

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight. James Biery

Introit

“Alleluia, the Lord Is Risen Indeed” Iain Quinn

Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; 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

Leader: *Followers of Jesus,
by his cross we are redeemed from the futility of sin.*

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: *By his rising we are free from the fear of death.*

People: **Alleluia!**

Leader: *By his love we are made new
in the living and enduring Word of God.*

People: **Alleluia! Thanks be to God.**

*Hymn 485 “We Know That Christ Is Raised”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, our world is filled with corruption:
power disguises itself as truth;
convenience masquerades as goodness;
selfish pleasure imitates love.

We confess to you, O God, that we have been blinded
and caught in the web of the world’s sin.

By the power of the Holy Spirit,
save us from these deceptions and free us for glad obedience,
that we may clearly see the truth of Jesus’ resurrection
and embody the joy of everlasting life. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Christ Is Risen!” Paul Sjolund
Christ is risen! Now is Christ risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For this corruptible must put on incorruption, and this mortal must put on immortality. O death, where is thy sting? O grave, where is thy victory?

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 116:1–4, 12–19 Old Testament, page 533

*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 24:13–35. New Testament, page 84

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Hearts Ablaze” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 252 “Day of Arising”

*Affirmation of Faith from the New Testament

This is the good news which we have received,
 in which we stand, and by which we are saved, if we hold it fast:
 that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
 that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
 and that he appeared first to the women,
 then to Peter, and to the Twelve, and then to many faithful witnesses.
 We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
 Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
 he is our Lord and our God. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Air” from *Water Music* 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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 573

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 Anthem

“Joy Fills the Morning” Antonio Lotti

*Joy fills the morning, angelic choirs are singing alleluia.
Through all the world hosannas are ringing, alleluia.
Christ is risen, alleluia. Lord Jesus, may we rise with thee, alleluia.
On high he reigneth in majesty supernal; rejoice, sing alleluia.
Now may we share that glory eternal, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia.
Lord, may we dwell on high with thee, alleluia.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God,
you graciously feed us,
who have received these holy mysteries,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face to face in your kingdom.
For you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

“Hornpipe” from *Water Music*. G. F. Handel

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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which will next be held on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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