

*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

String Quartet in C Major . . . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart  
Allegro – Andante – Presto

### Introit (9:30)

“Cantate, Sing to the Lord” . . . . . Jim Leininger

### Introit (11:00)

“Sing to the Lord!” . . . . . Deborah Govenor

\*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.

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: *From mist and darkness, from restful waters,*

People: **God gathers us.**

Minister: *From health and sickness, from plenty and poverty,*

People: **God gathers us.**

Minister: *From highways and byways, from fields and cities,*

People: **God gathers us.**

Minister: *To a feast, a banquet, a life eternal,*

People: **God gathers us safely home.**

Minister: *Christ the Sovereign, King of justice,*

People: **we belong to you.**

Minister: *Christ the Sovereign, King of glory,*

People: **we belong to you.**

Minister: *Today and tomorrow, in time and eternity,*

People: **your kingdom come.**

All: **Let us worship God!**

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

\*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 151 . . . . . “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One, we bow before you humbly and joyfully,  
for you are a gracious Sovereign—  
both powerful ruler and gentle shepherd of all.  
We depend upon your mercy, for we have sinned.  
We have neglected your call to seek the lost,  
bring back the strayed, bind up the injured,  
and strengthen the weak.  
We have failed to hope and to work for justice.  
We have ignored your face in the stranger.  
Forgive us, we pray.  
Gather and direct us,  
so that we may live as your faithful people,  
seeing as you see and loving as you love. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Mission

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 100 . . . . . Old Testament, page 522

Anthem

“Loving Shepherd of Thy Sheep” . . . . . John Rutter  
*Loving shepherd of thy sheep, keep thy lamb, in safety keep;  
nothing can thy power withstand, none can pluck me from thy hand.  
I would praise thee every day, gladly all thy will obey;  
like thy blessed ones above, happy in thy perfect love.  
Loving shepherd, ever near, teach thy lamb thy voice to hear;  
suffer not my steps to stray from the straight and narrow way.  
Where thou ledest I would go, walking in thy steps below;  
till before my Father’s throne, I shall know as I am known.*

First Lesson

Ezekiel 34:11-16 . . . . . Old Testament, page 756

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 25:31-26:4 . . . . . New Testament, page 27

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 155 . . . . . “Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). . . . . from Philippians 2:5-11

Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God,  
did not regard equality with God  
as something to be exploited,  
but emptied himself,  
taking the form of a slave,  
being born in human likeness.  
And being found in human form,  
he humbled himself  
and became obedient to the point of death—  
even death on a cross.  
Therefore God also highly exalted him  
and gave him the name that is above every name,  
so that at the name of Jesus  
every knee should bend,  
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,  
and every tongue confess to the glory of God:  
Jesus Christ is Lord! 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

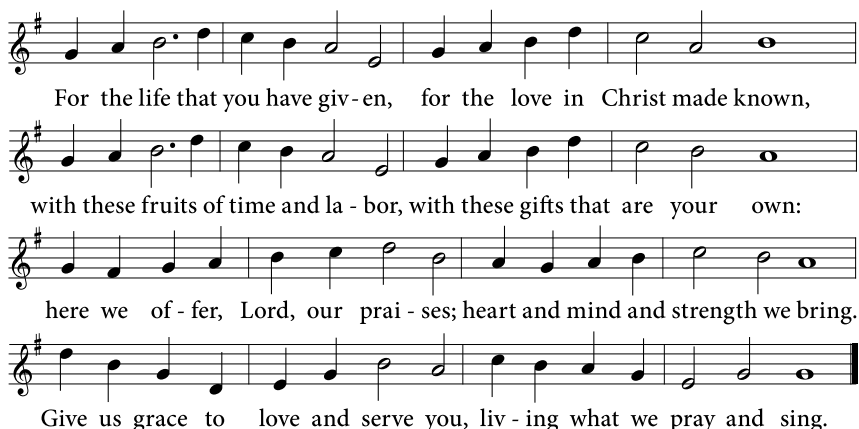
“To My Humble Supplication” . . . . . Louis Bourgeois  
*To my humble supplication, Lord, give ear and acceptance;  
save thy servant that hath none help nor hope but thee alone. Amen.*

### Offering

#### Offertory Anthem

“I Would Live in Your Love” . . . . . Nathan Jones  
*I would live in your love as the sea grasses live in the sea;  
borne up by each wave as it passes,  
drawn down by each wave that recedes.  
I would empty my soul of the dreams that have gathered in me;  
I would beat with your heart as it beats;  
I would follow your soul as it leads.*

#### \*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

**\*Litany of Thanksgiving for Our Hymnals**

Minister: *Eternal God, we thank you for the gifts of music and song through which we can offer you praise and thanksgiving, confession and lament, prayers and petitions.*

People: **We thank you for the gift of this hymnal and for the way it has inspired our own songs over the last two decades, in times of joy and in times of sorrow.**

Minister: *The worn covers remind us of the journey we have taken together.*

People: **The familiar pages feel like home.**

Minister: *These hymnals have been held by small hands and large hands,*

People: **by young hands and old hands.**

Minister: *These pages have enabled us to sing out to joy,*

People: **and these pages have caught our tears.**

Minister: *Today we say good-bye to this good friend,*

People: **even as we look forward to discovering a new friend, to exploring our new hymnal that will lead our song for decades to come.**

Minister: *Enable us to sing in one voice as your gathered people*

People: **and to join in harmony with all who worship you.**

Minister: *By your grace, may our hymns shape our faith in ways that forever give glory to you, our Triune God.*

People: **Amen.**

**\*Hymn 142 . . . . . “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”**

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**Bearing the Word into the World**

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**\*Benediction and Response**

**Postlude**

Rejoice, the Lord Is King. . . . . Healey Willan

## Worship Leaders

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Joyce Shin, Joan Hall, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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9:30: Symphony Sounds String Quartet; the Youth Choir;  
the Morning Choir; Kimberly Gunderson, soloist

11:00: Symphony Sounds String Quartet; the Children's Choir;  
the Morning Choir; Kimberly Gunderson, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

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## Worship Notes

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