

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Major Pierre Camonin
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Blessed Is He That Cometh” Eric DeLamarter
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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: *As if this were the only time, and this the only place,
and we the only people,*

People: **Jesus Christ will meet us.**

Minister: *As if this were the only time, and this the only place,
and we the only people,*

People: **let us worship God.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*). from Psalm 51

Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unfailing love,
according to your great compassion blot out our transgressions.

Wash away all our iniquity and cleanse us from sin.

Create in us a pure heart, O God,
and renew a steadfast spirit within us.

Do not cast us from your presence
or take your Holy Spirit from us.

Restore to us the joy of your salvation
and grant a willing spirit to sustain us. Amen.

**Stand as you are able.*

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*)

Psalm 51:1-12 Old Testament, page 492

*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

John 6:24-35. New Testament, page 92

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 494 “Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts”

*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 Anthem

“The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare” Geoffrey Shaw

The Lord my pasture shall prepare, and feed me with a shepherd’s care; his presence shall my wants supply, and guard me with a watchful eye. My noonday walks he shall attend, and all my midnight hours defend. When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads my weary wandering steps he leads, where peaceful rivers soft and slow amid the verdant landscape flow. Though in a bare and rugged way through devious lonely winds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile; the barren wilderness shall smile with sudden greens and herbage crowned, and streams shall murmur all around. Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors overspread, my steadfast heart shall fear no ill, for thou, O Lord, art with me still; thy friendly crook shall give me aid and guide me through the dreadful shade.

*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 Anthems

“Ave Verum” Gabriel Fauré

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the virgin Mary born, on the cross thy sacred body was torn for us all. Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side; feed us with thy body, now and in our death. O Jesu, hear us, spare us; Son of Mary, grant us mercy. Amen.

“Tantum Ergo” G. Fauré

We hold such a single, bright affection for the sacred host that new forms of our devotion come forth to clothe the old. To the Father, Lord of all, and to the begotten Son, be praise, joy, and blessing, grace and wholeness, for eternal days. Glory shines from both in fullness equally. Amen.

Psalm 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in
the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence
of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion *(unison)*

Holy God,
we give you thanks that we have been fed
and renewed by Christ's life in us.
May we go now to touch people's lives with his life.
Send us forth equipped with the power of your Spirit
to spread the message of his love and compassion
to all whom we meet. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 529 "Draw Us in the Spirit's Tether"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Improvisation on a Gregorian Chant

Worship Leaders

Hardy H. Kim, Rebecca Dixon, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs;
Gillian Hollis, Kimberly Gunderson, and Beena David, soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper.

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, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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