

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Master Tallis's Testament *Herbert Howells*

INTROIT "Beloved, Let Us Love" *Austin Lovelace*

Beloved, let us love, for love is of God; in God alone
hath love its true abode. Beloved, let us love, for they
who love, they only are God's own, born from above.
Beloved, let us love, for love is light; and they who love
not dwell in night. Beloved, let us love, for only thus shall
we behold that God loveth us. Beloved, let us love.

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

***HYMN 261** "God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us"
Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Almighty God, you love us,
but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened.
We walk away from neighbors in need,
wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin,
so that as you come to us in mercy,
we may repent, turn to you,
and receive forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ our Redeemer.
Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER **Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 118:1–9 (*responsively*) (page 534, O.T.)

ANTHEM “A Vineyard Grows” *English melody*
arr. K. Lee Scott

Amid the world’s bleak wilderness a vineyard grows
with promise green, the planting of the Lord himself.
His love selected this terrain; his vine with love he planted
here to bear the choicest fruit for him. We are his branches,
chosen dear, and though we feel the dresser’s knife,
we are the objects of his care. From him we draw the
juice of life; for him supply his winery with fruit from
which true joys derive. Vine, keep what I was meant to be:
your branch, with your rich life in me.

FIRST LESSON John 15:1–8 (page 103, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON 1 John 4:7–21 (page 226, N.T.)

SERMON by John H. Boyle
INTIMACY AND THE HARD LABOR OF LOVE

***HYMN 335** “Though I May Speak” *Tune: O WALY WALY*

***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,**

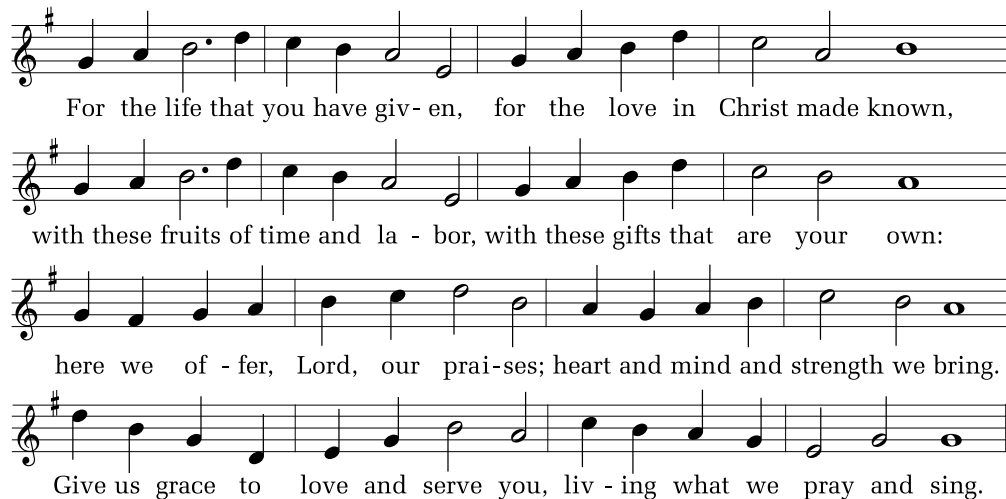
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge
the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting.
Amen.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO "If with All Your Hearts" from *Elijah*
Felix Mendelssohn

"If with all your hearts ye truly seek me, ye shall ever surely find me." Thus saith our God. O, that I knew where I might find him, that I might even come before his presence!

***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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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:

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

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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

COMMUNION ANTHEM

“We Come as Guests Invited” *Johann Steurlein*
(Anthem text: Hymn 517)

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**We thank you gracious God,
for the intimacy of this sacrament of your grace,
reminding us that as in Christ you chose
to make your home with us,
so do we make our home with you.
Let our awareness of our intimacy with you
help us to live in solidarity with others.
Give us the courage and the will
to do the hard labor of loving others,
even as Christ on the cross did the hard labor
of loving and redeeming the world.
Amen.**

***HYMN 366**

“Jesus, Thy Boundless Love to Me”

Tune: ST. CATHERINE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Festival Voluntary

Flor Peeters

WORSHIP LEADERS

John W. Vest, Jocelyn C. Cadwallader, John H. Boyle

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, alto soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The child being baptized this morning is Katherine Elizabeth Hoffmeyer, daughter of Kevin and Jane Hoffmeyer.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. 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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