

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

God of grace, you renew us at your table
with the bread of life. May this food strengthen us
as we seek to walk according to your will.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

*HYMN 281 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”
Tune: CWM RHONDDA

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Dialogue *Jean François Dandrieu*

WORSHIP LEADERS

Adam Fronczek Associate Pastor
Jocelyn C. Cadwallader Pastoral Resident
The Vespers Choir
Thomas E. Gouwens Associate Organist

Inquirers’ Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Saturday, January 17 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; Sunday, January 25 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m.; or Monday, February 2 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 January 11, 2009

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PRELUDE Prelude Modal *Jean Langlais*

INVOCATION

*HYMN 288 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God” *Tune: ELLACOMBE*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Gracious God, you formed us and made us in
your image. We long to live according to your will,
but often we fall short. We look back, knowing that
we have made mistakes. We look forward, hoping
to come closer to your will for us. Forgive us,
Lord, for trying to do it all on our own. Help us
to look to you, the source of new creation, so that
we might learn to follow your guidance and walk
in your ways. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 29 *(responsively)* (page 477, O.T.)

FIRST LESSON Genesis 1:1–5 (page 1, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

ANTHEM “In the Singing” *Carlton Young*

**Stand as you are able.*

SECOND LESSON Mark 1:4–11

(page 32, N.T.)

COMMUNION MEDITATION
BEGINNINGS

by Adam Fronzek

*HYMN 71 “Lord, When You Came to Jordan” *Tune: GENEVAN*

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

In life and in death, we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the
Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God,
the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship
and serve. We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human,
fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to
the captives, teaching by word and deed and
blessing the children, healing the sick and binding
up the brokenhearted, eating with outcasts,
forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and
believe the gospel. Unjustly condemned for
blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain and giving
his life for the sins of the world. God raised this
Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us
from death to life eternal.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I’m Going to Sing”

African American spiritual
arr. Ronald Anderson

*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