

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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Prelude :: Voluntary in D Major. . . . . William Boyce  
Larghetto–Vivace

Introit :: “Breathe on Me, Breath of God” . . . . . Robert Jackson; arr. Norman J. Clayton  
*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew,  
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 609  
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.  
Praise God, all creatures high and low.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Praise God, in Jesus fully known:  
Creator, Word, and Spirit one.  
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

### \*Call to Worship

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;  
come into God’s presence with singing.**

Leader: *Know that the Lord is God.*

*It is our Creator who made us, and we belong to the Lord.*

People: **We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Leader: *Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.  
Give thanks to the Lord, bless God’s name.*

People: **For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever,  
and God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

\*Hymn 401 . . . . . “Here in This Place”

## Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and compassionate God,  
your love for us is unflinching and unfailing,  
but we confess that our love for you is uneven.  
We ask for your help, but act as though we saved ourselves.  
We ask for your forgiveness, but repeat the same mistakes.  
We ask for your grace, but live as though it wasn't present.  
So renew us once again, O Lord.  
Set us free from a past we cannot change;  
open us to a future in which we can be changed;  
and guide us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.  
We pray all of this in Jesus' 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 :: "Prayer Litany" ..... Helen Kemp

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day.  
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope.  
Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, joy.  
And Lord, of thee three things I pray, day by day:  
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.*

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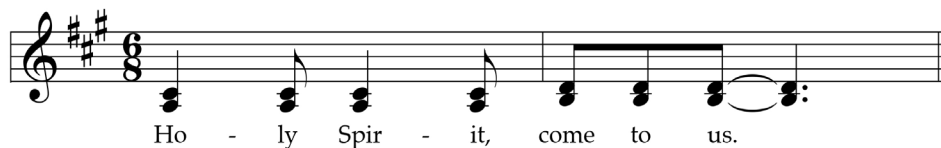
## Listening for the Word

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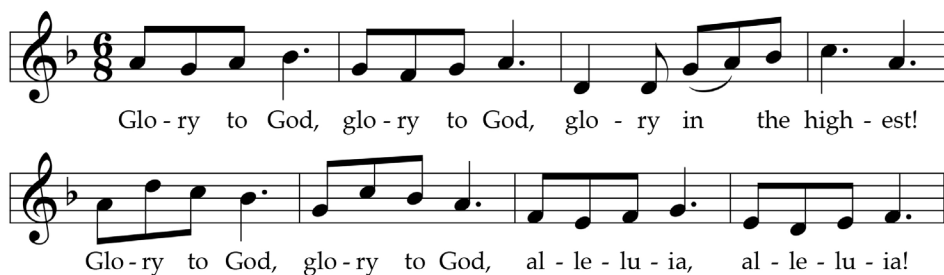
## Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Jeremiah 1:4–10 ..... Old Testament, page 656

Psalter ..... Psalm 71:1-6



\*Acclamation (*sung*) ..... The Hymnal, 583



Second Lesson :: Luke 13:10-17 ..... New Testament, page 71

Sermon :: “To Pluck Up, Pull Down, Build, and Plant (in Some Order)” ..... Matt Helms

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 691 ..... “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

\*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;

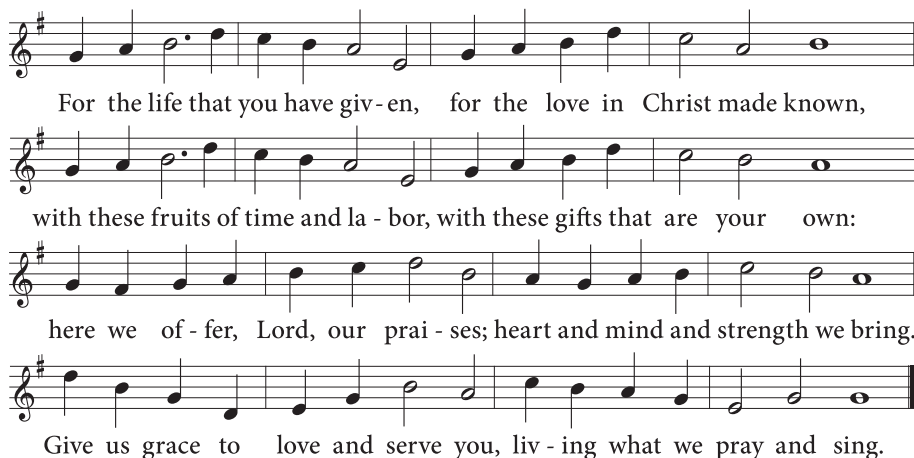
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

## Minute for Mission

### Offering

Offertory Voluntary ♯ Hornpipe from *Water Music* . . . . . George Frideric Handel

### \*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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, 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.

Leader: . . . *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*) . . . . . The Hymnal, page 35

## The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "Christ Be My Song" . . . . . Hal H. Hopson

*So the day dawn for me, so the day break, Christ watching over me, Christ as I wake.  
Be the day shone for me, be the day bright, Christ my companion be, Christ be my light.  
Be the day dark for me, be the day drear, Christ shall my comfort be, Christ be my cheer.  
Be the day swift for me, be the day long, Christ my contentment be, Christ be my song.  
So the day close for me, so the night fall, Christ watching over me, Christ be my song.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment we give ourselves to you. Take us out  
to live as changed people, because after our experience of you we cannot remain  
the same. Ask much of us, expect much from us, enable much by us, encourage  
many through us. May we each sow the seeds of your love freely, and may they  
indeed take root in our world. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 697 . . . . . "Take My Life"

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: The Rejoicing from *Royal Fireworks*. . . . . George Frideric Handel

## Worship Leaders

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Victoria G. Curtiss, Mary Zeltmann, Matt Helms

## The Music Today

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Women of the Morning Choir; Laura Perket, oboist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Charles Lehew on behalf of the Tutoring program of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

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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