

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

The Heavens Declare Robert Wetzler

Introit

“The Best of Rooms” Gerald Near

*Christ, he requires still, wheresoe'er he comes to feed or lodge,
to have the best of rooms. Give him the choice;
grant him the nobler part of all the house: the best of all's the heart.*

*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 409 “God Is Here!”

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.
Hear our prayers, O God. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“This Is My Beloved Son” Knut Nystedt

*Stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 30. Old Testament, page 478

*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

2 Kings 5:1–14. Old Testament, page 320

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 793. “O Christ, the Healer”

*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.

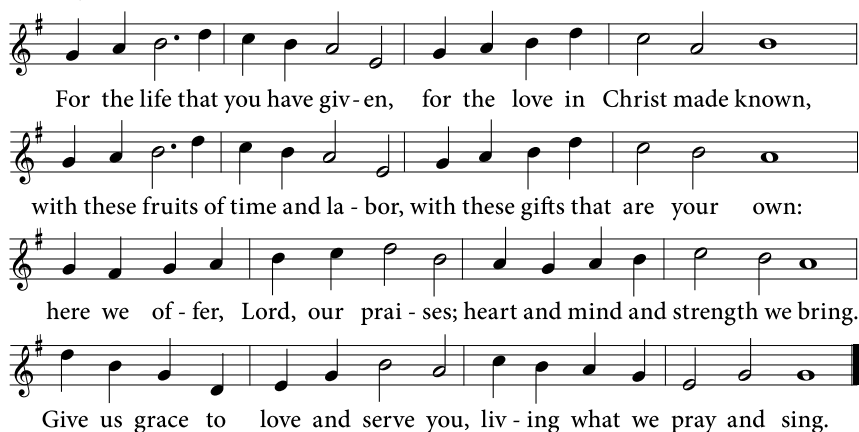
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Solo

“How Beautiful Are the Feet” from *Messiah*. 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.

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 to the Lord.**

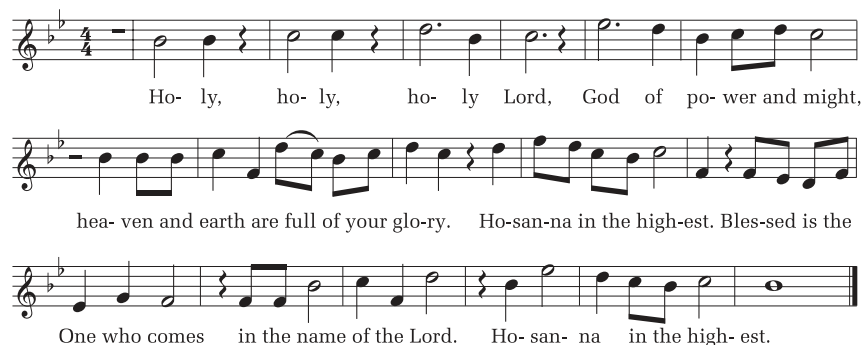
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

Prayer

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

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of po-
wer and might,
hea-ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

“Response for Transfiguration Day” Morgan Simmons
*Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;
let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia.
This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,
first and last and only one. All creation shall adore him! Alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
for the healing waters of your presence,
for this community, and for the signs of your grace
in word and prayer and bread and cup.
Help us trust you, knowing that we have been touched today,
believing that you pursue us,
and realizing that your invitation to us is never withdrawn.
We pray this in the name of Christ,
who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.


Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 12 “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccatà in E Minor Johann Pachelbel



Join us as we answer the Lenten call to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ's journey to the cross.

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 18

Two services to begin our Lenten journey, both with Communion and the opportunity for the imposition of ashes

12:10 p.m.

Joyce Shin preaching

7:30 p.m.

Victoria G. Curtiss preaching

Lenten Midweek Services

**Beginning Wednesday, February 25
at 6:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel**

“Deep Calls to Deep”

A Lenten Contemplative Retreat

Friday, March 27–Saturday, March 28
The Well in La Grange Park

Refresh and renew your spiritual connection with God using spiritual practices of the church. Take part in worship, guided meditation, journaling, praying with images and psalms, or simply enjoying nature and solitude.

Details are available in the literature racks and at
www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

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Matt Helms, Jim Kendzel, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir

Laura Perrett, soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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

MJ Chen, 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 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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