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Fugue for the Chromhorne . . . . . François Couperin

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Sue Thompson, Judith L. Watt

## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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.

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