

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Trumpet Air James Bremner

Introit

“The Lord Is in His Holy Temple” Eric DeLamarter
The Lord is in his holy temple, let all the earth keep silence before him. 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 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, you are the truth.
You are the source of our life.
We will not find our rest until we find it in you.
And so we eagerly search for you.
We long to listen for your voice.
We desire to do your will in our lives.
And yet we also get in our own way.
We confess we try to bind you with our own feeble words.
Forgive us, Lord.
Forgive us when we find ourselves trying to make you into our image,
rather than living into your image.
Forgive us for telling you how to be our God,
rather than looking and listening for how you are our God.
Be patient with us, for we do seek you in love.
In Christ’s name we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Steal Away” African American spiritual; arr. Brazeal W. Dennard
Steal away to Jesus, steal away home, I ain’t got long to stay here.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 48 Old Testament, page 490

*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 6:1–13 New Testament, page 38

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 793 “O Christ, the Healer”

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

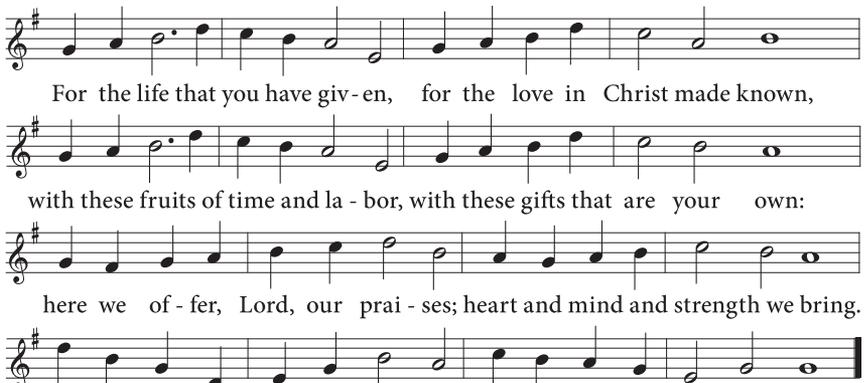
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Voluntary William Selby

*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,
Holy One . . .*

*. . . Therefore, we praise you, joining our voices with choirs of
angels and with all the faithful of every time and place,
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.

Minister: *Holy are you, and blessed is your Son Jesus Christ . . .*

. . . who taught all disciples 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

“It Is Well with My Soul” Philip P. Bliss

*When peace like a river attendeth my way, when sorrows like sea billows roll,
whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say, “It is well with my soul.” Though
Satan should buffet, though trials should come, let this blest assurance control,
that Christ hath regarded my helpless estate and hath shed his own blood for my
soul. My sin, O the bliss of this glorious thought, my sin, not in part but the whole
is nailed to his cross, and I bear it no more; praise the Lord, O my soul. And, Lord,
haste the day when the faith shall be sight, the clouds be rolled back as a scroll, the
trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend, even so, it is well with my soul.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
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 each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus, our brother and Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 338 “O Beautiful for Spacious Skies”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary Francis Linley

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Worship Notes

THREE COMPOSERS HEARD IN THIS MORNING'S SERVICE were living in America at the time of the American Revolution: James Bremner (d. 1780) in Philadelphia; William Selby (1738–1798) in Boston as well as Newport, Rhode Island; and Francis Linley (1771–1800) in Philadelphia.

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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