

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Now Thank We All Our God Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Sing to the Lord of Harvest” German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Sing to the Lord of harvest; sing songs of love and praise.

With joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By him the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;

sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

*Doxology (*sung*). 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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 327 “O Word of God Incarnate”

Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you alone are good and holy.

So we ask you to purify our lives and make us brave disciples.

Forgive our timid hearts that would have you simply keep us safe.

Give us instead hearts full of courage,

so that we might be loyal to you and bold to serve Jesus Christ.

With these hearts, help us to embrace the liberating good news of Jesus
and a reverence for truth and beauty.

Forgive our calculating or sentimental minds

that go along with mean and ugly things.

Forgive our cowardice that dares not face truth

and our arrogance that assures us we know it all.

Renew us in openness of heart and mind

so that we can receive your message of hope and love

and make it bear fruit in a world that needs your grace. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace” . . . African American spiritual
arr. William Appling

We shall walk through the valley of the shadow of death. We shall walk through the valley in peace, and if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace. There will be no sorrowing there, and if Jesus himself shall be our leader, we shall walk through the valley in peace.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 119:105–112 (*responsively*). Old Testament, page 537

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). 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.**

Scripture Lesson

Matthew 13:1–9, 18–23 New Testament, page 13

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. Hardy H. Kim

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 351 “Give to Me, Lord, a Thankful Heart”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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

Love Divine, All Loves Excelling Paul Manz

*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.

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 . . .*

. . . 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.

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

“Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts” Plainsong
Jesus, thou joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all, from the best bliss that earth imparts we turn, unfilled, to heed thy call. Thy truth unchanged hath ever stood; thou savest those that on thee call; to them that seek thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all. We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still; we drink of thee, the fountainhead, and thirst our souls from thee to fill. Our restless spirits yearn for thee, wherever our changeful lot is cast, glad when thy gracious smile we see, blest when our faith can hold thee fast. O Jesus, ever with us stay, make all our moments calm and bright; O chase the night of sin away, shed over the world thy holy light.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Almighty God,
we thank you for planting in us the seed of your Word.
By your Holy Spirit, help us to receive it with joy
and live according to it.
By the meal we have shared here today,
may the seed of your Word continue to grow
and cause us to increase in faith and hope and love
so that, through our words and actions,
your good news might be spread to all around us.
We pray this through Jesus Christ our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, forever and ever. Amen.

*Hymn 426 “Lord, Speak to Me, That I May Speak”

Bearing the Word into the World

*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Toccata from *Symphony V* Charles-Marie Widor

Worship Leaders

Edwin Estevez, Hardy H. Kim

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. 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.

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS THANKS to the men of the Morning Choir for singing in June and July. The women of the Morning Choir will sing on Sundays through August 31. The full choir will return to worship on September 7.

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