

The asterisk () indicates to please rise in body or spirit.*

Silent Prayer of Preparation

Great and loving God, your will for us in Jesus is the peace which the world cannot give; your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised. Calm all troubled hearts, dispel every fear. Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word, that we may always be your dwelling place. Grant this through Jesus Christ, the firstborn from the dead, who lives with you now and always in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God forever and ever. Amen.

Gathering Music

The Gathering of God's People

Prelude - a time to prayerfully prepare oneself for worship

“Love Divine, All Love's Excelling”

arr. Gregg Sewell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit

“Psalm 103”

John Lloyd, b. 1938

Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And all that is within me bless God's Holy name.
Bless the Lord, O my soul,
And forget not all God's benefits.

***Call to Worship**

Leader: We gather today, seeking the peace Christ offers.

People: **We gather, in spite of many a conflict, many a doubt, within our souls.**

Leader: We gather, longing for the breath of God's Spirit to give us courage and renewal.

People: **Come, Christ Jesus, be our guest. Bless us through the power of your Spirit, and give us the courage to live as your disciples day by day.**

***Hymn**

“Just as I Am, without One Plea”

#442

The Confession of Sin and Assurance of Pardon

*Call to Confession

*Prayer of Confession (*in unison*)

Loving God, we come this morning feeling unworthy of your sacrificial love for us as expressed through the death of your Son. Forgive us for our failure to abide by your commandments. We realize that when we disobey your commands we fail to show our love for you. Help us, Lord, to show our love by being your obedient children. Grant us a clean heart and fresh start. In Jesus' name, we pray. Amen.

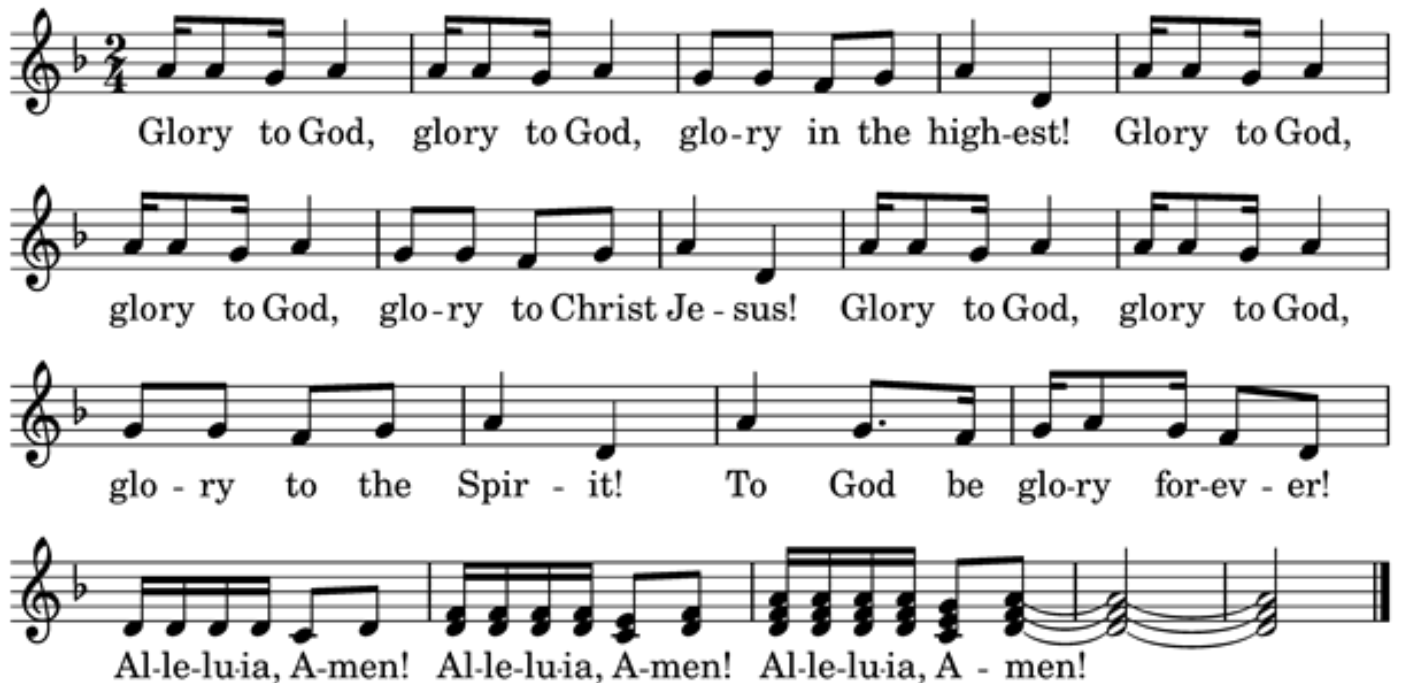
(Silent prayer of confession.)

*Assurance of Pardon

*Response Hymn

“Glory to God”

#585



Glory to God, glory to God, glo-ry in the high-est! Glory to God,
glory to God, glo-ry to Christ Je - sus! Glory to God, glory to God,
glo - ry to the Spir - it! To God be glo-ry for-ev - er!
Al-le-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A-men! Al-le-luia, A - men!

Ministry of the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Children's Sermon

First Scripture Reading

Acts 17:22-31

Choir Anthem “Swing Low, Sweet Chariot” arr. John Lloyd, 1997

(refrain) Swing low, sweet chariot, coming for to carry me home.

I looked over Jordan and what did I see

Coming for to carry me home?

A band of angels coming after me,

Coming for to carry me home. (refrain)

If you get there before I do,

Coming for to carry me home,

Tell all my friends that I'm coming too,

Coming for to carry me home. (refrain)

Second Scripture Reading

John 14:15-21

Pastor: This is the Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“A Child-Like Faith”

Rev. Désirée M. Youngblood

The Response to the Word

***Affirmation of Faith**

The Confession of 1967 (9.20)

God the Holy Spirit fulfills the work of reconciliation in human life. The Holy Spirit creates and renews the church as the community in which people are reconciled to God and to one another. The Spirit enables people to receive forgiveness as they forgive one another and to enjoy the peace of God as they make peace among themselves. In spite of their sin, the Spirit gives people power to become representatives of Jesus Christ and his gospel of reconciliation to all.

***Hymn**

“He Lives”

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Bible Class Recognition

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

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.

Invitation to Offering

***Response** “Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks” (refrain) #240

***Prayer of Dedication**

The Sending of God’s People

***Closing Hymn** “We Are One in the Spirit” #300

***Charge and Blessing**

***Congregational Response**

“We Are the Church”

The image shows two staves of musical notation in G major (one sharp) and common time. The first staff has a treble clef and contains the melody for the first line of lyrics: "I am the church! You are the church! We are the church to - geth-er!". The second staff has a treble clef and contains the melody for the second line of lyrics: "All who follow Jesus, all around the world! Yes, we're the church to - gether!". The music is written in a simple, accessible style suitable for congregational singing.

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***Postlude** “Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness” arr. David N. Johnson

Pastors: Désirée M. Youngblood

Dr. Mark A. Johnson

Liturgist: Paul Oswalt

Music Director: Thomas Lloyd

Organist: Carol Welk

Acolyte: Devin Griggs, Darren Cox

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