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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

My Shepherd Will Supply My Need . . . . . American folk hymn  
arr. Aaron David Miller

### Introit

“Jesu, Priceless Treasure” . . . . . Johann Crüger  
arr. Johann Sebastian Bach

*Jesu, priceless treasure,  
source of purest pleasure,  
truest friend to me;  
ah, how long I've panted,  
and my heart hath fainted,  
thirsting, Lord, for thee.  
Thine I am, O spotless Lamb;  
I will suffer naught to hide thee,  
naught I ask beside thee.*

\*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.**

### \*Call to Worship

Minister: *As people of God, we take the Lenten journey.  
What will sustain us?*

People: **The word of God will be our daily bread.**

Minister: *As people of God, we know temptation.  
For what will we live?*

People: **We live for the Lord,  
in whom we can place all our trust.**

Minister: *As people of God, whom will we serve?*

People: **We worship the Lord our God alone.**

\*Hymn 165 . . . . . “The Glory of These Forty Days”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, you know the ways of good and evil.  
You know the things that tempt us  
and the things that give us life.  
You see our nakedness and know our sin.  
We confess that we have disobeyed your word  
and have tried to hide our wrongs from you.  
Have mercy on us.  
Cover us with your grace;  
feed us with the bread of life;  
and recreate us in your image.  
For all this we pray in Jesus Christ’s name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O Love Divine” . . . . . Irish folk song  
arr. John Hudson

*O love divine, amazing love that brought to earth from heaven above  
the Son of God for us to die, that we might dwell on high.  
He died for you; he died for me and shed his blood to make us free.  
Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me.  
For us a crown of thorns he bore; for us a robe of scorn he wore.  
He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again our souls to save.  
O wanderer come, on him believe, his grace by faith receive.  
Awake, arise, and hear his call; the feast is spread for all.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 25:1–10 . . . . . Old Testament, page 475

\*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

Genesis 9:8-17 . . . . . Old Testament, page 7

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

For the Long Run . . . . . Joyce Shin

*“When the bow is in the clouds, I will see it and remember  
the everlasting covenant between God and every living creature  
of all flesh that is on the earth.”*

Genesis 9:16 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 29 . . . . . “O God, You Search Me”

\*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.

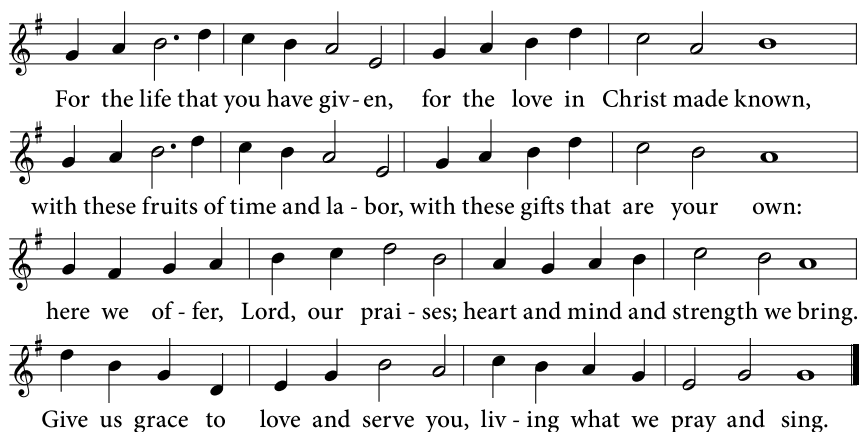
Offering

Offertory Solo

“Give Me Jesus” . . . . . African American spiritual  
arr. Harry T. Burleigh

*In the morning when I rise, give me Jesus.  
You can have all this world; give me Jesus.  
Dark midnight was my cry; give me Jesus.  
When I come to die, give me Jesus.*

## \*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.**

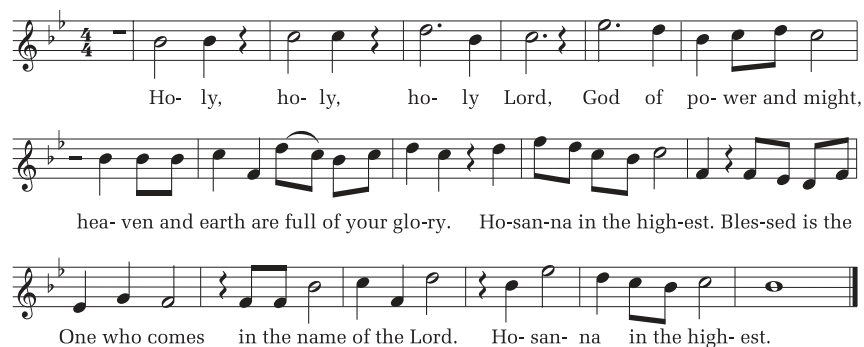
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

“An Irish Blessing” . . . . . James E. Moore Jr.  
*May the road rise to meet you.*  
*May the wind be always at your back.*  
*May the sun shine warm upon your face,*  
*the rains fall soft upon your fields.*  
*And, until we meet again,*  
*may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God, we trust in your power  
to turn what is ordinary  
into something extraordinary.  
We trust in your power to make all things new.  
Bind our humble lives and feeble faith  
into the body of Christ,  
a living testimony of your power and might. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 65 . . . . . “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O God, Thou Faithful God . . . . . Johannes Brahms

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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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