
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Improvisation on “Come, Holy Spirit, Our Souls Inspire”

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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 289 “On Pentecost They Gathered”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, forgive us for thinking small thoughts of you;
for ignoring your immensity and greatness.
Lord Jesus, forgive us for our failure to follow;
for not acting as your disciples in this world.
Holy Spirit, forgive us for minimizing your power;
for squandering the gifts you offer to us.
We confess that our blindness to your glory, O God,
has resulted in shallow confession and tepid conviction.
Have mercy on us, Lord, and forgive us. 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

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 104:24–30 Old Testament, page 525

Anthem

“Come, Holy Ghost” Eric H. Thiman

*Come, Holy Ghost, our souls inspire and lighten with celestial fire;
thou the anointing Spirit art, who dost thy sevenfold gifts impart.
Thy blessed unction from above is comfort, life, and fire of love;
enable with perpetual light the dullness of our blinded sight.
Anoint and cheer our soiled face with the abundance of thy grace;
keep far our foes, give peace at home; where thou art guide no ill can come.
Teach us to know the Father, Son, and thee, of both, to be but one;
that through the ages all along, this may be our endless song,
praise to thy eternal merit, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

First Lesson

Ezekiel 37:1-14 Old Testament, page 759

*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 2:1–17 New Testament, page 111

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

Visions and Dreams Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 475 “Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

*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

Jesu, Word of God Incarnate. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Jesu, word of God incarnate, of the Virgin Mary born;

On the cross thy sacred body for us with nails was torn.

Cleanse us by the blood and water streaming from thy pierced side.

Feed us with thy body broken, now and in death’s agony.

*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: *Holy God, we praise you . . .*

. . . 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

“The Lone, Wild Bird” American folk melody
arr. David N. Johnson

*The lone, wild bird in lofty flight is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight.
And I am thine, I rest in thee. Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.
The ends of earth are in thy hand; the sea’s dark deep and far-off land.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We are grateful, God,
for the gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Finale from *Variations on Veni Creator* Maurice Duruflé

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.)
Worshippers 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.

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH EXPRESSES ITS GRATITUDE to the Chancel Choir for its musical leadership at the 8:00 a.m. service 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.

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