

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Lied Louis Vierne

Introit

“Praise the Lord, His Glories Show” William Henry Monk
*Praise the Lord, his glories show, alleluia. Saints within his courts below, alleluia.
Angels round his throne above, alleluia. All that see and share his love, alleluia.*

*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 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we confess that we are an anxious people.
We do not notice your blessing, and we fail to keep your word.
Forgive us, we pray, for these and all our sin.
Enable us to live in peace and reflect your love in the world;
through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing” Ernest Bullock

*Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King.
To all the world glad news we bring, alleluia. The Lord of life is risen for ay;
bring flowers of song to strew his way; let all mankind rejoice and say, alleluia.
Praise we in songs of victory that love, that life which cannot die, and sing with
hearts uplifted high, alleluia. Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today
with one accord the life laid down, the life restored, alleluia.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (responsively)

Psalm 67 Old Testament, page 500

*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 14:23–29 New Testament, page 103

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*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

Berceuse Louis Vierne

*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: *Into the shadows of silence, you hummed the first chords
of creation, O God. . .*

*. . . And so we join our voices with your saints in every time
and place, singing forever 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: *Blessedness is your name, Holy God, and blessedness is
also our Savior, Jesus Christ. . .*

. . . 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.**

Minister: *And now, as your Spirit changed chaos into creation. . .*

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

“Let Us Break Bread Together” African American spiritual
arr. Robert Lehman

Let us break bread together on our knees. When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me. Let us drink wine together on our knees. Let us praise God together on our knees.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God,
in this meal we have been given a foretaste of the feast that is to come.
Help us always to be alert to your gifts in our midst;
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 733 “We All Are One in Mission”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

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Worship Notes

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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