

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Concerto in A Minor *Antonio Vivaldi*
 Adagio *arr. Johann Sebastian Bach*

INTROIT “The Lord Is Risen” *George Thalben-Ball*
 The Lord is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.

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

***HYMN 465** “Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather” *Tune: TōKYŌ*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Holy and risen Lord,
we come before you to confess
that we have sinned.
We have not lived into your resurrection;
we see the empty tomb,
but we think it a cruel trick;
we anoint the death of our dreams
before we give them a chance to live;
we give into fear and anxiety
instead of living into your hope fulfilled.
Help us, O God, to not only believe,
but to trust in your resurrection.
In the name of the risen Christ, we pray.
Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM “Christ the Lord Is Risen Again” *Eric H. Thiman*

Christ the Lord is risen again; Christ hath broken every chain. Hark! Angelic voices cry, singing evermore on high, alleluia. He who gave for us his life, who for us endured the strife, is our paschal lamb today; we too sing for joy and say alleluia. He, who bore our pain and loss comfortless upon the cross, lives in glory now on high, pleads for us and hears our cry, alleluia. Hymns of praise then let us sing unto Christ our heavenly King, who endured the cross and grave, sinners to redeem and save. Alleluia, amen.

PSALTER Psalm 16 (*responsively*) (page 469, O.T.)

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

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 20:19–31 (page 108, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Grip of Resurrection KERRI N. ALLEN

***HYMN 107** “Celebrate with Joy and Singing”
Tune: EVELYN CHAPEL

***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.**

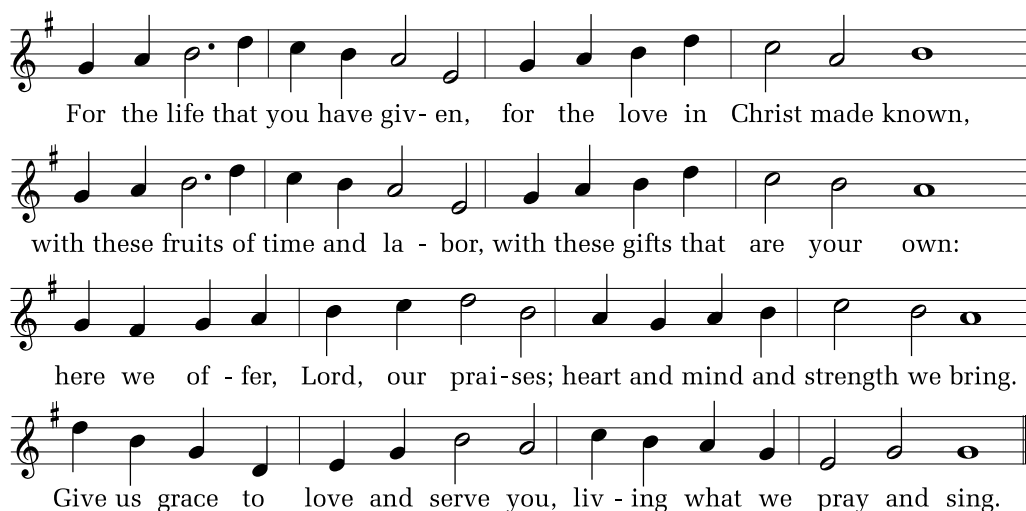
OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

“Blessed Jesus, at Your Word”

J. S. Bach

*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 "Surrexit Christus" *Giovanni Battista Pergolesi*

Christ is risen, alleluia. This day Christ is risen from
the dead, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us
and offered yourself to us.
May this holy mystery of bread and cup
strengthen and nourish us,
that we may in turn nourish your world,
living into and trusting in your resurrection power,
in the name of the one who died
only to rise again, Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.

***HYMN 540**

“God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

Tune: RANDOLPH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

William Mathias

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Calum I. MacLeod, Joyce Shin, Kerri N. Allen

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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. 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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