

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! arr. Wilbur Held

Introit

“Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen Indeed” Stephen Sturk

Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed; O come, let us adore him. Alleluia!

*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: *Glory to you, O God, for you won victory over death,*

Many: raising Jesus from the grave and giving us eternal life.

One: *Glory to you, O Christ, for us and for our salvation*

Many: you overcame death and opened the gate to everlasting life.

One: *Glory to you, O Holy Spirit;*

Many: you lead us into truth.

One: *Let us worship God, the Three in One.*

*Hymn 238. “Thine Is the Glory”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

Forgive us for failing to live into the freedom that resurrection brings.

You bless us with abundant grace, yet we hoard what we have
and yearn for more. You call us to share so no one is in need,
yet we shrug our shoulders as if we can do nothing.

We overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed
and indifferent to calls for peace.

You created us to love one another, yet we withhold ourselves.
Have mercy upon us and transform us. In Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Sing Alleluia Forth” Eric H. Thiman

Sing alleluia forth in duteous praise, ye citizens of heaven; O sweetly raise an endless alleluia. Ye powers, who stand before the eternal light, in hymning choirs reecho to the height an endless alleluia. The holy city shall take up your strain and with glad songs resounding wake again an endless alleluia. In blissful antiphons ye thus rejoice to render to the Lord with thankful voice an endless alleluia. Ye who have gained at length your palms in bliss, victorious ones, your chant shall still be this, an endless alleluia. There, in one grand acclaim, forever ring the strains which tell the honor of your King, an endless alleluia. While thee, by whom were all things made, we praise forever and tell out in sweetest lays an endless alleluia. Almighty Christ, to thee our voices sing glory forevermore; to thee we bring an endless alleluia. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung version of Psalm 133*)

Hymn 397. “O Look and Wonder”

First Lesson

1 John 1:1–7 New Testament, page 224

*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

Acts 4:32–35 New Testament, page 114

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Being Easter People. Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 306 “Blest Be the Tie That Binds”

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

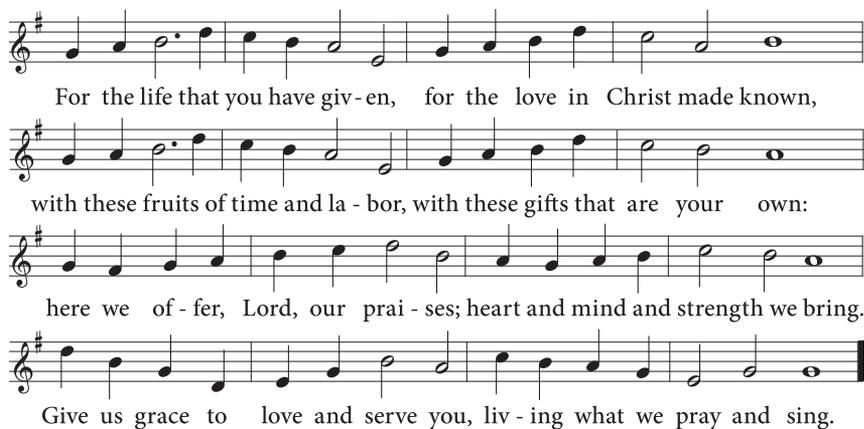
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

“Most Glorious Lord of Life” William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive us to win. This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily may likewise love thee for the same again, and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

At your table, O Christ, we all are made one.
How good it is when walls of fear come tumbling to the ground
and peace and justice light the way.
Open the eyes of our faith,
that we may see Christ in his redeeming work;
who is alive and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forevermore. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 231 “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Healey Willan

Worship Leaders

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The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 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.

THE COVER IMAGE DEPICTS the large sculpture in Buchanan Chapel, as photographed from Chestnut Street.

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