

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Andante Pastorale Josef Rheinberger
Prelude in F Major Gustav Merkel
Cantilene Josef Rheinberger

Introit

- “Steal Away to Jesus” African American spiritual
arr. Malcolm Archer

*Steal away to Jesus, steal away home, I ain't got long to stay here.
My Lord, he calls me by the thunder, the trumpet sounds within my soul.*

- *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: *Eternal God,*

People: **we worship and adore you.**

Leader: *You are the power within all things.*

Eternal God,

People: **we worship and adore you.**

Leader: *You are the wisdom beyond all minds.*

Eternal God,

People: **we worship and adore you.**

Leader: *You are the love revealed in the cradle and the cross.*

Eternal God,

People: **we worship and adore you.**

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 267 “Come, Christians, Join to Sing”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O Lord our God, you call us to proclaim the gospel,
but we often remain silent.
You call us to be reconciled to you and one another,
but we are content to live in separation.
You call us to seek the good of all,
but we fail to resist the powers of oppression.
You call us to fight pretensions and injustice, but we sit idly by.
Forgive us, O Lord. Reconcile us to you by the power of your Spirit,
and give us the courage and strength to be reconciled to others;
through Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, and brother. 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 93 Old Testament, page 519

*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

Acts 1:1–14 New Testament, page 110

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A Spirit Revolution: Be My Witnesses” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 260 “Alleluia! Sing to Jesus”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
and binds us together with all believers
in the one body of Christ, the Church.

In a broken and fearful world
the Spirit gives us courage to pray without ceasing,
to witness among all peoples to Christ as Lord and Savior,
to unmask idolatries in Church and culture,
to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

With believers in every time and place,
we rejoice that nothing in life or in death
can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“My Eyes For Beauty Pine” Herbert Howells

*My eyes for beauty pine, my soul for God’s grace.
No other care nor hope is mine; to heaven I turn my face.
One splendor thence is shed from all the stars above,
'tis named when God’s name is said; 'tis love, 'tis heavenly love.
And every gentle heart that burns with true desire
is lit from eyes that mirror part of that celestial fire.*

*Offering 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 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, 565

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power, God of 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, 566

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

“Ave Verum” Gabriel Fauré
Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary; who has truly suffered on the cross for humanity, whose side was pierced, pouring out water and blood. Be a foretaste for us during our ordeal of death.

“Tantum Ergo” Gabriel Fauré
In adoration falling, the sacred host we hail, o’er ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail; faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail. To the everlasting Father and the Son who reigns on high with the Holy Spirit proceeding forth from each eternally, be salvation, honor, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

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*)

Gracious God, how can we thank you for such a gift?
For you have met us, fed us, drawn us to you, and bound us to one another.
Now send us out to share your love and proclaim our hope
until all is finally made well. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 268. “Crown Him with Many Crowns”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor. G. Merkel

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Ken Walker, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Nanette Sawyer, Lance Tines, Judith L. Watt, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women's Choir; Laura Perkett, oboe

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE FOURTH CHURCH WOMEN'S CHOIR will be singing in worship through July 15; the Men's Choir will be singing from July 22 through September 2.

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.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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