

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Prelude in B-flat Major . . . . . Pierre Camonin

Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

### Introit

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior” . . . . . Plainsong

*Thee we adore, O hidden Savior, thee, who at this blessed feast art pleased to be;  
both flesh and spirit in thy presence fail, yet here thy presence we devoutly hail.*

\*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: *Gather us in, the lost and the lonely,  
the broken and breaking, the tired and the aching,  
who long for the nourishment found at your feast.*

People: Gather us in, the done and the doubting,  
the wishing and wondering, the puzzled and pondering,  
who long for the company found at your feast.

Leader: *Gather us in, the proud and the prententious,  
the sure and superior, the never inferior,  
who long for the leveling found at your feast.*

People: Gather us in from corner or limelight,  
from mansion or campsite, from fears and obsession,  
from tears and depression, from untold excesses,  
from treasured successes. Gather us in to be found at the feast.

All: Gather us in, O God. Gather us in.

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 65 . . . . . “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

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.  
Forgive our distrust, our anxiety, our fear. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 33:12-22 . . . . . Old Testament, page 480

\*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

Luke 12:32-40. . . . . New Testament, page 70

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“What’s in Your Treasure Chest?” . . . . . Judith L. Watt

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 817 . . . . . “We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles’ Creed

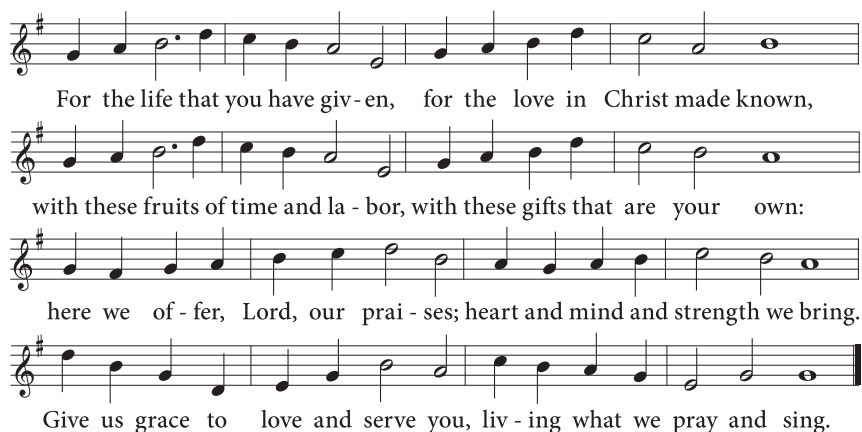
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,  
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from 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.

### Offertory Anthem

“Let the Whole Creation Cry” . . . . . Jakob Hintze  
arr. John Ferguson

*Let the whole creation cry, “Glory to the Lord on high!” Heaven and earth, awake and sing, “Praise to our almighty King!” Praise God, angel hosts above, ever bright and fair in love; sun and moon, lift up your voice; night and stars, in God rejoice. Servants striving for the Lord, prophets burning with the word, those to whom the arts belong add voices to the song. Powers of knowledge and of law, to the glorious circle draw; all who work and all who wait, sing, “The Lord is good and great!” Men and women, young and old, raise the anthem loud and bold, and let children’s happy hearts in this worship take their parts. From the north to the southern pole, let the mighty chorus roll: “Holy, holy, holy one; glory be to God alone!”*

\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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:*

Sanctus (*sung*) . . . . . The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,  
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith!*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

#### 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.

#### The Communion

Communion Anthems

“Sanctus” from *St. Cecilia Mass* . . . . . Charles Gounod  
arr. Dale Grotenhuis

*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.  
Hosanna in the highest.*

“Psalm 23” . . . . . Franz Schubert  
arr. D. G. Mason

*The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want. He feedeth me in pastures green;  
he leadeth me beside still water. He shall convert my soul and bring me forth in  
paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through death’s dark  
shadowed vale, yet will I fear no evil; thy rod and staff comfort me. Thou hast  
prepared a table for me against them that trouble me; thou hast anointed my head  
with oil, and my cup shall be full. Thy kindness and thy mercy shall ever follow me  
and I will dwell forever in the house of the Lord.*

Psalm 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down  
in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth  
my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.  
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will  
fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort  
me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;  
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness  
and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell  
in the house of the Lord forever.

\*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Loving God, thank you that you always desire to feed us, to nurture us,  
to make us whole. We pray that you remind us of this meal in the days  
to come. Remind us that we have been fed, that we have been forgiven,  
that you have called us by name, and that we are yours. May those  
reminders help us feed and nurture others with love and forgiveness  
and welcome. In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 771 . . . . . “What Is the World Like”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Te Deum . . . . . Jean Langlais

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## The Music Today

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The Men's Choir

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## Worship Notes

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THE MEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through September 4. The Men's Choir consists of men from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church: the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. Communion is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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