

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Petite Suite Darius Milhaud
II. Prière

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips”. George Guest
*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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Come, let us worship and bow down
in awe of God’s steadfast love for us.*

People: For God gives ear to our words;
God listens to the sound of our cries.

Leader: *Come, let us take refuge in the God of our salvation.*

People: For God is our shield,
our protection in times of trouble.

Leader: *Come, let us rejoice and sing for joy!*

People: For God is surely in this place!
Let us worship God!

*Hymn 320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy One: at times when we hear the bad news of the world, it is as though we’ve been in the middle of a bad dream, and then we turn over and go back to sleep, ignoring the plight of your children. It is hard to see tragedy and suffering. It is hard to admit whatever responsibility we might have in the plagues of the world. It is hard to work for the good when the good seems so far off. So help us, dear Lord. Give us courage to see clearly. Give us strength to do our part. Give us grace to forgive others and ourselves. And give us faith to follow you. This is our prayer, offered in the name of Christ. 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 (*responsively*)

Psalms 42 Old Testament, page 487

Anthem

“Blessing” Katie Moran Bart

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back;
may the sun shine warm upon your face and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

First Lesson

1 Kings 19:9–15a. Old Testament, page 311

*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

Galatians 3:23–29 New Testament, page 178

Sermon

The Distance Between Layton Williams

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 771 “What Is the World Like”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

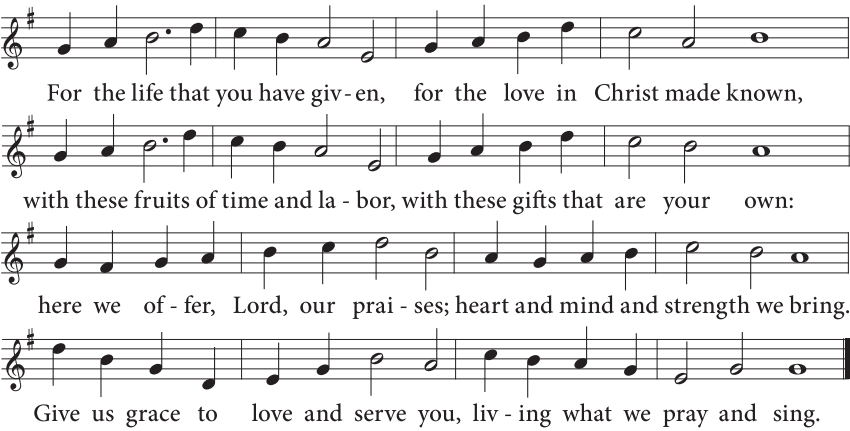
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by
the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; 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

“The Lord Is My Shepherd” Peter Ilyich Tchaikovsky

*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 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.

The Communion

Communion Anthem

“Go, My Children, with My Blessing” Welsh melody
*Go, my children, with my blessing, never alone. Waking, sleeping, I am with you;
you are my own. In my love’s baptismal river I have made you mine forever.
Go, my children, with my blessing; you are my own. Go, my children, sins
forgiven, at peace and pure. Here you learned how much I love you, what I can
cure. Here you heard my dear Son’s story; here you touched him, saw his glory.
Go, my children, sins forgiven, at peace and pure. Go, my children, fed and
nourished, closer to me. Grow in love and love by serving, joyful and free.
Here my Spirit’s power filled you; here my tender comfort stilled you.
Go, my children, fed and nourished, joyful and free.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord God,
in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.

Take us out to live as changed people,
because we have shared the living bread
and cannot remain the same.

Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.

So, Lord, may we live to your glory,
both as inhabitants of earth
and citizens of the commonwealth of heaven. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Our Father, Which Art in Heaven Johann Sebastian Bach

Worship Leaders

Layton Williams

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Carol Carpenter, Laura Kubelka, soloists

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 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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