

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Pavane . . . . . Maurice Ravel

### Introit

“All the Earth Doth Worship Thee” . . . . . Anonymous  
*All the earth doth worship thee, angels cry aloud to thee, holy blessed Trinity.*

\*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 641 . . . . . “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, from you no secret can be hidden,  
not even the things we would rather keep buried or out of the light of day.  
Forgive us when we would rather bear false witness  
than admit to the wrongs we have committed or condoned:  
to the pain inflicted on others, to the twisting of truths,  
to the unfair advantages we have sought,  
and to the privileges we have protected at the expense of others.  
Help us, God, to work for your kingdom. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 131 . . . . . Old Testament, page 542

Anthem

“Just as a Father” . . . . . Luigi Cherubini  
arr. Susan Matsui

*Just as a father, full of compassion, offers loving-kindness unto all of his children,  
so the Lord is gracious to those who love him.*

First Lesson

Proverbs 22:1–2, 8–9, 22–23 . . . . . Old Testament, page 570

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

\*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

James 2:1–10 . . . . . New Testament, page 215

Sermon

In Need of Favor . . . . . Joyce Shin  
*“My brothers and sisters, do you with your acts of favoritism  
really believe in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ?” James 2:1 (NRSV)*

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 803 . . . . . “My Shepherd Will Supply My Need”

\*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

Sicilienne . . . . . Maria Theresia von Paradis

#### \*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.

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# Sealing the Word

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## 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.**

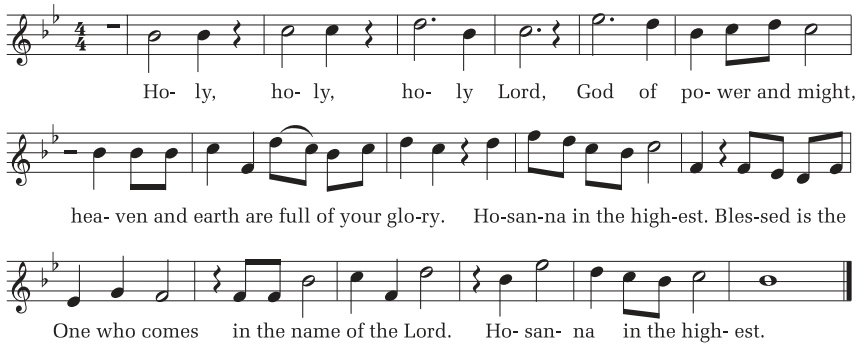
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

“The Best of Rooms” . . . . . Charles Wood

*Christ, he requires still wheresoever he comes to feed or lodge  
to have the best of rooms; give him the choice,  
grant him the nobler part of all the house; the best of all’s the heart.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

**You, gracious God, hold all things together.  
You let nothing good go to waste.  
Receive from us these good things,  
offerings of our time and labor,  
and multiply them to the good of your kingdom. Amen.**

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 767 . . . . . “Together We Serve”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon . . . . . Herbert Murrill

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Matt Helms, Jean Marie Koon, Joyce Shin

## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir

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

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## Worship Notes

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FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the women of the Chancel and Morning Choirs for their musical leadership during morning worship this summer. Beginning next Sunday, the full Chancel Choir will return to the 8:00 a.m. service. Those interested in singing with the Chancel Choir are invited to join their weekly rehearsals, which resume on Thursday, September 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the Sanctuary Choir Loft.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Ashley Elskus on behalf of the Center for Life and Learning.

THE TEMPORARY ELECTRONIC ORGAN that we have been using since last summer has been moved from the Choir Loft to the Sanctuary floor. It will remain there this fall while work is done in the loft to install the rebuilt pipe organ, which we anticipate dedicating on November 22.

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