

Gathering around the Word

Prelude ♫ Concerto in F Major: Andante George Frideric Handel

Introit ♫ “Through Love to Light” Jean Sibelius

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host; Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Let us worship God, our light and our salvation.*

People: Our God is the stronghold of our lives.

Leader: *We desire to live in God’s house and to seek God in God’s holy temple.*

People: We come with shouts of joy and make music to the Lord.

Leader: *Let us worship God in spirit and in truth.*

People: Teach us your ways and make straight our paths! Let us worship God.

*Hymn 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God, for things we have done that we regret; for the things we have failed
to do that we regret; for all the times we have acted without love; for all the times
we reacted without thought; for all the times we have failed to forgive, God of all
time, forgive us and help us to lay down our burdens of regret and failure. Through
Christ who lives and moves through our lives with grace and forgiveness. 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 :: “The Lord Is My Shepherd” Allen Pote

The Lord is my shepherd, nothing shall I want. My shepherd makes me lie in fields of green, leads me beside still waters. The Lord is my shepherd, who restores my life, leads me in the paths of righteousness for the sake of the Lord’s name. And even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and staff will comfort me. You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life, and in the house of my God I will live forever.

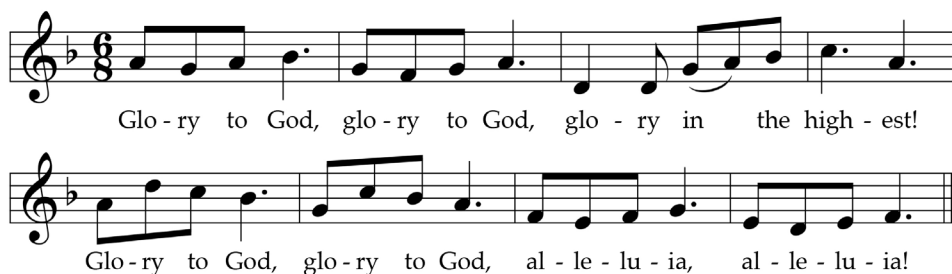
Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 27:1, 4–9



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



Scripture Lesson :: Matthew 4:12–23 New Testament, page 3

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 170 “You Walk along Our Shoreline”

*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;

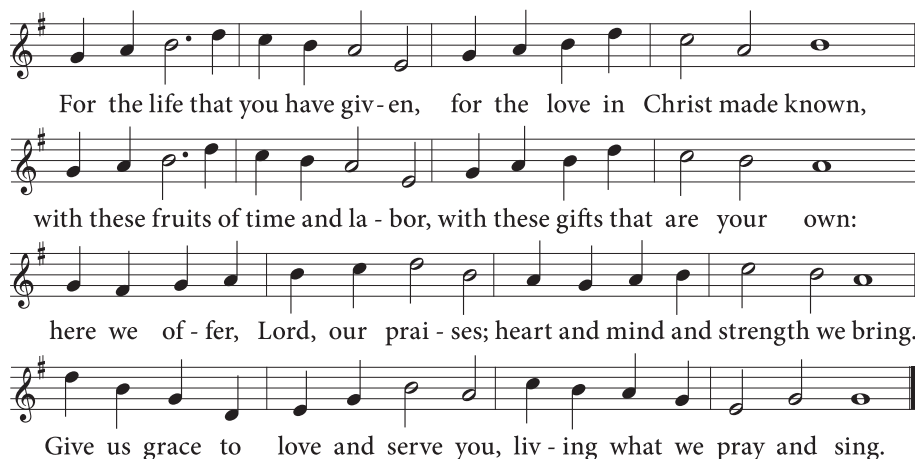
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come 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 Solo ♯ “Ave Maria” Hubert Cuypers

*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, 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.

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

The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "The Call" Alexander Brent Smith; arr. Erik Routley

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.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things,
for through this banquet you have given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet in your eternal realm.
Send us out in the power of your Spirit
to live and work to your praise and glory
for the sake of Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 725 “O Jesus, I Have Promised”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♫ If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee. Johann Sebastian Bach

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The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Bill McMurray, soloist

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Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

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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