# MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude O God of Love John Corigliano

INTROIT "God Is Light" Eric H. Thiman

God is light and in God is no darkness at all.

\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

\*HYMN 412 "Eternal God, Whose Power Upholds"

Tune: Forest Green

## 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 peace, 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. Lord, have mercy upon us; heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you in the world as agents of your reconciling love in Jesus Christ.

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Friends, believe the good news. People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**PSALTER** Psalm 119:1–8 (responsively) (page 535, O.T.)

ANTHEM "Behold, the Tabernacle of God" William H. Harris

Behold, the tabernacle of God is with you, and the Spirit of God dwelleth within you; for the temple of God is holy, which temple you are, for the love of whom you do this day celebrate the joys of the temple with a season of festivity.

Alleluia.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 58:6–9a (page 647, O.T.)

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

\*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Matthew 5:13–20 (page 4, N.T.)

SERMON JOHN BUCHANAN

Salt of the Earth . . . Light of the World

"You are the salt of the earth. . . . You are the light of the world." Matthew 5:13–14 (NRSV)

\*HYMN 413 "All Who Love and Serve Your City"

Tune: Charlestown

\*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.

### **O**FFERING

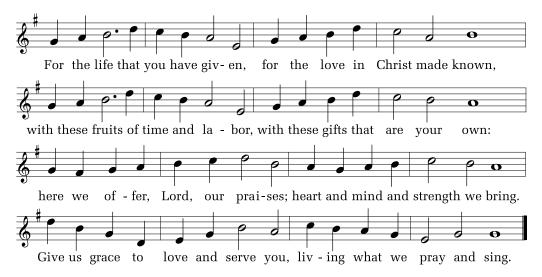
#### OFFERTORY SOLO

"En Prière"

Gabriel Fauré

If the voice of a child can rise up to you, O, my Father, from Jesus before you on his knee, listen to my prayer! If you have chosen me to teach your law upon earth, I will know how to serve you, august King of kings, O Light. Upon my lips, Lord, put the truth that gives salvation, in order that the one who doubts, with humility may receive you. Do not abandon me; give me the gentleness necessary to alleviate misfortunes, to relieve pain and misery. Reveal yourself to me, Lord, in whom I believe and hope, for you suffered and died on the cross at Calvary.

### \*Offertory Response



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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:



hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the



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Minister: . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

People: Christ has died. Christ is risen.

Christ will come again.

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

## 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

"Jesus, Sun of Life, My Splendor"

George Frideric Handel

Jesus, sun of life, my splendor; Jesus, thou, my friend most tender; Jesus, joy of my desiring, fount of life, my soul inspiring, at thy feet I cry, my maker, let me be a fit partaker of this blessed food from heaven, for our good, thy glory, given.

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Eternal God, creator of the world and giver of all good, we thank you for the earth, our home, and for the gift of life. We praise you for your love in Jesus Christ, who came to heal this broken world, who died rejected on the cross and rose triumphant from the dead. Because he lives, we live to praise you, our God forever. Today we thank you for calling us into your church. We thank you for this church and for all who, going before us, have been faithful and generous. We thank you for the challenging and exciting future ahead and ask you to bless us as, together, we aspire to be your faithful people and a light in the city. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

\*Hymn 420

"God of Grace and God of Glory"

Tune: Cwm Rhondda

#### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** 

Voluntary in D Major

William Mathias

### WORSHIP LEADERS

Matthew J. Helms, Victoria G. Curtiss, John Buchanan

## THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soloist John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

### WORSHIP NOTES

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. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) 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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