

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Intermezzo Johannes Brahms

Introit

“Beat the Drums of Welcome” Ghanaian folk song
arr. Tom Colvin

*Beat the drums of welcome for the monarch at the gate, calling us all to unite
and God’s world recreate. Christ brings freedom, Christ makes peace, with
justice for us all. Our Savior’s come, Jesu, alleluia.*

*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 317 “In Christ There Is No East or West”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of grace, you boldly demonstrated
the depth of your love in Jesus’ ministry:
healing the sick, embracing the broken,
and sitting at table with outcasts and sinners.
But we confess, Lord, that we do not always follow
your example in our words and actions.
Often we ignore the needy,
show indifference to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance
through your 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

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 138 Old Testament, page 545

Anthem

“Derr Herr Segne Euch” from *Cantata 196* Johann Sebastian Bach
May God smile on you ever more and more, on you and all your children.

First Lesson

Mark 3:13–19a New Testament, page 35

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

Mark 3:19b–35 New Testament, page 35

Sermon

Widening the Circle Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*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

Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee S.S. Wesley; arr. James Easson

Jesu, the very thought of Thee, with sweetness fills my breast;

But sweeter far Thy face to see, and in Thy presence rest.

Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame, nor can the memory find,

A sweeter sound than Thy blest name, O Savior of mankind.

Oh hope of every contrite heart, O joy of all the meek,

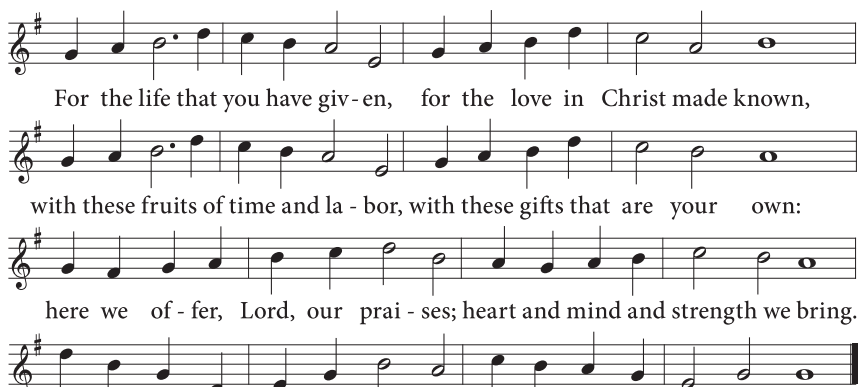
To those who fall, how kind Thou art! How good to those who seek!

But what to those who find? Ah, this nor tongue nor pen can show;

the love of Jesus, what it is None but his loved ones know. Jesu, our only joy be Thou,

as Thou our prize wilt be; Jesu, be Thou our glory now, and though eternity.

*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 . . .*

. . . 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

“Adoramus te” Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
*We adore you, Christ, and we bless you. By your sacred cross and suffering,
 you have redeemed the world. Lord, have mercy on us.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God, you come into our ordinary lives
 and set a holy table among us,
 providing us with shared bread and a common cup
 to remind us that we are family together.
 May this food strengthen us in love
 and help us to serve you and your world.
 We ask this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 515 “I Come with Joy”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Postlude on a Gregorian Chant Marcel Dupré

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.)

Worshippers return to their pews by the side aisles.

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.

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams, Margaret Laing, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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