

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Trinitas Eleanor Daley

I. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

II. "To the thirsty I will give water without price
from the fountain of life."

III. "And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

Introit

"The Heaven's Resounding" Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*The heaven's resounding his glory eternal, and all creation, praise one God; the
earth and the ocean his love and devotion, his truth and power proclaim abroad.
And angels sing his glory incarnate, the Son of Man, yet King of kings the hosts
reecho. All praise, adorations, O sovereign God and King divine, shall now and
evermore be thine.*

*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: *We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life into us.*

People: **We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to us.**

Minister: *We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world
and blesses our souls with yearning.*

People: **We praise our God, the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;**

Minister: *the beginning, the end, the everlasting one. Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 1 "Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!"

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, love, and communion,
we confess that we have failed to love you with all our heart, soul,
and mind, and to love our neighbor as ourselves.
We ignore your commandments, stray from your way,
and follow other gods. Have mercy on us. Forgive our sin
and raise us to new life, that we may serve you faithfully
and give honor to your holy name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 29 (*responsively*) Old Testament, page 477

Anthem

“Thee, God, We Praise, Thy Holy Name We Bless” Jean Sibelius
arr. F. M. Christiansen

*Thee, God, we praise, thy holy name we bless; thee, Lord of all, we humbly do
confess. The whole creation ever worships thee, the Father of eternity. O thou
most holy, holy, holy, Lord, thou, God of hosts, by all adored. Earth and the
heavens are ever full of thee, thy light, thy power, thy majesty.*

First Lesson

Romans 8:12–17 New Testament, page 147

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*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.

Second Lesson

John 3:1–17 New Testament, page 88

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

“How can these things be?” John 3:9 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 11 “Source and Sovereign, Rock and Cloud”

*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.

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

“Amen”. Millar Burrows

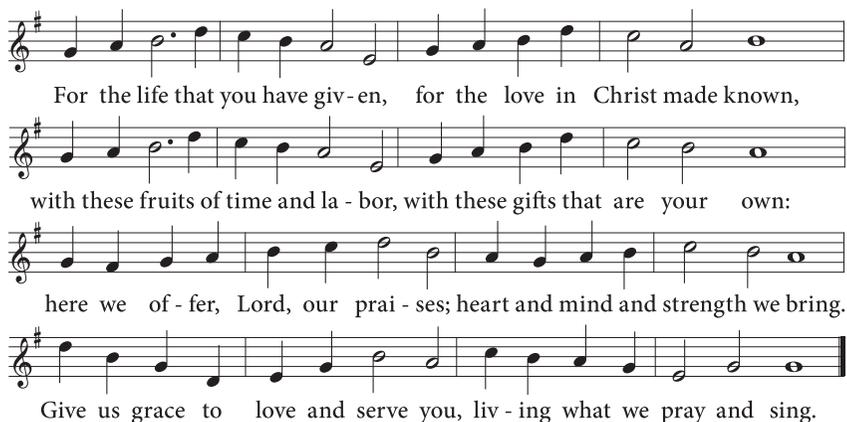
Offering

Offertory Anthem

““Rise Up, Ye Saints of God” William Henry Walter
arr. Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, ye saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Rise up, ye saints of God! His kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of brotherhood and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, ye saints of God, the church for you doth wait;
her strength unequal to her task; rise up, and make her great!
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
as children of the Son of Man, rise up, ye saints of God.*

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Use our gifts, Holy Community of Love,
as you reach out to heal the broken,
as you take the hands of the lost, and as you pull out a chair
to welcome the outcast to your table of wonder and hope.
This we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trinity March. Mark Schweizer

Worship in the Reformed Tradition

As the headings in our bulletin remind us each week, the center of our worship is **the Word**—by which we mean both Scripture and the Living Word of God, Jesus Christ. Our Scripture witnesses to God and God’s activity. When it is read and proclaimed, Jesus Christ the Living Word is present by the inward witness of the Holy Spirit. It is this Living Word that is the center of everything we do in worship.

That worship follows the pattern we see in Isaiah 6 (page 597 of the Old Testament): adoration, confession, absolution, thanksgiving, and service. Overwhelmed by God’s majesty and glory, we **gather together in praise** offered through song and prayer.

In the face of that great goodness of God, we also see how we fall short of being who we were created to be and so we join in a **prayer of confession**. We then proclaim the **forgiveness** that we know in Jesus Christ. We live our lives in this cycle of realizing where we fall short, being honest to God about that, and then recognizing that God always forgives us, even before the words are on our lips, and lets us start new.

As we listen for the Word of God, **Scripture** is read. The **sermon** is proclaimed. We respond to the Word with thanksgiving, joining in **song** and **affirming our faith**, using words from the Presbyterian Church (USA)’s *Book of Confessions*—whether it be the Apostles’ Creed, a Brief Statement of Faith, or one of the other professions of faith—or words taken directly from Scripture.

Following Jesus’ instruction to pray, in the **Prayers of the People** we bring human need before God in hope, trust, and thanksgiving for God’s faithfulness, concluding with the **Lord’s Prayer**. Our response of thanksgiving also includes the giving of our material goods, bringing to God the **offerings** of our work as symbols of our gratitude and our acknowledgment that everything we have comes from God. In prayer we **dedicate** these gifts and our lives to the work of the church and God’s mission.

God then **sends** us, like Isaiah, back out into the world in service. Our final **hymn** of grateful praise moves directly into a **charge and blessing** to take what we have heard, to take what we have learned, and to actively live it out in the world, looking for God’s work all around us.

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Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

THE MEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are providing musical leadership during worship between May 31 and July 19. The women of these choirs will provide musical leadership between July 26 and September 6, and the full choirs will return on September 13.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts the Sanctuary roof cross with its trefoil, a common symbol for the Trinity and one that is echoed throughout Fourth Church (including in the Gratz Center). The vertical building at upper left is Mies' 900 N. Lake Shore Drive building; the "slanted" building at right is the Hancock.

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