

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Contemplation Mario Castelnuovo-Tedesco

Introit

“Halle, Halle, Halle” Caribbean melody; arr. John Bell
Hallelujah!

*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: *The Lord sets prisoners free
and opens the eyes of the blind.*

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Leader: *The Lord lifts up those who are bowed down;
the Lord loves the righteous.*

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Leader: *The Lord watches over strangers
and upholds the orphan and the widow.*

People: **Praise the Lord!**

Leader: *The Lord will reign forever,
our God for all generations.*

People: **Praise the Lord!**

*Hymn 806 “I’ll Praise My Maker”

*Stand as you are able. [†]Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments;
through Jesus Christ our Savior. 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

"Praise, All You People" Bradley Ellingboe
*Praise, all you people, the name so holy of him who does such wondrous things!
All that has being, to praise him solely, with happy heart its Amen sings! Blessed,
O blessed, are they forever whose help is from the Lord most high, whom from salvation
naught can sever, and who in hope to Christ draw nigh. Trust not in rulers for they
are but mortal; earthborn are they and soon decay. Vain are their counsels at life's
last portal; vain is their help on judgment day. Praise, all you people. Praise the
Almighty, my soul adore him! Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem
I come before him singing the Lord a song of praise! Praise the Almighty, my soul
adore him! Yes, I will laud him all my days; with song and anthem I come before
him singing the Lord a song of hallelujah!*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 146 Old Testament, page 549

*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

Mark 7:24–37 New Testament, page 40

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 771 “What Is the World Like”

*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.

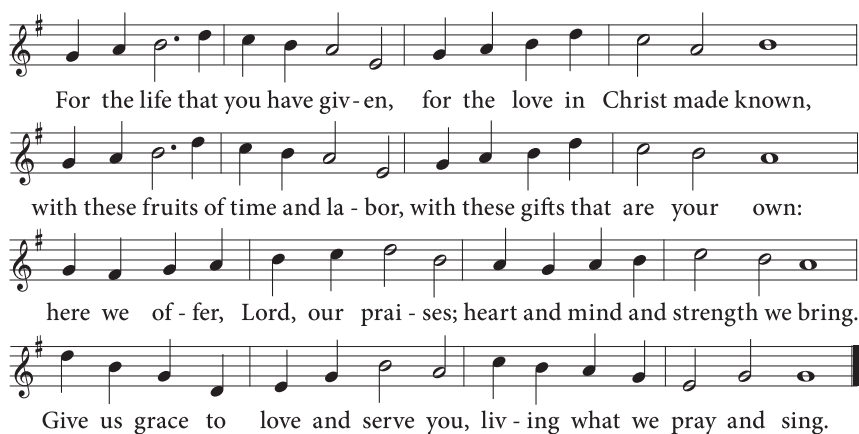
Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Rhapsody on Peace Robert Stern

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

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

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 566

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

"O Taste and See" Ralph Vaughan Williams
O taste and see how gracious the Lord is; blest is the one that trusteth in him.

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 737 "Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude Isadore Freed

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The Music Today

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

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.

THE FIRST ANTHEM SUNG TODAY was written by Bradley Ellingboe (b. 1958), who has composed more than 150 anthems. This anthem was sung by the Fourth Church Touring Choir on their recent trip to South Africa and on past trips to Cuba and Guatemala.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE depicts the easternmost of the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels over the north aisle in the Sanctuary.

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