

*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

Baroques. . . . . Seth Bingham  
Sarabande

### Introit

“Give the Lord the Honor Due” . . . . . George Thalben-Ball  
*Give the Lord the honor due unto his name; worship the Lord with holy  
worship. 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 401 . . . . . “Here in This Place”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you asked for our hands,  
that we might use them for your purpose.  
We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them,  
for the work was hard.  
You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.  
We gave you a whisper that we might not be accused.  
You ask for our eyes to see the pain of poverty.  
We closed them, for we did not want to see.  
You asked for our lives, that you might work through us.  
We gave only a small part, for we feared getting too involved.  
Forgive us, O Lord, and renew us.  
Give us courage to live a new life in you. Amen.

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*)

Psalms 71:1–6 . . . . . Old Testament, page 503

Anthem

“Te Deum Laudamus” . . . . . Charles Villiers Stanford

*We praise thee, O God; we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens, and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee; the goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee; the noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee: the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honorable, true, and only Son: also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin’s womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God, in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants, whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood. Make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people and bless thine heritage. Govern them and lift them up forever. Day by day, we magnify thee; and we worship thy name, ever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted; let me never be confounded.*

First Lesson

Jeremiah 1:4–10 . . . . . Old Testament, page 656

Minister: *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

Luke 4:21–28 . . . . . New Testament, page 57  
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Now Is the Winter of Our Content . . . . . Matt Helms

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 320 . . . . . “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

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

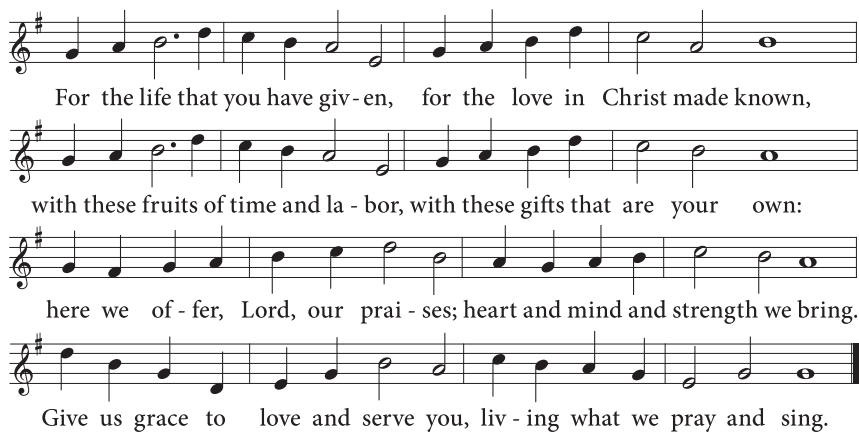
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from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

“I Will Sing New Songs,” from *Biblical Songs* . . . . . Antonin Dvorak

## \*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:*

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 be 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 Holy Banquet” . . . . . David S. Harris  
*I come to thee, O Lord, that by thy gift it may be well with me, that I be gladdened by thy holy banquet which thou, O God, in thy sweetness hast prepared for the poor. Therefore gladden the soul of thy servant this day, because unto thee, O Lord Jesus, have I lifted up my soul. Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,  
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.  
May sharing this meal with one another  
strengthen us in love  
and help us to serve you in our neighbor.  
Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 314 . . . . . “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Jubilate . . . . . Roy Douglas

## Worship Leaders

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Matt Helms, Roberta Dawson

## The Music Today

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## Worship Notes

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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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