

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Toccata No. 11 Georg Muffat

Introit

“Jehovah, Let Me Now Adore Thee” German chorale
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*Jehovah, let me now adore thee, for where is there a God such, Lord, as thou?
With songs I fain would come before thee; O, let thy Holy Spirit teach me now
to praise thee in his name through whom alone our songs can please thee,
through thy blessed Son!*

*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: *Let all the earth acclaim God.*

People: *Let us sing to the glory of God’s name.*

Leader: *Come and see what God has done.*

People: *Let the sound of our praise be heard.*

Leader: *Blessed is our God*

People: *who has not withdrawn from us Christ’s love and care.*

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

*Stand as you are able. [†]Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

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. We pray this in your holy name. 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

“Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Peter W. Dykema

The heavens resound with God’s praises eternal; in might and glory they combine to tell God’s name through the earth and the oceans that all may hear the word divine. God holds the sun in the blue vaulted heavens, God plants his foot upon the world; the myriad stars bow in willing subjection; the universe God’s hand unfurled.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 67 Old Testament, page 500

*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.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 16:6–15. New Testament, page 127

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“When God Presents Roadblocks” Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 722 “Lord, Speak to Me That I May Speak”

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

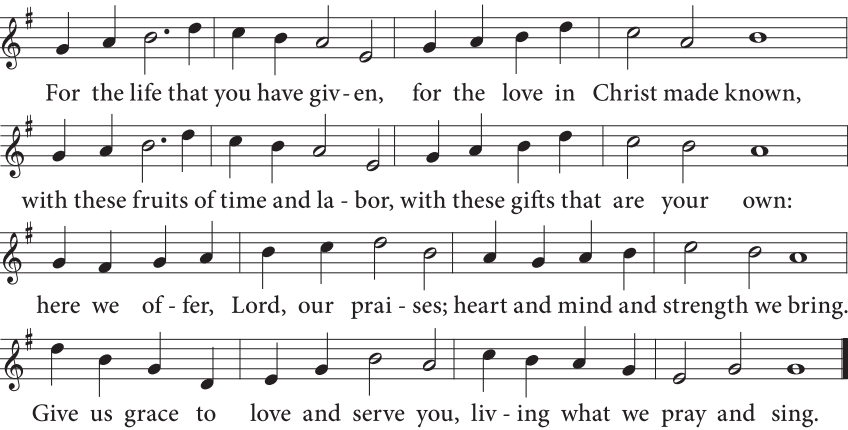
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead;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

Bourrée. Georg Telemann

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Prayer

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

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

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 565

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 566

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

“Lamb of God” Nikolaus Decius

*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer patient, still and lowly,
thyself to scorn didst offer; our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken;
have mercy, O Jesu!*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We give thanks, almighty and ever-living God, for the meal which we have received. May the nourishment strengthen us for your service. May the promise of new life made known in brokenness make us whole. May our hearts be filled with gratitude for this foretaste of the feast to come—joy upon joy, grace upon grace, reconciled to one another and to you, most holy Christ. For it is in your name we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 730 “I Sing a Song of the Saints of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Sonata on the First Tone José Lidon

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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The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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