

# vespers

6:30 p.m. Sunday May 17, 2009

A LIGHT IN THE CITY  
**FOURTH  
PRESBYTERIAN  
CHURCH**  
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**PRELUDE**      Dearest Jesus, We Are Here      *Frederick Frahm*

## **CALL TO WORSHIP**

Leader: Let us worship the eternal God, the source of love  
and life, who creates us.

People: **Let us worship Jesus Christ, the risen one,  
who lives among us.**

Leader: Let us worship the Spirit, the holy fire,  
who renews us.

All: **To the one true God, be praise in all times  
and places, through the grace of Jesus Christ.**

**\*HYMN 472**    “O Sing to the Lord”      *Tune: CANTAD AL SEÑOR*

## **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

**Awesome and compassionate God,  
you have loved us with unfailing, self-giving mercy,  
but we have not loved you. You constantly call us,  
but we do not listen. You ask us to love,  
but we walk away from neighbors in need,  
wrapped in our own concerns. We condone evil,  
prejudice, warfare, and greed. God of grace,  
as you come to us in mercy, we repent in spirit  
and in truth, admit our sin, and gratefully receive  
your forgiveness through Jesus Christ,  
our Redeemer. Amen.**

## **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

Minister: Hear and believe the good news!

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

*\*Stand as you are able.*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**ANTHEM**      “If Ye Love Me”      *Thomas Tallis*

**PSALTER**      Psalm 98 (*responsively*)      (page 521, O.T.)

**SCRIPTURE LESSON**    John 15:9–17 (page 103, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**COMMUNION MEDITATION**      by John W. Vest  
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**\*HYMN 343**    “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”    *Tune: BEECHER*

**\*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**    “I Am the Resurrection and the Life”  
*William Croft*

**\*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.

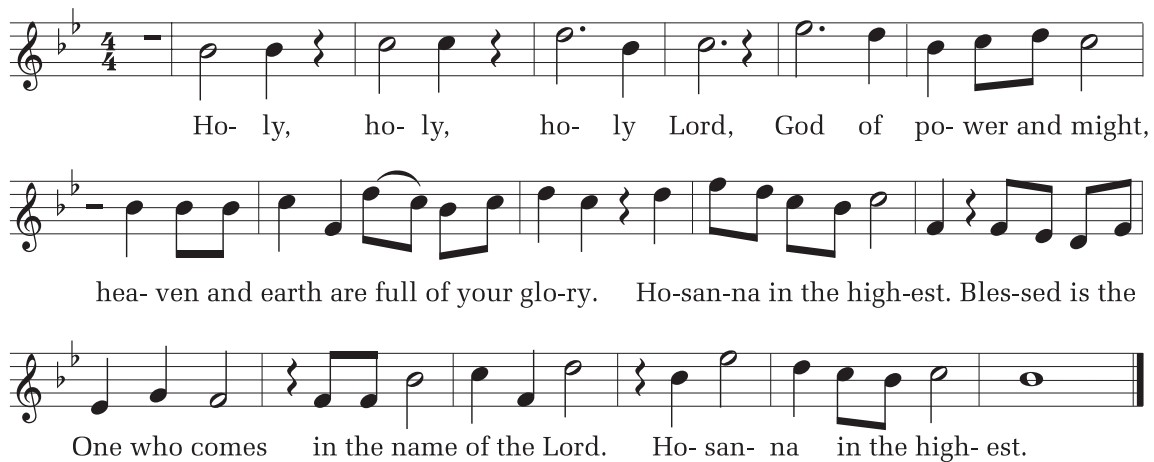
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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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Minister: . . . Great is the mystery of faith.

People: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Minister: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit . . .

### 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 (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for the love  
that brings us food from heaven,  
gives us the life of your dear Son,  
and assures us that we belong to the company  
of all his faithful people in heaven and on earth.  
Grant that, strengthened by this fellowship  
and by the power of his Holy Spirit,  
we may continue his work in the world,  
until we come to the glory of your eternal kingdom.  
Amen.

**\*HYMN 516** “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”  
*Tune: O QUANTA QUALIA*

### BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

**POSTLUDE** Intermezzo in C Major *Hermann Schroeder*

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### WORSHIP LEADERS

**John W. Vest** Associate Pastor  
**The Vespers Choir**  
**John W. W. Sherer** Organist and Director of Music

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**Today is Dedication Commemoration Sunday** at Fourth Presbyterian Church, declared by Pastor John Timothy Stone in 1914 to be observed on the third Sunday of each May. In addition to observing the 95th anniversary of the dedication of the sanctuary, the congregation also celebrates today the 100th anniversary of John Timothy Stone’s ministry at Fourth Church. Dr. Stone served this congregation from 1909 to 1930.

### **The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago**

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