

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Praise the Lord with Drums and Cymbals . . . Sigfrid Karg-Elert; arr. Thomas Brantigan
Prelude, Fugue, and Chaconne Dieterich Buxtehude
Awake, Thou Wintry Earth. Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. Roberta Bitgood
Fanfare (*based on Psalm 81:1-3*) John Cook
Sacrae Symphoniae. Giovanni Gabrieli; arr. Robert King
Canzon septimi toni No. 2

Introit :: “The Lord Is Risen” George Thalben-Ball

*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

The congregation responds by singing “Alleluia” from the Hymnal, page 587

Leader: *This is the good news: the grave is empty, Christ is risen!*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *This is the good news: the light shines in the night,
and the night can never put it out.*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

Leader: *This is the good news: once we were no people, now we are God’s people!*

People: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, in raising Jesus from the grave,
you shattered the power of sin and death.

We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,
bound by the ways that lead to death.

We often overlook the poor and the hungry and pass by those who mourn;
we are deaf to the cries of the oppressed and indifferent to calls for peace;
we abuse the earth you made and do not see your face in every face.

Forgive us, God of mercy.

Help us to trust your power to change our lives and make us new,
that we may know the joy of life abundant
given in Jesus Christ, the risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven. Alleluia!

Concerns of the Church

Anthem # “Since by Man Came Death” from *Messiah*. George Frideric Handel

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:1–2, 14–24

Leader: *Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.*

People: Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

Leader: *The Lord is my strength and my song and has become my salvation.*

People: Shouts of rejoicing and salvation echo in the tents of the righteous:
“The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!

Leader: *The right hand of the Lord is exalted! The right hand of the Lord acts valiantly!”*

People: I shall not die, but live and declare the works of the Lord.

Leader: *The Lord indeed punished me sorely but did not hand me over to death.*

People: Open for me the gates of righteousness;
I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

Leader: *“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”*

People: I give thanks to you, for you have answered me
and you have become my salvation.

Leader: *The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.*

People: By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

Leader: *This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.*

*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.

The Easter Gospel :: Matthew 28:1–10. New Testament, page 32

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Selections from Scripture (Book of Common Worship)

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

Prayers of the People

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

Prayer Response :: “Amen” Orlando Gibbons

Offering

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

Offertory Anthem :: “Worthy Is the Lamb” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Worthy is the Lamb that was slain and hath redeemed us to God by his blood to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honor, and glory, and blessing. Blessing and honor, glory and power, be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb, forever and ever. Amen.

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication

Leader: *Christ is risen! Alleluia!*

People: **Christ is risen indeed! Alleluia!**

Leader: *Let us pray.*

People: **As you burst forth from the tomb, O God, may new life burst forth from us and show itself in acts of love and learning to a hurting world.**

As people of your resurrection, let us serve you with joy and gladness, forever singing our eternal song: Alleluia! Alleluia! Alleluia! Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 245 “Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!”

*Closing Response (*Please remain standing for the closing response*)

“Hallelujah” from *Messiah* G. F. Handel

Postlude :: Toccata from *Symphonie No. 5 in F Major* Charles-Marie Widor

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11:30 Lucy Forster-Smith, Kay Brungs, Jennifer Ebie Lucey, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

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