

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Fantasia and Fugue in G Minor Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Siyahamba” (9:30) South African song
We are marching in the light of God.

“O Taste and See” (11:00) Anthony Doherty
O taste and see how sweet the Lord is. Blessed are they that trust in him.

*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 have come to worship God, the living One—*

People: **who knit us in our mother’s womb.**

Leader: *We have come to praise God, the almighty One—*

People: **who claims us as God’s own.**

Leader: *We have come to live for God, the faithful One—*

People: **who calls us out of fear into life.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose.

We gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.

You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice.

We gave you a whisper, for we were afraid.

You asked for our eyes to see the pain of the world.

We closed them, for we did not want to see.

Forgive us, O God, for our calculated efforts to serve you—

only when it is convenient for us to do so,

only in those places where it feels safe to do so,

and only with those who make it easy to do so.

Forgive us, renew us, and send us out to hear your call and claim anew. 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 (*sung*)

“O God, You Search Me” (Psalm 139) The Hymnal, 29

*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

Jeremiah 1:4–10 Old Testament, page 656

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

*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.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Christus ist des Gesetzes Ende” Johann Schelle

For Christ is the end of the law so that there may be righteousness for everyone who believes.

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Leader: *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, hosanna in the highest.**

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

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

**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 Anthem :: “Jauchzet dem Herrn” Johann Pachelbel

Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing. Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise. Give thanks to him, bless his name. For the Lord is good; his steadfast love endures forever, and his faithfulness to all generations.

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)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,
long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.
Give us grace, that in everything we may yield
ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thanksgiving to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 697 “Take My Life”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude :: Carillon de Westminster Louis Vierne

Worship Leaders

9:30 Rocky Supinger, Andrew McMillan, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

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The Music Today

Youth Choir (9:30); Morning Choir; Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Worship Notes

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper. 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. 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 CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are singing antiphonally from the north and south balconies this morning, performing (in German) music intended to be sung by two choirs in separate locations.

THE BULLETIN COVER PHOTO depicts late-night snowdrifts on our courtyard steps. (*All of our bulletin-cover illustrations in the past 100 years have depicted scenes on the Fourth Church campus.*)

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