
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in D Major Domenico Scarlatti

Introit

“I Will Fill This House with Glory” Eric H. Thiman
“I will fill this house with glory,” saith the Lord of hosts.

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

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 511 “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord, we cry out to you,
but so often we cry with many voices.
We plead for unity
but do not pay the price of reconciliation.
So this morning
we come before you and confess our failure
to respond to the suffering and divisions
of both the church and the world.
O Lord, our God, forgive our sins; have mercy on us,
and enable us to be reconciled
with one another and with you.
Let the outpourings of your grace and blessing rest upon us
as we seek the unity only you can give us.
We pray through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Harold W. Friedell

*Come, my way,
my truth, my life!
Such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife,
such a life that killeth death.
Come, my light,
my feast, my strength!
Such a light as shows a feast,
such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.
Come, my joy,
my love, my heart!
Such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part,
such a heart as joys in love.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 111 Old Testament, page 531

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**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

1 Corinthians 8:1–13. New Testament, page 160

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon. Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

*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

Prelude on an Introit André Fleury

*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: *Holy God, we praise you. . .*

*Therefore, we praise you,
joining our voices
with choirs of angels
and with all the faithful
of every time and place,
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.

Minister: *With thanksgiving,*

we take this cup . . .

*We praise you, eternal God,
though Christ your Word made flesh,
in the holy and life-giving Spirit,
now and forever . . .*

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

“With Grateful Hearts” Johann Sebastian Bach

*With grateful hearts we all are met
to eat the bread of gladness.
The ancient leaven now forget
and every thought of sadness.
Christ himself the feast hath spread,
by him the hungry soul is fed,
and he alone can feed us. Hallelujah!*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
May this food strengthen us in love
and help us to serve you in each other.
We ask this in the name of Jesus,
our brother and Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 498 “Loaves Were Broken, Words Were Spoken”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso André Fleury

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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. 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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