

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Aria Giovanni Battista Martini

Introit

“O Thou Sweetest Source of Gladness” Louis Bourgeois
arr. Philip Ledger

*O thou sweetest source of gladness, light's all lovely fountainhead,
who alike in joy and sadness leavest none unvisited.
Breath of Godhead, highest King, who, upholding everything,
wilt uphold with love undying, hear, O hear me humbly crying.*

*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

Minister: *O praise the Lord.*

*It is good to give thanks to the Lord,
for God's love endures forever.*

People: **Who will tell of God's mighty acts
and make God's praises heard?**

Minister: *Happy are they who act justly and do right at all times.
Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, when trials beset us it is natural to fear.
Called to be courageous, we find our faith lacking.
When asked to take risks, we confess our complacency.
By ignoring injustice, we hope it will subside.
You have shown us that you are a God to be trusted.
Leading your people, you have stayed by their side.
Even Christ overcame his enemies as he hung on the cross.
Forgive our reluctance to trust in your guidance and goodness,
and grant us the wisdom to see refuge in Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*
People: **And also with you.**

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O God, My Heart Is Ready” Simon Lindley
*O God, my heart is ready: I will sing and give praise with the best music that I have.
Awake, lute and harp; I myself will awake right early. My lips shall speak of thy praise,
when thou hast taught me thy statutes. Yea, my tongue shall sing of thy word,
for all thy commandments are righteous.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 105:1–6, 16–22 Old Testament, page 525

*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

Matthew 14:22-33. New Testament, page 15

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Courage Will Follow” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 817 “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

*Affirmation of Faith from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.
 Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
 the love of God,
 and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
 we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
 whom alone we worship and serve.
 We trust in Jesus Christ,
 fully human, fully God.
 Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
 preaching good news to the poor
 and release to the captives,
 teaching by word and deed
 and blessing the children,
 healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
 eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
 and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
 Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
 Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
 and giving his life for the sins of the world.
 God raised this Jesus from the dead,
 vindicating his sinless life,
 breaking the power of sin and evil,
 delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Blessed Jesus, We Are Here 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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 573
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

"A Gaelic Prayer" David M. Lowry
*Deep peace of the rolling wave to you; deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you; deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the gentle night to you. Moon and stars pour their healing light on you;
deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you; deep peace of Christ to you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 822 "When We Are Living"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Vivace from *Suite I* Jean-Joseph Mouret

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Worship Notes

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE, which follows the Declaration of Pardon, is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say "The peace of Christ be with you" or simply "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ with one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.

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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