

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Two Preludes on Irish Melodies Charles V. Stanford
Gaelic Air Keith Chapman

Introit

“Amen, We Praise Your Name” S. C. Molefe
Sing praises! Amen, we praise your name, O God.

*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 trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to examine our souls,*

People: **for we have not only met temptation, we have felt its grip.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to mend our ways,*

People: **for we have not only committed sin, we have felt its sting.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to rend our hearts,*

People: **for we have not only witnessed forgiveness, we have felt its power.**

Leader: *The trumpet of the Lord sounds, calling us to worship,*

People: **for we have not been called alone, we worship together.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 36 “For the Fruit of All Creation”

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

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin
and the sin of this world. God of Grace,*

People: forgive us.

Leader: *Even as Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
God of Grace,*

People: forgive us.

Leader: *The profit and pleasures we pursue lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
God of Grace,*

People: forgive us.

Leader: *We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression.
God of Grace,*

People: forgive us.

Leader: *Speak to us in the silence, O Lord,
that we might be set free to serve you in the world
as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ . . .
(Please hold silence.)*

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem # "Love Bade Me Welcome" Roland E. Martin

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 27

Leader: *The Lord is my light and my salvation; whom then shall I fear?
The Lord is the stronghold of my life; of whom shall I be afraid?*

People: When evildoers close in against me to devour my flesh,
they, my foes and my enemies, will stumble and fall.

Leader: *Though an army encamp against me, my heart will not fear.
Though war rise up against me, my trust will not be shaken.*

People: One thing I ask of the Lord; one thing I seek:
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to gaze upon the beauty of the Lord and to seek God in the temple.

Leader: *For in the day of trouble God will give me shelter,
hide me in the hidden places of the sanctuary, and raise me high upon a rock.*

People: Even now my head is lifted up above my enemies who surround me.
Therefore I will offer sacrifice in the sanctuary,
sacrifices of rejoicing; I will sing and make music to the Lord.

Leader: *Hear my voice, O Lord, when I call; have mercy on me and answer me.*

People: My heart speaks your message—"Seek my face."
Your face, O Lord, I will seek.

Leader: *Hide not your face from me, turn not away from your servant in anger.
Cast me not away—you have been my helper;
forsake me not, O God of my salvation.*

People: Though my father and my mother forsake me, the Lord will take me in.

Leader: *Teach me your way, O Lord; lead me on a level path, because of my oppressors.*

People: Subject me not to the will of my foes,
for they rise up against me, false witnesses breathing violence.

Leader: *This I believe—that I will see the goodness of the Lord in the land of the living!*

People: Wait for the Lord and be strong. Take heart and wait for the Lord!

*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 20:1–16 New Testament, page 20

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

Silent Reflection

Throughout the season of Lent we are practicing silence as a way to grow closer to God and one another.

*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.

New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response

“Hear Our Prayer, O Lord” Edwin Fissinger
Hear our prayer, O Lord; incline thine ear to us and grant us thy peace. Amen.

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

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Kyrie” Michael Allen

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Compassionate God, we offer you these gifts as signs of our time and labor.

Receive the offering of our lives and feed us with your grace,

that in the midst of death all creation might feast

on your unending life in Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Marcia Celtica Eric H. Thiman

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Doug Andrews, Judith L. Watt, Lucy Forster-Smith

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, John Deverman, Judith L. Watt, Lucy Forster-Smith

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

9:30 Tom and Ashley Swidnicki

11:00 Enjoliqye Reed

The Music Today

Drum Circle; Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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