

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that have taken holy things; may the ears which have heard your word be deaf to clamor and dispute; may the tongues which have sung your praise be free from deceit; may the eyes which have seen the tokens of your love shine with the light of hope; and may the bodies which have been fed with your body be refreshed with the fullness of your life; glory to you forever. Amen.

***HYMN 507** "I Come with Joy"

Tune: DOVE OF PEACE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Voluntary in D Major

William Boyce

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CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: I was glad when they said to me, let us go to the house of the Living God.

People: **This is the day when we rejoice in God's act of creation.**

Leader: This is our Sabbath, when we rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus the Christ.

People: **We give thanks that God has called us here.**

All: **Peace to all who enter here, peace this day and every day, in the name of Jesus Christ. Amen.**

INVOCATION

***HYMN 461** "God Is Here!"

Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

O Lord, you know who we are: people with good consciences and with bad, persons who are content and who are discontented, Christians by conviction and Christians by convention. And you know from where we have come: from privilege and from disadvantage, from well-ordered and from disordered families, from the inner circle of community and from its outer edge. But now we all stand before you, alike in our need to confess that we have wronged you and one another and that without

**Stand as you are able.*

**your grace we would be lost. Forgive us our sins,
Lord, so that nothing stands between you and us.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 113 (*unison*) (page 532, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord” *Thomas Weelkes*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 20:1–16 (page 20, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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TO BEGRUDGE GOD’S GENEROSITY

***HYMN 429** “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”
Tune: AUSTRIAN HYMN
(The Hymnal, 446)

***APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

**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 ANTHEM “Save Us, O Lord” *Thomas Matthews*

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them 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: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**

(sung) **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**

**Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One
who comes in the name of the Lord.**

Hosanna in the highest.

THE LORD’S PRAYER (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed be
thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done,**