

*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 # Come Thou, Jesu, from Heaven to Earth . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit # “Hallelujah! In His Temple God Be Praised” . . . . . Richard Warner

*Hallelujah! In his temple God be praised;  
in the high and heavenly places be the sounding anthem raised.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Call to Worship

Leader: *Call upon God, for God will answer.*

People: **O God, incline your ear to us, hear our words.**

**Guard us as the apple of your eye;**

**hide us in the shadow of your wings.**

**God wondrously shows steadfast love.**

Leader: *God is the savior of all who seek refuge.*

People: **Thanks be to God!**

\*Hymn 276 . . . . . “Sing a New Song unto the Lord”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, our redeemer, all creation sings your praise!

You are justice and mercy, judgment and grace.

Following Jesus, we seek to be faithful, but are often not.

Forgive our commitment to justice only when it is convenient,  
our love of mercy mostly for those who are like us.

Forgive our weighted judgment and easy grace.

Find us faithful for the sake of Christ our Lord,  
in whose name we pray. Amen.

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\*Stand as you are able.

## 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 # “The Call” ..... Kenneth Jennings

*Come my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath;  
such a truth as ends all strife; such a life as killeth death.*

*Come my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast;  
such a feast as mends in length; such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move;  
such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.*

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## Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

Psalter ..... Psalm 17:1-9



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

\*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 21:5–19 . . . . . New Testament, page 80

Sermon . . . . . Rocky Supinger

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 357 . . . . . “The Days Are Surely Coming”

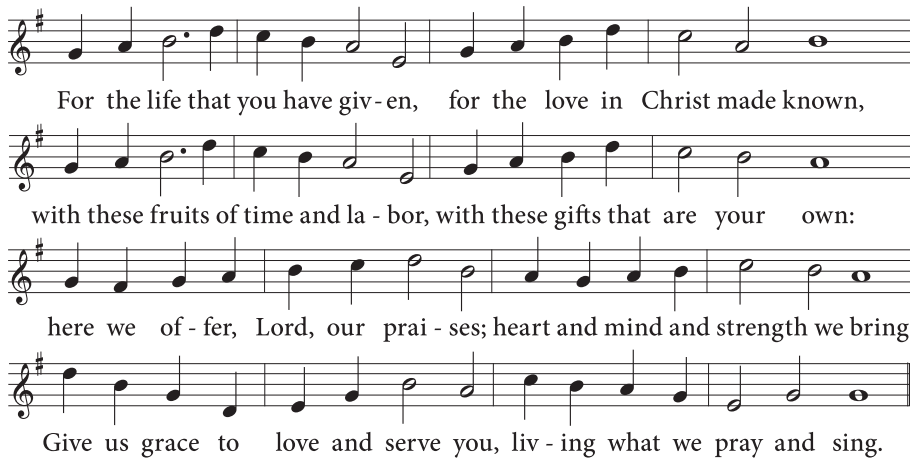
\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles’ Creed

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 :: “The Peace May Be Exchanged” from *Rubrics* . . . . . Dan Locklair

## \*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 :: “Peace I Leave with You” . . . . . Matthew Glandorf

*Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give unto you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.

May this food strengthen us in love and help us to serve you in each other.

We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 353 . . . . . “My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: O Christ, Be Reconciled to Your Servants. . . . . Marcel Dupré

## Worship Leaders

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## The Music Today

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Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

## 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." 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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