

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Christ Jesus Lay in Death's Strong Bands Johann Sebastian Bach
O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing! arr. Wilbur Held

Introit

“Alleluia! The Lord Is Risen Indeed” George Thalben-Ball
Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed. O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*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

Leader: *This is the good news: the grave is empty; Christ is risen.*

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: *This is the good news: the light shines in the darkness,
and the darkness can never put it out.*

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: *This is the good news: once we were no people;
now we are God's people.*

People: Hallelujah!

Leader: *Christ is our peace, the indestructible peace
we now share with each other.*

People: Hallelujah!

*Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die. Though numbed by death and aware of our complicity in it, we are here hesitantly but gladly to confirm the rumor that you are alive. We celebrate this great triumph, even as we confess that it is not yet the model for our living. Make it so, O God, and make us new. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Quia Vidisti Me, Thoma” Luca Marenzio
Because you have seen me, Thomas, you have believed.
Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed. Alleluia.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 63 Old Testament, page 498

*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

John 20:19–31 New Testament, page 108

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 488 “I Was There to Hear Your Borne Cry”

The 11:00 service continues on the facing page;
the 9:30 service continues at the top of page 6.

THE SERVICE OF CONFIRMATION (11:00)

Opening Words and Presentation of Participants

Profession of Faith

*Apostles' Creed (*unison*)

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.

The Rite of Confirmation

Unison Prayer (*unison*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your Son Jesus Christ you have brought us to yourself and that by the seal of your Holy Spirit you have bound us to your service. As you bind these young people to yourself through faith, renew in every worshiper here a commitment to Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior. Send forth these young people in the power of your Spirit to perform the service you have set before them.

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.

Welcome of the Confirmation Class

The 11:00 service continues with the Offering at the middle of page 6.

*Affirmation of Faith (9:30) Apostles' Creed

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Prayers of the People (9:30)

The Lord's Prayer (9:30) (words on page 5)

Prayer Response (9:30)

"Alleluia, Amen" Carl Wiltse

The 11:00 service resumes here from page 5.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

"Stetit Jesus" Jacob Handl

There came Jesus, and he appeared in the midst of his disciples and said to them, "Peace be with you. Behold, the wounds in my hands and in my feet. Lo, I am indeed your Lord." Alleluia, joyous were they who saw and believed, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia.

*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, bless these gifts that we have given as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors, that they may bring closer to fulfillment your reign of peace and love; through Jesus Christ, our brother and our Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Healey Willan

Confirmation Participants

- Katherine Marie Ausman
- Katherine Sue Buchanan
- Christian Sander Calian
- John Michael Wattleworth Collins
- Derek McKee Dingens
- Matthew Foster-Walsh
- Peter James Grissom
- John “Jack” Taylor Hallinan
- Robert William Koch
- Peter Smith Kurschner
- Abigail Marianetti
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- Emma Christine Morley
- Carl Roy Stromberg Ohlhaber
- Dayna Lily Osafo
- Clara Grace Radtke
- Livia Franzen Satre
- Lucy McIntyre Shapiro
- Jane Catherine Wahlfeldt
- Grace Wilkerson
- Christian Marcel Yonan

Worship Leaders

9:30 Hardy H. Kim, John Dallas Jr., Judith L. Watt, Rocky Supinger

11:00 Shannon J. Kershner, John Dallas Jr., Judith L. Watt, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; The Drum Circle

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

TODAY THE 2016 CLASS OF EIGHTH-GRADE CONFIRMANDS will be confirmed and welcomed into membership during 11:00 a.m. worship. Please keep these youth in prayer as they continue with us on their faith journey.

Please also join us in giving thanks for the faith-filled dedication of the confirmation leaders, who accompanied the youth on their journey this past year: Luke Beasley, Carole Bekken, Andrea Page, Kathleen Rodak, Carrie Stern, Michael Tax, and Shelley Donaldson (*Confirmation Coordinator*).

THE EASTER BANNERS and the pulpit paraments were made by Nancy Chinn and Eliza Linley and depict the joy of the Resurrection.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts the lamp on the north side of the stairs leading up to the Narthex from Michigan Avenue. It evokes images of light illuminating our way, helping us to see and guiding our steps, images echoed in the words of Psalm 119:105—“Your word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path.” That verse is included in the personalized dedication inside the Bibles presented to the confirmands this morning as a gift from the Fourth Church congregation. The bulletin cover quote about seeing and believing is from Frederick Buechner’s book *Peculiar Treasures: A Biblical Who’s Who*.

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