Prelude O Sons and Daughters of the King Wilbur Held

INVOCATION

*HYMN 104 "Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!"

Tune: Hymn to Joy

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

Merciful God, in your gracious presence we confess our sin and the sin of this world. Although Christ is among us as our life and light, we are a people divided against ourselves as we cling to the values of a broken world. 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. We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom, of intellect and reason, and have turned them into bonds of oppression. God, have mercy upon us; heal us and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Christ. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Hear and believe the good news! People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 133 (responsively) (page 543, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON Acts 4:32–35 (page 114, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

Anthem "Most Glorious Lord of Life" William H. Harris

Second Lesson John 20:19–31 (page 108, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Jocelyn C. Cadwallader POETRY OR NOVELS?

*Hymn 371 "Lift High the Cross" Tune: Crucifer

*Affirmation of Faith (unison)

In life and in death, we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God: preaching the good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world. God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal. With believers from every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

(from A Brief Statement of Faith, PCUSA)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Sing Alleluia Forth"

Eric H. Thiman

*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.

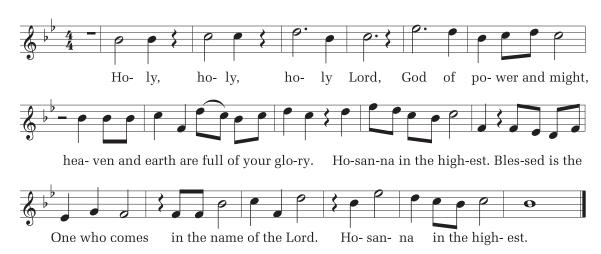
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

... who forever sing to the glory of your name:



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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

God of life, in deep gratitude for this moment, this meal, these people, we give ourselves to you. Take us out to live as changed people because we have shared the living bread and cannot remain the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage many through us. God of light, may we live to your glory, both as inhabitants of earth and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

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

Tune: Dove of Peace

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!

Healey Willan

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