# MORNING WORSHIP

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

# GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

## PRELUDE

Prayer from Christ Ascending towards His Father Olivier Messiaen (from Ascension Day)

# INTROIT

"God, My Shepherd, Gives Me All I Need" Caribbean melody arr. Andrew Donaldson

Follow God, my shepherd; you will want for nothing. God, my shepherd, gives me all I need. God leads the way, and I follow after, through grasses green and by peaceful water. So what if shades of death are near? Your shepherd's staff will drive back fear! Surely love and mercy, gladly God will give me. You are my shepherd; you set the table; now who can harm me? Nobody's able. Here is your house where all can see, as honored guest you welcome me.

# \*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

### \*Hymn 147

"Blessing and Honor"

Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA

### PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

God above all gods, you have breathed into us the breath of life. You have called us into this community of faith. You have given us the promise of a hope beyond all hope. And yet, we stand somewhat flat-footed, stuck in our desire to know the future and striving to have control of the present. We confess our inability to control every aspect of our lives. We admit our desire to control outcomes. We need help in remembering that we are human and only you are God. Forgive us for forgetting. Forgive us, we pray. Amen.

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

# LISTENING TO THE WORD

## **PSALTER** (responsively)

Psalm 68:4–10

(page 501, O.T.)

### ANTHEM

"Domine, non sum dignus"

Tómas Luis de Victoria

O God, I am not worthy that you should come under my roof, but say the word, and I shall be healed.

### FIRST LESSON

1 Peter 5:6–11

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God**  (page 221, N.T.)

(The Hymnal, 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost: as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

### SECOND LESSON

Acts 1:6-14

### SERMON

In the Meantime

# **Responding to the Word**

### \*Нумл 399

"We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight" Tune: DUNLAP'S CREEK

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (unison)

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:1–6, Mark 16:9, Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20:28

This is the good news which we have received,

in which we stand,

and by which we are saved,

if we hold it fast:

that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,

that he was buried,

that he was raised on the third day,

and that he appeared first to the women,

then to Peter, and to the Twelve,

and then to many faithful witnesses.

We believe that Jesus is the Christ,

the Son of the living God.

Jesus Christ is the first and the last,

the beginning and the end;

he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

### OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY

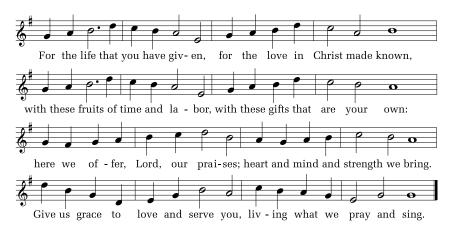
"Canzonetta"

William Mathias

JUDITH L. WATT

(page 110, N.T.)

### **\*Offertory Response**



# SEALING THE WORD

# 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.

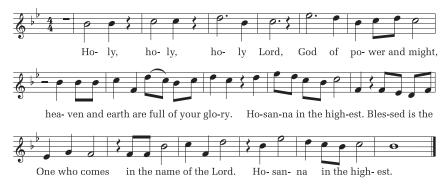
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

### PRAYER

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

 $\ldots$  who forever sing to the glory of your name:



### THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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**

"O Quam Amabilis"

Joseph Jongen

How lovely and wonderful you are, blessed and holy Jesus; you are our heart's content and peace of mind, worthy of all honor and praise.

### PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (unison)

Almighty God, your blessed Son, our Savior Jesus Christ, ascended far above all heavens that he might fill all things. Mercifully give us faith to trust that, as he promised, he abides with us on earth to the end of time; through the same Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

### \*Hymn 508

"For the Bread Which You Have Broken"

Tune: KINGDOM

# BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

### \*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE (please remain standing)

### POSTLUDE

Outburst of Joy from a Soul before the Glory of Christ *O. Messiaen* (from *Ascension Day*)

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Victoria G. Curtiss, Judith L. Watt

# THE MUSIC TODAY

Men of the Morning Choir John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

# WORSHIP NOTES

- The men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will provide musical leadership during worship between June 1 and July 13. The women of these choirs will provide musical leadership between July 20 and August 31, and the full choirs will return on September 7.
- **This morning's Introit** is a traditional Caribbean folk song, which was sung by members of Fourth Church on recent music mission trips to Cuba in 2013 and Guatemala in 2014.
- This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers 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.

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