

have received this sacrament be strengthened in your service; we who have sung your praises tell of your glory and truth; we who have seen the greatness of your love see you face to face in your kingdom. For you have made us your own people by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.

*HYMN 411 “Arise, Your Light Is Come!” *Tune: FESTAL SONG*

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Serenade *Derek Bourgeois*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor
Jocelyn Cadwallader Pastoral Resident
The Vespers Choir
Thomas 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, October 24.

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).

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PRELUDE Lord Jesus Christ, Abide with Us
Johann Sebastian Bach

INVOCATION

*HYMN 489 “Open Now Thy Gates of Beauty”
Tune: UNSER HERRSCHER

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. O Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to the world in Christ Jesus our Lord. And grant, O merciful God, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

PSALTER Psalm 106:1–5 (page 526, O.T.)

ANTHEM “O Be Joyful in the Lord” *Charles Wood*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Philippians 4:1–9 (page 187, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Adam Fronczek

HAPPY TALK

***HYMN 333** “Seek Ye First” *Tune: LAFFERTY*

***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 “The Peace of God” *John Rutter*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD’S SUPPER

INVITATION

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

Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san- na in the high- est.

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THE LORD’S PRAYER (*traditional*) (The Hymnal, page 16)

THE COMMUNION

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Loving God, you graciously feed us, who have
received these holy mysteries, with the bread of life
and the cup of eternal salvation. May we who**