

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Memorial Louis Vierne

Cortège and Litany Marcel Dupré

Introit

“A Jubilant Gloria” (9:30). Mary Lynn Lightfoot
Glory to God in the highest and on earth, peace to all. Hosanna to God, alleluia!
We praise thee, we bless thee, we worship thee, we glorify thee; thou alone art holy.
Thou alone art most high, with the Holy Spirit. Grant us peace.

“Alleluia, the Lord is Gracious in His Saints” (11:00). Iain Quinn
Alleluia, the Lord is gracious in his saints. 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: *We come to worship God, who has made us and knows us;*

People: *we come to celebrate God’s presence among us!*

Leader: *We come to follow Jesus, who leads us to new life;*

People: *we come with joy, knowing in Christ we are home!*

Leader: *We come to listen for the Holy Spirit, who calls us forth;*

People: *as we worship, may we know the Spirit is alive among us.*

Leader: *Let us worship God!*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 374 “O Holy City, Seen of John”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Lord God, few of us misunderstand you all of the time,
but all of us misunderstand you some of the time;

 your thoughts on happiness; your ideas on giving;

 your way of making us whole.

These are not always our ready choices.

Give us faith, we pray, to risk a dangerous hope;

 to be ready to think as you teach, and to act as you lead. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Requiem aeternam” from *Requiem* John Rutter
Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee;
and light perpetual shine on them forever.
Thou, Lord, art worshipped in Sion;
thy praises shall ever be sung in all Jerusalem.
O hear us; O Lord, hear thy faithful servant’s prayer;
to thee shall all mortal flesh return.
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 34:1–10 Old Testament, page 480

First Lesson

Matthew 23:37–39 New Testament, page 25

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

Revelation 21:1–6 New Testament, page 244

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Church in the City” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Confession of 1967

God’s redeeming work in Jesus Christ embraces the whole of human life: social and cultural, economic and political, scientific and technological, individual and corporate. It includes the natural environment as exploited and despoiled by sin. It is the will of God that the divine purpose for human life shall be fulfilled under the rule of Christ and all evil be banished from creation.

Biblical visions and images of the rule of Christ, such as a heavenly city, the household of God, a new heaven and earth, a marriage feast, and an unending day culminate in the image of the kingdom. The kingdom represents God’s triumph over all that resists the divine will and disrupts God’s creation. Already God’s reign is present as a ferment in the world, stirring hope in all people and preparing the world to receive its ultimate judgment and redemption.

With an urgency born of this hope, the church applies itself to present tasks and strives for a better world. It does not identify limited progress with the kingdom of God on earth, nor does it despair in the face of disappointment and defeat. In steadfast hope, the church looks beyond all partial achievement to the final triumph of God.

Litany for All Saints’ Day

Leader: *God of the ages, we praise you for all your servants
who have done justice, loved mercy, and walked humbly with you.
For all the saints who have gone before us,*

People: **we give you thanks, O God, for our ancestors in the faith.**

Leader: *For all the saints who have been beloved to us,*

People: **we give you thanks for our loved ones
who have entered your Church Triumphant.**

Leader: *For all the saints who have left us too soon,*

People: **O God, we mourn their death, and they remain in our hearts.**

Leader: *For all the saints who are still shining lights in this world,*

People: **may we learn from their ways and follow you.**

Leader: *For those we have known and loved, who by their faithful obedience and steadfast hope have shown the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, and especially for those members of Fourth Presbyterian Church who have, since last All Saints' Day, finished their race and are now at rest with you . . . we give you thanks, O God, and for these your servants,*

People: we praise you. Keep us grateful for their witness and, like them, eager to follow in the way of Christ. Then at the last, bring us with them to share in the inheritance of the saints in light; through Jesus Christ, the pioneer and perfecter of our faith, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

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

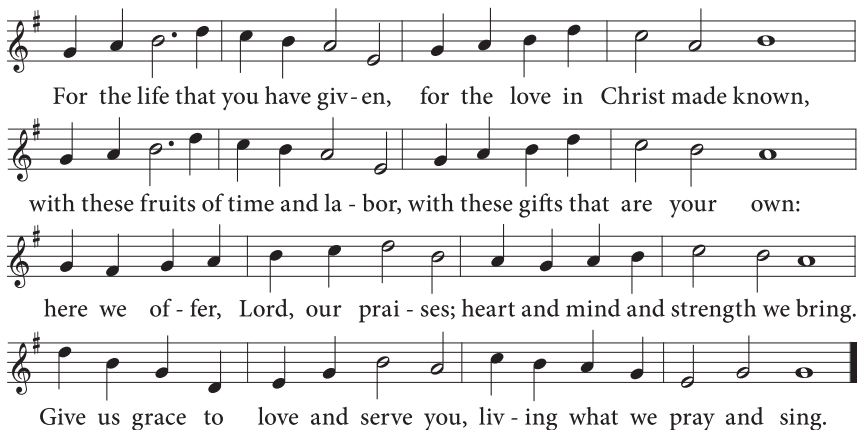
"Amen" Richard Warner

Offertory Anthem

"Lux aeternam" from *Requiem* J. Rutter

I heard a voice from heaven saying unto me, blessed are the dead who die in the Lord, for they rest from their labors; even so saith the Spirit. Light eternal shine upon them, Lord, we pray; with saints and angels ever dwelling, for thy mercy's sake, may they rest in peace. Grant them rest eternal, Lord our God, we pray to thee; and light perpetual shine on them forever.

*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*)

You have given us the gift of your grace, O God,
that we might share it with others.
You have also given us the boundless riches of Christ
and the resources we hold in trust.
Receive now, we ask, what we have given today.
Use these offerings and use us for your plans and purposes.
We pray in Christ’s name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 326 “For All the Saints”

*Benediction and Response

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir
during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude

Improvisation on the Te Deum Charles Tournemire

All Saints’ Sunday

On All Saints’ Sunday, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones.

As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

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| Richard L. Baron | Richard Metzger |
| Sonja H. Bowen | Michael H. Murphy |
| Catherine T. Bremer | Tom W. Olofson |
| James M. Conner | Patricia H. Phillips |
| David A. Donovan | Ruth Seely |
| Carolynne Flint | Gerri Hilt Shute |
| Robert E. Fowler | Sharon Sweeney |
| Philip A. Guentert | Julia S. Toman |
| Marjorie B. Kiewit | William S. Wardrop |
| Peter N. Kwasteniet | Nancy Burns Wilson |

Worship Leaders

9:30 Judith L. Watt, Michael Tax, Alex Wirth, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Judith L. Watt, Adeline Cook, Alex Wirth, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Youth Choir (9:30); Morning Choir; Katherine Weber, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth (9:30)

Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist (9:30)

Worship Notes

AS WE MARK THE 500TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE REFORMATION this autumn, we continue our seven-part “Always Reforming” sermon series. Each week we are also affirming our faith by using different creeds and statements of faith from the Reformed tradition. Today’s affirmation is from the Confession of 1967.

THE BULLETIN COVER photo depicts the white rose that is placed in the chancel on the death of a member of the Fourth Church community, with the Sanctuary chandelier lights in the background—sparkling like so many stars—evoking the “cloud of witnesses” who have gone before.

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