
Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Three Liturgical Improvisations George Oldroyd

1. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
2. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the almighty.
3. Pour light upon us from above.

Introit

“Rise Up, O Saints of God” William Henry Walter
arr. Kenneth Jennings

*Rise up, O saints of God! Have done with lesser things;
give heart and soul and mind and strength to serve the King of kings.
Rise up, O saints of God! The kingdom tarries long;
bring in the day of righteousness and end the night of wrong.
Rise up, O saints of God! The church for you doth wait
with strength unequal to the task; rise up, and make it great.
Lift high the cross of Christ! Tread where his feet have trod;
come brothers, sisters of the faith, rise up, O saints of God!*

*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: *We praise our God, the Creator, who lit the world
and breathed the breath of life into us.*

People: **We praise our God, the Son, who saved the world
and stretched out his hand to us.**

Leader: *We praise our God, the Spirit, who blows through the world
and blesses our souls with yearning.*

People: **We praise our God, the Trinity of love:
God above us, God beside us, God beneath us;**

Leader: *the beginning, the end, the everlasting one. Let us worship!*

*Prayer of Praise

**Stand as you are able.*

*Hymn 484 “Out of Deep, Unordered Water”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Shining, surprising, grace-full God,
for avoiding the searchlight of your
desire for us and running away from your love:*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For preferring the safe, familiar, and certain to the risky,
unknown, and mysterious:*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For failing to believe in the vulnerability of power
and the power of vulnerability:*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For taking no delight in variety
and insisting on sameness and conformity:*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For not noticing your presence in darkness as in light,
in body as in spirit, in feeling as in intellect, in pain as in healing,
in Good Friday as in Easter Day:*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Set us free, we pray, to live our lives graciously and without fear.*

People: **We pray in your name, Father, Son, and Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Sacrament of Baptism

Unison Prayer

Holy God,
remind us of the promises given in our own baptism
and renew our trust in you.
Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 8 Old Testament, page 466

Anthem

“Non Nobis, Domine” Roger Quilter

*Not unto us, O Lord, the praise and glory be of any deed or word.
For in thy judgment lies to crown, or bring to naught,
all knowledge and device that man has reached or wrought.
And we confess our blame, how all too high we hold
that noise which some call fame, that dross which some call gold.
For these we undergo our hot and godless days,
but in our souls we know not unto us the praise.
O Power, by whom we live, creator, judge, and friend,
upholdingly forgive, nor leave us at the end.
But grant us yet to see, in all our piteous ways,
O Lord, not unto us the praise.*

First Lesson

Matthew 28:16–20. New Testament, page 32

Leader: *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

Genesis 1:1–2:4a Old Testament, page 1

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

*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.

Reception of New Members (11:00)

Prayers of the People

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.

Prayer Response

"Amen" Morgan Simmons

Offertory Anthem

"Sovereign Lord, Creator, Righteous One" Gustav Holst
arr. Mary McDonald

*Sovereign Lord, creator, righteous one, most high and holy King,
my Redeemer, Father, dearest friend, my praise to you I bring.
I will praise your name forever, knowing that you loved me first,
for you feed my every hunger and quench my every thirst.
With my heart I'll ever worship you, my voice will sing your praise,
for your everlasting mercy and grace for every day.
All creation bows in humbleness before your heavenly throne,
and I shall forever thank you for making me your own.
You are higher than the highest, and the God of all who live.
You are worthy of all honor and praise that I can give.
All my life shall be a witness of your majesty and grace,
and in heaven I'll bow before you and see you face to face. Amen.*

*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*)

Blessed are you, O Lord, God of all creation; in your mercy you provide every good thing for us. Receive these offerings as signs of our commitment to serve you all our days. We give ourselves in the name of the our brother and Savior, Jesus our Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 20 “All Things Bright and Beautiful”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

March in G Major Henry Smart

Being baptized at the 9:30 worship service:

- Emmett Harrison Card, child of Jordan and Jennifer Card
- Cate Marcela Chambers, child of Brian and Aurea Chambers
- Bjorn Robert Kanakis, child of Damon and Joanna Kanakis
- Finn Daniel Willis, child of Kyle and Katie Willis

Being baptized at the 11:00 worship service:

- Cameron Ray Carrillo, child of Dana Carrillo and Dawn Ray.
- Anthony George Casaccio, child of Anthony and Kelly Casaccio
- Harrison James Cioromski, child of Nicholas and Elizabeth Cioromski
- Hendrick DeKleine Nicholson, child of Kenneth Nicholson
and Nicole Dekker
- Thomas Joseph Nicholson, child of Kenneth Nicholson and Nicole Dekker

Worship Leaders

9:30 Matt Helms, Amelia Prater, Cole Prater, Victoria G. Curtiss
Shannon J. Kershner

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Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Men's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

THE FOURTH CHURCH MEN'S CHOIR is singing in worship through July 16; the Women's Choir will be singing from July 23 through September 3.

THE BULLETIN COVER photograph depicts the Sanctuary roof cross with its trefoil, a common symbol for the Trinity and one that is echoed throughout Fourth Church (including in the Gratz Center). The vertical building at upper left is Mies' 900 N. Lake Shore Drive building; the "slanted" building at right is the Hancock.

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