

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cortège et Litanie Marcel Dupré

Introit

“O Bless the Lord, My Soul” Aaron Williams
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*O bless the Lord, my soul! Let all within me join and aid my tongue to bless
his name whose favors are divine.*

*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: *Bless the Lord, O people, sing!*

People: Let the sound of praise ring out.

Leader: *Come and hear what God has done.*

People: Our God, in whom we live and move and have our being.
Let us praise God’s glorious name.

*Hymn 407 “Spirit Divine, Attend Our Prayers”

Prayer of Confession

Holy God, you ask for our hands,
that we might use them for your purposes,
but we gave them for a moment
and then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You ask for our mouths to speak out against injustice,
but we gave a whisper, that we might not be accused.
You ask for our lives, that you might work through us,
but we gave only a small part so we might not get too involved.
Lord, forgive our calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient or in places where it is safe.
Give us courage to live a new life in you,
and empower us through the gift of your Spirit.
We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 68:1–10 Old Testament, page 500

Anthem

“Thou Wilt Keep Them in Perfect Peace” C. Lee Williams

Thou wilt keep them in perfect peace, whose minds are stayed on thee.

The darkness is no darkness with thee, but the night is as clear as the day.

The darkness and light to thee are both alike.

God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

O let my soul live and it shall praise thee.

First Lesson

John 17:1–11 New Testament, page 105

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*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 1:6–14 New Testament, page 110

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

What Comes Next? Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Affirmation of Faith 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 Voluntary

Inviolata André Fleury

*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, 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.

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

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

“How Sweet the Name of Jesus Sounds” Alexander R. Reinagle
arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

*How sweet the name of Jesus sounds in a believer’s ear!
It soothes all sorrows, heals all wounds, and drives away all fear.
It makes the wounded spirit whole and calms the troubled breast;
'tis manna to the hungry soul and to the weary, rest.
Dear name, the rock on which I build, my shield and hiding place;
my never-failing treasury filled with boundless stores of grace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Having shared in this meal,
we ask you, O Lord, to grant us
the vision of your kingdom—
forgiveness and new life—
so that we might share your vision,
proclaim your love, and change this world
through our faith in Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

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Shannon J. Kershner, Roberta Dawson, and Matt Helms

The Music Today

Men of the Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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, June 23 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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