

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three Liturgical Preludes George Oldroyd

1. *Tranquillamente*

Introit

“Teach Me Thy Way, O Lord” Giovanni Croce

Teach me thy way, O Lord, and I will walk in thy truth;

O knit my heart unto thee, that I may love thy name.

*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 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God,

we confess that we have often failed

to follow you as best we can.

We have not done your will;

we have rebelled against your love;

we have not loved our neighbors;

we have ignored the cries of those in need.

Forgive us, we pray.

Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance

through your name. 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*)

Psalms 84 Old Testament, page 513

Anthem

“Song of the Passion” G. Oldroyd

*When I think on Jesu’s blood, that he shed upon the rood, I let tears smart.
Who of us can be unkind if Christ’s blood we have in mind, entirely in our hearts.
Sweet Jesu Christ, what is thy guilt, that thou for me art spilt, flower of
unlothfulness? But thou diest; I am guilty, but thou abuyest all my wickedness.
Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest thou for thy hard pine, rich
in bliss above? Love thy heart so deep has sought, that pain of death doth let thee
naught of man to win the love, sweet Jesu Christ.*

First Lesson

Matthew 24:1–8 New Testament, page 25

*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

Matthew 26:57–68 New Testament, page 29

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Torn Down Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

*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

“A Hymne to God the Father” Pelham Humfrey
Text by John Donne

*Wilt thou forgive that sin where I begun, which is my sin though it were done before?
Wilt thou forgive those sins through which I run, and do run still, though still
I do deplore? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more.
Wilt thou forgive that sin by which I've won others to sin? And made my sin their
door? Wilt thou forgive that sin which I did shun a year or two but wallowed in, a
score? When thou hast done, thou hast not done, for I have more. I have a sin of
fear, that when I've spun my last thread, I shall perish on the shore; but swear by
thyself, that at my death thy Sun shall shine as he shines now, and heretofore; and,
having done that, thou hast done, I fear no more.*

*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

"Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord" Thomas Weelkes

*Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things
as shall please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God,
you come into our ordinary lives and set a holy table among us,
renewing us with the promises of the bread and cup.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with the fullness of our hearts,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 202 “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Lamb of God, Our Savior Johann Sebastian Bach

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

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”
- Sunday, March 1 “Slave with Cut-off Ear”
- Sunday, March 8 “Peter”
- Sunday, March 15 “High Priest Caiaphas”
- Sunday, March 22 “Judas”
- Palm Sunday, March 29 “The Crowd/The Mob”
- Good Friday, April 3 “The Centurion”
- Easter Sunday, April 5 “The Women at the Tomb”

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