

*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

The Lord's My Shepherd . . . . . Searle Wright

### Introit

"Rise Up in Early Morning" . . . . . German chorale  
arr. Richard Proulx

*Rise up in early morning; sing of the risen Savior.  
Sing tidings of salvation with alleluias ringing, in cymbalis bene sonantibus.*

\*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

Leader: *Sing praises to the Lord, O you faithful ones.*

People: We give thanks to God's holy name.

Leader: *God has turned mourning into dancing;*

People: we are clothed with joy and will thank God forever.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

\*Hymn 805 . . . . . "Come Sing to God"

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of victory over death, Christ revealed himself again and again,  
convincing his followers of his resurrection. But we have withheld  
ourselves in doubt and skepticism, deaf to your call on our lives.  
You ask us to feed your sheep and care for the lambs of your flock,  
but we have been self-preoccupied and ignored neighbors in need.  
Break into our hearts with your risen presence, that we may faithfully  
follow you in love. In Jesus' name. 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 (*sung*)

“All with Joyful Exultation” (Psalm 30). . . . . The Hymnal, 798

Anthem

“The Day of Resurrection” . . . . . Brian Wentzel

*The day of resurrection! Earth tell it out abroad,  
the Passover of gladness; the Passover of God.  
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,  
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.  
Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright  
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,  
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,  
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.  
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,  
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.  
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;  
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end!  
All praise to God the Father, all praise to Christ the Son,  
all praise to God the Spirit, eternal three in one.  
Let all the ransomed number fall down before the throne,  
and honor, power, and glory ascribe to God alone!*

First Lesson

John 21:1–14 . . . . . New Testament, page 109

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

John 21:15–19 . . . . . New Testament, page 109

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Taking Nothing for Granted . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 720. . . . . “Jesus Calls Us”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . from 1 Cor. 15:1–6; Mark 16:1–9;  
Matt. 16:16; Rev. 22:13; and John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received,  
 in which we stand, and by which we are saved,  
 if we hold it fast: that Christ died for our sins  
 according to the scriptures, that he was buried,  
 that he was raised on the third day,  
 and that he appeared first to the women,  
 then to Peter, and to the Twelve,  
 and then to many faithful witnesses.  
 We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.  
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;  
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Solo

“We Are a Garden Walled Around” . . . . . Robert Buckley Farlee

*We are a garden walled around, chosen and made peculiar ground;  
 a little spot enclosed by grace out of the world’s wide wilderness.*

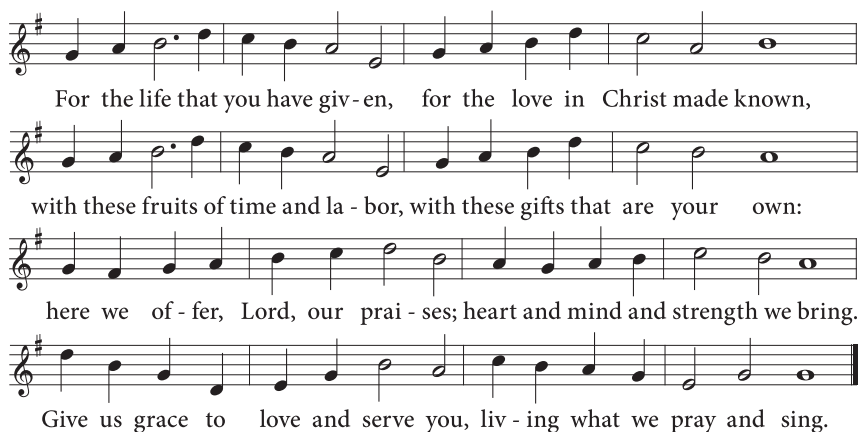
*Like trees of myrrh and spice we stand, planted by the Creator’s hand;  
 and all the springs in Sion flow to make the young plantation grow.*

*Let my Beloved come and taste his pleasant fruits at his own feast.  
 “I come, my spouse, I come,” he cries, with love and pleasure in his eyes.*

*Our Lord into the garden comes, well pleased to smell our poor perfumes,  
 and calls us to a feast divine, sweeter than honey, milk, or wine.*

*Jesus, we will frequent thy board, and sing the praises of our Lord:  
 but the rich food on which we live demands more praise than tongues can give.*

## \*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

“I Am the Bread of Life” . . . . . Simon Lole  
*I am the bread of life; he who comes to me will not hunger,  
and he who believes in me shall never thirst.  
I have come down from heaven not to do my own will  
but the will of him who sent me.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have received these holy  
mysteries, with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.  
You have made us your people by the death and resurrection of your  
Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. May we who  
have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 726 . . . . . “Will You Come and Follow Me”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Roberta Dawson

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## 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 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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