

*HYMN 277 “O God, Our Faithful God”

Tune: O GOTT, DU FROMMER GOTT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Improvisation in C Major

Marcel Dupré

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor

Sarah Johnson Liturgist

The Vespers Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday services. Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, September 26.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, July 19 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, July 27 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, August 4 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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vespers
6:30 p.m. Sunday September 7, 2008

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RELUDE Sicilienne

Gabriel Fauré

INVOCATION

*HYMN 474 “O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: cleanse us from all our offenses and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news!

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 149 (*responsively*) (page 550, O.T.)

ANTHEM “Jesu, Tawa Pano” *Patrick Matsikenyiri*

FIRST LESSON Exodus 12:1–14 (page 56, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Stand as you are able.*

SECOND LESSON Romans 13:8–14 (page 152, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek
BEGINNINGS

***HYMN 521** “You Satisfy the Hungry Heart”
Tune: FINEST WHEAT

***THE APOSTLES’ CREED** (*unison*)

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 “With a Voice of Singing” *Martin Shaw*

***DOXOLOGY** (The Hymnal, 592)

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

People: **Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,**
(sung) **heaven and earth are full of your glory.**
Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.
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THE LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*)

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of the life of your kingdom, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.