
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Darkest Woe! Ye Tears That Flow! Johannes Brahms

Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” Iain Quinn

*The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.*

*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 436 “God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, our refuge and fortress,
forgive us when we fail to trust in you.
Sometimes we fall to temptation.
Other times we are swayed by false words
and speak false words of our own.
We might choose our ease and comfort
over your demanding claims on us and this world.
Yet in turning from you,
we settle for less than the abundant generosity you intend.
Forgive us, we pray. Do not let us be put to shame, O God.
Hear us as we call to you, and show us your salvation.
We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Thy Will Be Done” Craig Courtney

*Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death.
Christ took our cup and drank it and gave us life and gave us hope,
gave us himself. “My Father, let this cup pass from me;
yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.”
In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane,
pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope,
for one more day. “My Father, let this cup pass from me;
yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.”
Then they took our Savior and led him to a tree;
and there they broke his body, poured out his life,
put him to death to rise again!
“My Father, let this cup pass from me;
yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.”*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 22:23–31 Old Testament, page 474

*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.**

Scripture Lesson

Luke 22:39–42, 45–53 New Testament, page 82

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 215 “What Wondrous Love Is This”

*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.

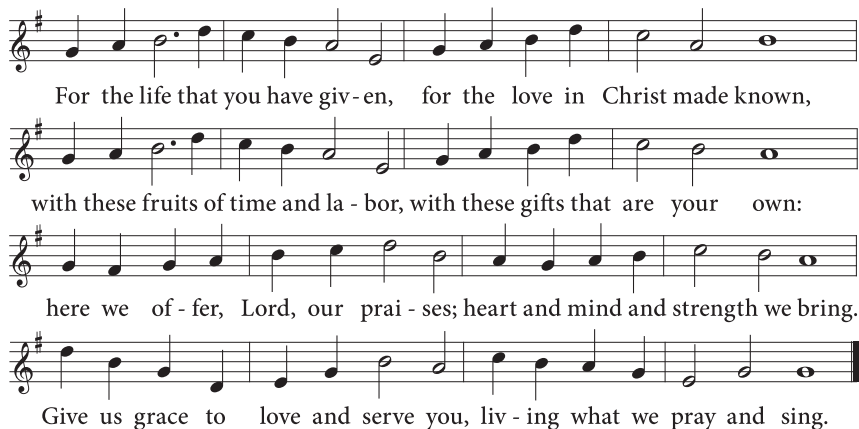
Offering

Offertory Solo

“Slyš, ó Bože, volání mé” from *Biblical Songs, op. 99*. . . . Antonín Dvořák

*Hear, O God, my cry; heed my prayers!
For you were often my refuge and a solid tower
before the face of the enemy.
I will dwell in your temple forever;
I save myself in the refuge of your wings.
God! You are my God of strength.
From early in the morning I look for you;
for you my soul thirsts; for you my body longs.
In a land thirsty and parched,
in which there is no water,
and so that I would thank you
and with joyous singing of my lips,
my mouth would praise you.*

*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 to give you thanks and praise . . . Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of angels and with the faithful of every time and place saying:*

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.

Minister: *You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord . . . Give us the strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when we will feast with you at your table in glory. We pray all of this in the name of Jesus, our brother and our Savior, who taught us to pray saying:*

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 Taste and See” Anthony Doherty

O taste and see how sweet the Lord is.

Blessed are they that trust in him.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, lead us, by the power of your Spirit,
to go from this table out into your world with courage.

May we remember and proclaim
that death does not have the last word

in our lives, in the church, or in the world.

For you are always at work, making things new. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Tocatta in F Major Dietrich Buxtehude

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.)

Worshippers 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.

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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Worship Notes

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