

***HYMN 423** “Jesus Shall Reign Where’er the Sun”
Tune: DUKE STREET

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Fugue in C Major *Nikolaus Vetter*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Alice M. Trowbridge Associate Pastor

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, December 26. (There will not be a Taizé service in November.)

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, November 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, November 23 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, December 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

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PRELUDE Meditation *Louis Vierne*

INVOCATION

***HYMN 263** “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”
Tune: ST. DENIO

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Minister: Friends, believe the good news!

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 78:1–7 (*responsively*) (page 508, O.T.)

ANTHEM “When Came in Flesh” *George Guest*

**Stand as you are able.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Matthew 25:1–13 (page 26, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by Alice M. Trowbridge
THE FOOLISH AND THE WISE

***HYMN 344** “Christ of the Upward Way” *Tune: SURSUM CORDA*

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

**We are not alone, we live in God’s world.
We believe in God: who has created and
is creating, who has come in Jesus, the Word
made flesh, to reconcile and make new,
who works in us and others by the Spirit.
We trust in God. We are called to be the church:
to celebrate God’s presence, to love and
serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen,
our Judge and our Hope. In life, in death,
in life beyond death, God is with us.
We are not alone. Thanks be to God.**

(United Church of Canada)

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “He Comes to Us as One Unknown”

*C. Hubert H. Parry
arr. John Ferguson*

***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:

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.**

Hosanna in the highest.

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

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into
our hands; now we put our lives into yours.
Take us; renew and remake us. What we have
been is past; what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.**