

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in D Major William Boyce
Larghetto – Vivace

Introit

“Praise Ye the Lord” Donald Cashmore
Praise ye the Lord. Praise, O ye servants of the Lord, praise the name of the Lord.

*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 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, we trust you are the Maker of all,
the Redeemer of all, and the Sustainer of all.
But for some of us, when we come face to face
with fear or suffering or pain, our trust wavers.
If we find ourselves sitting among the ashes of despair,
our mouths are more likely to fill with cries of abandonment
rather than cries of trust in your presence.
And so we confess that our belief in you can be fickle and conditional.
We join our voices with the father in scripture saying,
“Lord, we believe. Help thou our unbelief.”

Gracious One, Faithful One, Merciful One,
increase our trust in you until the day
when the only refrains that fill our mouths are “Glory” and “Praise.”
We pray in the name of Jesus, your Love made flesh. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Commissioning of the Choir

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“I Will Arise” American folk song
arr. Alice Parker

*I will arise and go to Jesus; he will embrace me in his arms.
In the arms of my dear Savior there are ten thousand charms.
Teach me some melodious sonnet sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount, I'm fixed upon it, mount of thy redeeming love.
Come, thou fount of every blessing, tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy never ceasing call for songs of loudest praise.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 104:1-9 Old Testament, page 524

*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

Job 3 (*selections*) Old Testament, page 430

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

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

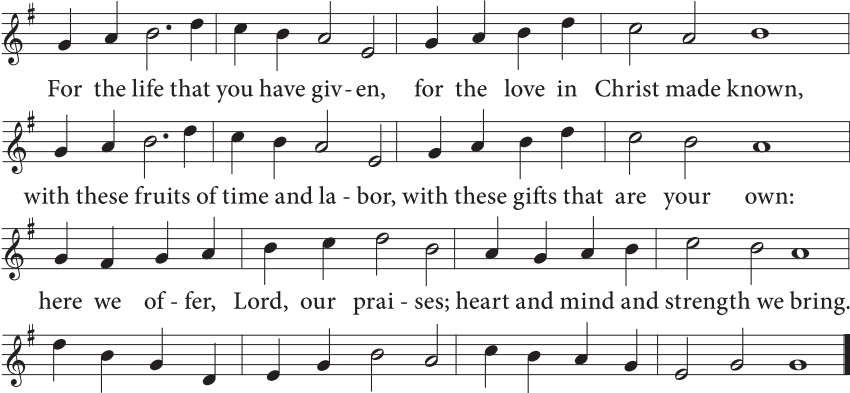
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Air from Orchestral Suite no. 3 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:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Richard DeLong

*Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.
Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

There is no place where you are not, O God,
so even as we enter back into our day,
and into all that life holds for us outside this place,
we know that you go with us.
You are behind and ahead of us,
and you hold our hand every step of the way.
Thank you for feeding us—for nourishing us in this meal,
in this time of quiet and sanctuary.
Feed us throughout this day and this week.
We pray in the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 804 “Rejoice, Ye Pure in Heart”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Canzona Domenico Zipoli

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S COMMISSIONING OF THE CHANCEL CHOIR lifts up the musical gifts they offer in weekly worship leadership.

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is presented by Elaine Filus on behalf of the Officer Nominating Committee.

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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