

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Four Quiet Voluntaries Eric H. Thiman
Allegretto – Air – Pastorale and Variation – On an Irish Air

Introit

“God Be in My Head” John Erickson
*God be in my head and in my understanding; God be in mine eyes and in my
looking; God be in my mouth and in my speaking; God be in my heart and in my
thinking; God be at mine end and at my departing.*

*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

Minister: *In Christ, the God of heaven has made his home on earth.*

People: **Christ dwells among us and is one with us.**

Minister: *Highest of all creation, he lives among the least.*

People: **He journeys with the rejected and welcomes the weary.**

Minister: *Come now, all who thirst,*

People: **and drink the water of life.**

Minister: *Come now, all who hunger,*

People: **and be filled with good things.**

Minister: *Come now, all who seek,*

People: **and be warmed by the fire of love.**

*Prayer of Praise

**Stand as you are able.*

*Hymn 440 “Jesus, Lover of My Soul”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“To My Humble Supplication” Gordon Jacob
*To my humble supplication, Lord, give ear and acceptance;
save thy servant that hath none help nor hope but thee alone.
Send relieving gladness to my soul oppressed with sadness,
which from clog of earth set free, winged with zeal flies up to thee.
To thee, rich in mercies treasure, and in goodness without measure,
never failing help to those who on thy sure help repose.
Heavenly tutor, of thy kindness teach my dullness, guide my blindness,
that my steps thy paths may tread, which to endless bliss do lead.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 19 Old Testament, page 472

*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

Mark 14:28–38, 66–72. New Testament, page 49

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

You Are Not the Exception Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 442 “Just as I Am, without One Plea”

*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" Richard Warner

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Timor et Tremor" from *Four Lenten Motets* Francis Poulenc

*Great fear and trembling have taken hold on me;
now darkness descends on me, heavy darkness overwhelms me.
Be merciful to me, O my Lord; be merciful to me.
My soul has trusted in thee, trusted in thy mercy.
Hear my prayer, O God, consider my supplication;
for thou hast been my strength and my refuge, thou art my sure defense.
Hear, O Lord, I call upon thee; let me never be confounded.*

*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*)

God of every good and perfect gift,
Our gifts are not always good, and they are always imperfect.
We give, knowing that our motives are mixed
and our mission is unclear.
Still we offer these efforts with boldness,
knowing that your love is stronger
than our impurities and imperfections.
Through Jesus Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 439 “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Christopher Pardini

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Worship Leaders

9:30 John Vest, Robert Koon, Hardy H. Kim, Layton Williams

11:00 Joyce Shin, Robert Koon, Hardy H. Kim, Layton Williams

The Music Today

The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

WE WELCOME TO 11:00 WORSHIP THIS MORNING the Pritzker Christian Fellowship group, a University of Chicago medical school organization that brings together students, staff, and faculty who seek to live faith-based lives in the medical profession.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, “WE WERE THERE,” calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross. Each Sunday’s lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

Sunday, February 22 “Anointing Woman” (Mark 14:3–9)

Sunday, March 1 “Slave with Cut-off Ear” (Luke 22:39–53)

Sunday, March 8 “Peter” (Mark 14:28–38, 66–72)

Sunday, March 15 “High Priest Caiaphas” (Mark 14:53–65)

Sunday, March 22 “Judas” (Matthew 26:14–16, 47–50)

Palm Sunday, March 29 “The Crowd/The Mob” (Mark 11:1–11, 15:6–15)

Good Friday, April 3 “The Centurion” (Mark 15:33–39)

Easter Sunday, April 5 “The Women at the Tomb” (Mark 16:1–8)

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