

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

The Rising . . . . . Paul Sullivan

### Introit

“O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing” . . . . . Thomas Jarman

*O for a thousand tongues to sing  
my dear redeemer's praise,  
the glories of my God and King,  
the triumphs of his grace!*

\*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 461 . . . . . “God Is Here!”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, you are bigger than we can imagine.  
Try as we might, we cannot contain you.  
Forgive us when, in our attempt to know you,  
we try to pin you down to look like us and to take our side.  
Be our great corrective forever and ever.  
Amen.

### Declaration of Pardon

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

### Concerns of the Church

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 99 . . . . . Old Testament, page 522

#### Anthem

“Amazing Grace” . . . . . American folk tune  
arr. Richard Proulx

#### First Lesson

Exodus 33:12–23 . . . . . Old Testament, page 77

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

\*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.**

#### Second Lesson

Matthew 22:15–22 . . . . . New Testament, page 23

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

#### Sermon

The Humanity of God. . . . . Joyce Shin

*“But you cannot see my face;  
for no one shall see me and live.”*

Exodus 33:20 (NRSV)

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 399 . . . . . “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

\*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

Suite in C Major . . . . . Domenico Zipoli

\*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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# Sealing the Word

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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.

### 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

“I Have Had Singing” . . . . . Ron Jeffers

*Singing, O the singing!  
There was so much singing then!  
We all sang; and this was my pleasure, too.  
We sang in the fields;  
the chapels were full of singing, always full of singing.  
Here I sang; I have had pleasure enough; I have had singing.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Most gracious God,  
through the fellowship  
that your Son makes possible,  
bring us further into your service,  
until we fully bear your likeness,  
resembling you in all that we do and say.  
In the name of your Son Jesus Christ we pray.  
Amen.

\*Hymn 263 . . . . . “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Charge and Benediction

Postlude

Trumpet Voluntary in D Major. . . . . William Boyce

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Matt Helms, Jim Kendzel, Joyce Shin

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir

Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

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## Worship Notes

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**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. 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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