

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in C Major Domenico Scarlatti

Sonata in G Major D. Scarlatti

Introit

“Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord Renews” Iain Quinn

Alleluia, the Spirit of the Lord renews the face of the earth; come, let us adore him; alleluia. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*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

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Inspire our hearts with your fiery presence!*

People: **Let your flame burn within us, stirring us to action.**

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Energize our lives to work for God.*

People: **Let your wind of hope swirl around us,
moving us from complacency.**

Minister: *Come, Holy Spirit. Pour your blessing on us.*

People: **Let your presence challenge us to proclaim God’s presence
and love in everything we say and do. Let us worship!**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Spirit of God:
you come, on fire with new life,
but our apathy threatens to douse your passion;
you come, on fire with love,
yet we limit our affections to a select few;
you come, surging with new dreams and new hopes,
but we still cling to the old ways of living;
you come, glowing with the vision of the kingdom,
yet we close our eyes to your future.
Forgive us, Spirit of Truth, forgive us.
Come to us anew this day:
shatter our hardened hearts with your tenderness;
set our souls on fire with your love;
send us into a world which aches for the new joy, the new hope,
the new life offered in Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter
Psalm 104:24–34 (*responsively*) Old Testament, page 525

Anthem
“Komm, Heiliger Geist, Herre Gott” Hugo Distler
Come, Holy Spirit, Lord God, fill with the goodness of your grace the heart, spirit, and mind of your believers; kindle in them your ardent love! O Lord, through the splendor of your light you have gathered in faith people from all the tongues of the world, so that in your praise, Lord, may there be sung hallelujah, hallelujah!

First Lesson
Romans 8:22–27 New Testament, page 148

*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.

Second Lesson

Acts 2:1–21 New Testament, page 111

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 280 “Come, O Spirit, Dwell Among Us”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). From *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the Giver and Renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves
 and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us all together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the Church.
 In gratitude to God,
 empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
 praying, “Come, Lord Jesus.”

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Dale Wood

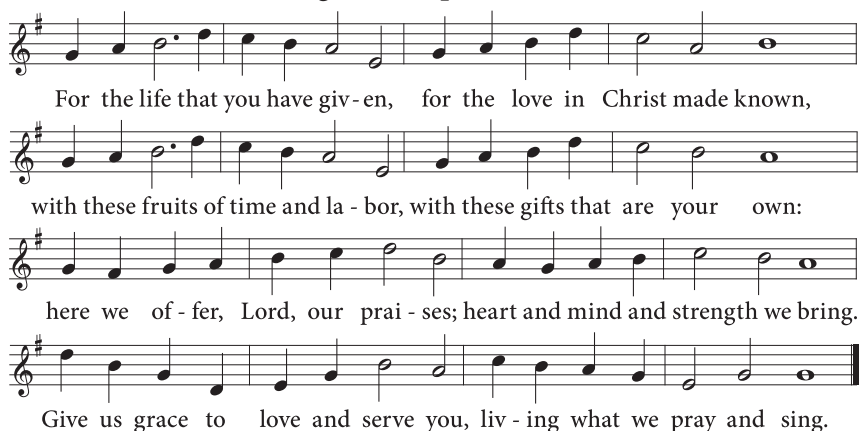
Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Every Time I Feel the Spirit” African American spiritual
arr. William Dawson

*Every time I feel the Spirit moving in my heart, I will pray.
Upon the mountain my Lord spoke; out of his mouth came fire and smoke;
looked all around me, it looked so fine, till I asked my Lord if all was mine.
Jordan River is chilly and cold. It chills the body, but not the soul.
There ain't but one train upon this track; it runs to heaven and right back.*

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

O God,
may our gifts join your dance of healing and hope
to those living in despair.
May our voices join the multitude of languages crying out for justice.
May our hearts embrace those you are bringing into our community
on this great day of Pentecost and in all the days to come.
By the Spirit's grace, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 282 “Come Down, O Love Divine”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Finale from *Variations on Veni Creator* Maurice Duruflé

IN THE DETAILS



These kneeling angels—beginning with the Alpha and the Omega—grace the roof supports on the colorful arches far above the pews; the eight motifs pictured here are repeated four times each. Like all of the painting in the sanctuary, they were executed under the direction of famed Chicago muralist Frederick Clay Bartlett.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Mike Hurtubise, Hardy Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Daniel Richardson, soloist
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Morning Choir for its musical leadership at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services throughout the academic year. Beginning next Sunday, May 31, the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will be singing together through July 19, and the women of both choirs will be singing from July 26 through September 6. Anyone interested in joining one of these choirs is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.787.4570; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

THE DAY OF PENTECOST celebrates the birth of the church and the giving of the Holy Spirit to the disciples of Jesus. Red, which is the liturgical color for the day, symbolizes the pentecostal fire of the Holy Spirit, as described in Acts 2. In the Jewish tradition, Pentecost (for “fifty” days after Passover) is a harvest festival of first fruits that also celebrates the giving of the Torah, or Hebrew law. The banners hanging in the Sanctuary present both Old Testament and New Testament Pentecost themes, including creation, Hebrew law, harvest, Passover, and tongues of fire.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph shows a candle photographed in the Fourth Church Sanctuary. The lights on the chandeliers in the background evoke the Acts 2 account of Pentecost, when what looked like flames or tongues of fire appeared and settled on each of the disciples. The cover quote is from Garth House’s book *Litanies for All Occasions*.

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