

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” Richard Webster

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

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.

Praise ye the Lord. The Lord’s name be praised.

*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 641 “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God, we are in awe of your faithfulness.

We can hardly believe in it or make sense of it.

Too often we put you to the test, imagining that we set the terms.

Forgive us. Reveal to us a bigger view to recast our narrow views,

a bigger providence to make sense of our incoherencies,

a bigger heart to make room for all our commitments.

In Christ’s name we pray. 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” Paul M. French

*Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as 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*)

Psalms 22:1–15 Old Testament, page 473

*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

Job 23:1–9, 16–17 Old Testament, page 446

Sermon

A Trust That Makes Sense Joyce Shin

*“Oh, that I knew where I might find him. . . .
If I go forward, he is not there; or backward,
I cannot perceive him; on the left he hides, and I cannot behold him;
I turn to the right, but I cannot see him. . . .
If only I could vanish in darkness,
and thick darkness would cover my face!” Job 23:3–17 (NRSV)*

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 13 “The Mighty God with Power Speaks”

*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

Agnus Dei Georges Bizet

Lamb of God that takest away our sins,

have compassion upon us.

Lamb of God, thy peace with us.

*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: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

Minister: *. . . Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

“Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed” Morgan Simmons

*Bread of heaven on thee we feed, for thou our food indeed.
Ever may our souls be fed with this true and living bread.
Day by day with strength supplied through life of Christ who died.
Vine of heaven, thy love supplies this blest cup of sacrifice.
It is thy wounds our healing give; to thy cross we look and live.
Thou our life! O let us be rooted, grafted, built on thee.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Almighty God, at this table we feel your presence.
You are in the breaking of the bread and the sharing of the cup.
Let this not be a fleeting feeling.
Let your presence permeate every troubled place,
every troubled home, every troubled heart.
For the sake of Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 17 “Sing Praise to God, You Heavens!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Duo. Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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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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