

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Major Pierre Camonin

Introit

“Blessed Is He That Cometh” Eric DeLamarter
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old passes away
and that you make all things new; but we hear it amid our self-doubt.
We confess our desire for guarantees
when what you offer us is even greater hope.
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?”
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts
in order to walk in your newness of life.
Help us to trust. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: *And also with you.*

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“How Can I Keep from Singing?” Robert Lowry
arr. Malcolm Archer

*My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation,
I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails the new creation.
Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;
it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing?
What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth;
what though the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth.
No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging;
since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing?
I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it;
and day by day this pathway smooths since first I learned to love it.
The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing;
all things are mine since I am his: how can I keep from singing?*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 17:1–7 Old Testament, page 469

*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 32:22—33:4 Old Testament, page 29

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“Wrestling in the Night” Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

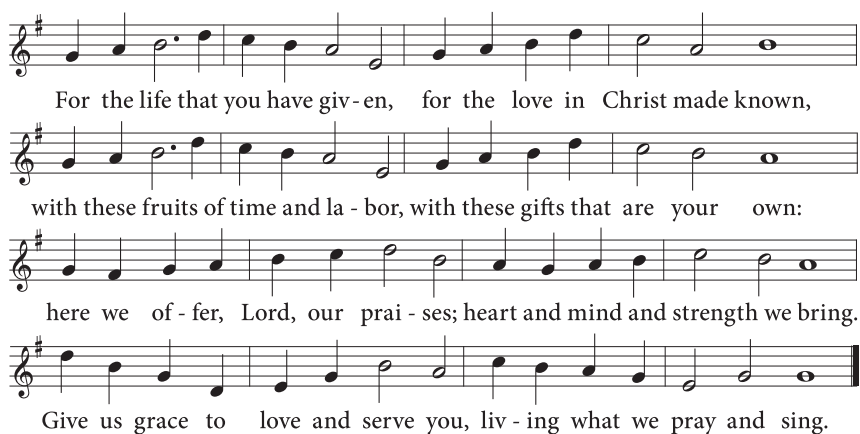
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Fugue on the Trompette François Couperin

*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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 573

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

“Ave Verum” Karl Jenkins

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who having truly suffered,
was sacrificed on the cross for us all, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood.
May it be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Precious Lord, take our hands and lead us into the future.
Allow us to see ourselves as you see us.
For we are human beings with flaws and wounds and insecurities,
but we also have great potential and you see that in us, too.
So we ask that when we sink into regret over our flaws,
or when we try to be other than ourselves,
you would remind us of the meal we have shared
and that you continue to feed us with your saving grace and mercy.
For that grace and mercy, we thank you and praise you.
In the name of Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 536 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude to a Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Sue Thompson, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir; Kathryn Cole, soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE EXCHANGE OF PEACE, which follows the Declaration of Pardon, is a response to God’s forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ’s peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. This is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You may shake hands and say “The peace of Christ be with you” or simply “Peace be with you,” the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ with one another, we witness to God’s reconciling love.

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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