

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Aria Noel Rawsthorne

Introit

“O Christ, the Healer, We Have Come” Thomas Tallis
*O Christ, the healer, we have come to pray for health, to plead for friends.
How can we fail to be restored when reached by love that never ends?
Grant that we all, made one by faith, in your community may find
the wholeness that, enriching us, shall reach the whole of humankind.*

*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

One: *God gives power to the faint
and strength to the powerless.*

Many: **Even youth will faint and be weary
and the young will fall exhausted,**

One: *but those who wait for the Lord
shall renew their strength.*

Many: **They shall mount up with wings like eagles;**

One: *they shall run and not be weary;
they shall walk and not faint.*

Many: **God takes pleasure
in those who hope in God’s steadfast love.**

One: *Let us worship God, our strength and our redeemer.*

*Hymn 311 “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess to you, O God,
that we often feel bombarded
by unending demands,
trivial pursuits, and constant distractions.
Forgive us for being so outwardly influenced
that we are buffeted about
and lose ourselves in what others think of us.
Forgive us for leading such busy lives
that we don't take time to pray,
to find our center and direction in you.
Help us seek first your presence and purpose,
that we may live in faithfulness to your calling. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 147:1–11 Old Testament, page 549

Anthem

“Nada de Turba” John Warren
*Let nothing disturb you, nothing affright you;
all things are passing, God never changes.
Patient endurance attains unto all things.
Who God possesses, in nothing is wanting; alone God suffices.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 40:21–31 Old Testament, page 628

*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

Mark 1:29–39 New Testament, page 33

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Rooted in the Sky Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 43 “You Who Dwell in the Shelter of the Lord”

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

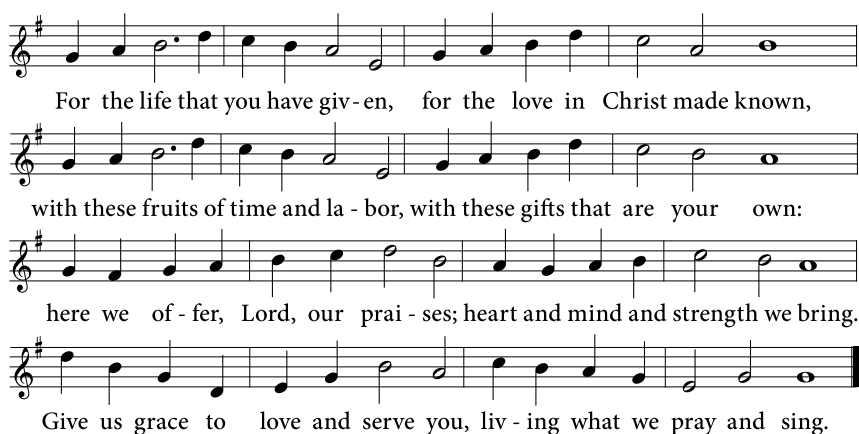
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the 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 Solo

“Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” African American spiritual

*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

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

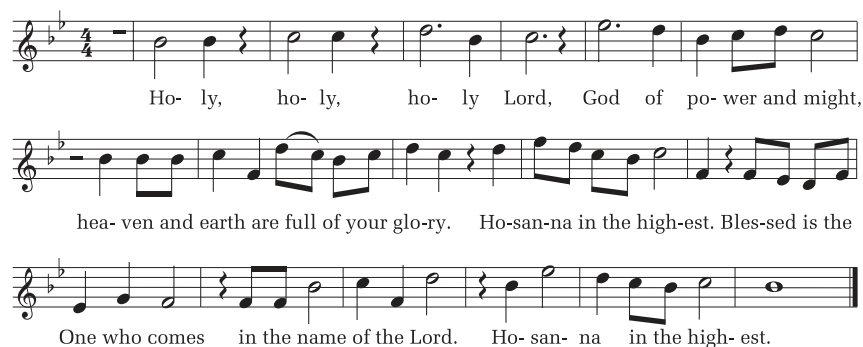
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of po - wer and might,
hea - ven and earth are full of your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bles - sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“O Bread of Life from Heaven” Heinrich Isaac
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

*O bread of life from heaven,
to saints and angels given;
O manna from above!
The souls that hunger, feed thou;
the hearts that seek thee,
lead thou with thy compassion, strength, and love.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, through this sacred meal
you have nurtured us for the journey.
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 one another.
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 846. “Fight the Good Fight”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare C. S. Lang

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Joyce Shin, Roberta Dawson, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

Daniel Henry, soloist

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

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Worship Notes

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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