Morning Worship

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

Prelude

O Lamb of God
O People, Bewail Thy Grievous Sin

Johann Sebastian Bach
J. S. Bach

Introit

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”
Create in me a clean heart, O God,
and renew a right spirit within me. Amen.

Stephen Sturk

*Doxology and Invocation* (The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 489*

“Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
Tune: Unser Herrscher

Prayer of Confession  (unison)

Gracious God, forgive us.
Like those who witnessed Jesus’ life
and heard his words, yet did not believe,
we too have seen wonders,
yet have hardened our hearts.
We confess the many times that our pessimism
has caused us to doubt,
our criticism has wounded others,
our dejection has dampened enthusiasm,
and our words and actions
have distanced us from you.
O God, forgive us and in your mercy renew us,
that with open hearts we may believe
and renew our trust in you. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

*Stand as you are able.*
**Anthem**

“Song of the Passion”  
George Oldroyd

When I think on Jesu’s blood, that he shed upon the rood,  
I let tears smart. Who of us can be unkind if Christ’s blood  
we have in mind, entirely in our hearts? Sweet Jesu Christ,  
what is thy guilt, that thou for me art split, flower of unlothfulness?  
I a thief am, but thou diest. I am guilty, but thou buyest all my  
wickedness. Why gavest thou so much for thine? What winnest  
thou for thy hard pine, rich in bliss above? Love thy heart  
so deep has sought that pain of death doth let thee naught  
of man to win the love. Sweet Jesu Christ.

**Psalter**

Psalms 121 (responsively)  
(page 539, O.T.)

*Gloria Patri*  
(The Hymnal, 579)

**Scripture Lesson**

John 12:20–26  
(page 100, N.T.)

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

**Sermon**

Tentative Faith  
Adam H. Fronczek

*Hymn 370*  
“Just as I Am, Without One Plea”  
*Tune:* Woodworth

*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.

**Prayers of the People**
**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.

**PRAYER RESPONSE**  
“Kyrie Eleison”  
*Morgan Simmons*  
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

**OFFERING**

**OFFERTORY ANTHEM**  
“O Crux”  
*Mark Jennings*  
O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout the earth,  
beloved of the people, holier than all things, which alone  
was found worthy to bear the light of the world; blessed tree,  
blessed nails, blest the weight you bore; save the flock  
which today is gathered to praise you.

**PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE**

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,  
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:  
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.  
Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.

**Prayer of Thanksgiving and Dedication**

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.**

All: **God of extravagant mercy,**

    with hands outstretched you have poured out
    wonder and pleasure and delight,
    goodness and beauty and bounty.

So take these offerings, we pray,

as our protest against all

that is evil and ugly and impoverished,

trivial and wretched and tyrannical,

in our world and in ourselves—

and thus may we and others know

ourselves to be blessed. Amen.

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**Hymn 488**

“The God of Abraham Praise”

*Tune: Leoni*

**Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**

Toccata in E Minor

*Johann Pachelbel*
### Join the Journey to Easter

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Worship Leaders

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The Music Today

9:30 a.m.  The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

Worship Notes

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