

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Scherzetto Louis Vierne

Introit :: “Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” William H. Walter; arr. Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.*

*Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, ye saints of God! The church for you doth wait,
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
as children of the Son of man, rise up, ye saints of God!*

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 327 “From All That Dwell Below the Skies”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in you we live and move and have our being.

Yet always in the midst of creation’s glory
we see sin’s shadow and feel death’s darkness.

It is around us in the earth, sea, and sky, in the abuse of matter.

It is beside us in the broken, the hungry, and the poor,
in the ways we hurt one another and your creation.

Forgive us, loving God.

Heal us, that we may become people of healing,
and renew us, that we may be makers of peace. Amen.

*Stand as you are able.

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 #: “Create in Me a Clean Heart, O God” Healey Willan; arr. Henry V. Gerike

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.

Cast me not away from thy presence, and take not thy Holy Spirit from me.

Restore unto me the joy of thy salvation, and uphold me with thy free Spirit.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 67



Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.
Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia.

*Easter Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 589

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Now the Lord is risen indeed.

Scripture Lesson

Acts 16:9–15 New Testament, page 127

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 346 “For the Healing of the Nations”

*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 ♫ Meditation in Memoriam Zoltan Gárdonyi

*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, 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.

Leader: . . . *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.

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

The Communion

Communion Anthem #: "King of Glory, King of Peace" David Charles Walker

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O Jesus, hope of the world and hope of our lives, we have been guests at your table;
come with us wherever we go and be present in all we share.
Summon from us, whom you have fed, generosity of spirit,
to ensure that all the hungry are nourished
and earth's barren places are filled with food, faith, hope, and love.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our brother. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 756 “O God of Every Nation”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♫ Litanies Jehan Alain

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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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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The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER (lasting seven weeks, spanning the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday), we will make great use of the word *Alleluia*. Having fasted from the word *Alleluia* during the Season of Lent, our Doxology and Easter Acclamation (holding the place of the Gloria Patri) gives God thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life found in Christ's resurrection.

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