

MORNING WORSHIP

The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent, personal preparation for the worship of God.

PRELUDE Three Liturgical Improvisations *George Oldroyd*

- I. My soul hath a desire and longing to enter the courts of the Lord.
- II. Whoso dwelleth under the defense of the Most High shall abide under the shadow of the Almighty.
- III. Pour light upon us from above and fire our hearts with thy strong love.

INTROIT “Heleluyan” *Native American melody*
Alleluia.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

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

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Merciful God, in your gracious presence
we confess our sin and the sin of this world.
Although Christ is among us as our peace,
we are a people divided against ourselves
as we cling to the values of a broken world.
The profit and pleasures we pursue
lay waste the land and pollute the seas.
The fears and jealousies that we harbor
set neighbor against neighbor and nation against nation.
We abuse your good gifts of imagination and freedom,
of intellect and reason, and have turned them into
bonds of oppression. Lord, have mercy upon us;
heal and forgive us. Set us free to serve you
in the world as agents of your reconciling love
in Jesus Christ. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

ANTHEM

“Salmo 150”

Ernani Aguiar

Praise the Lord! Praise God in his sanctuary; praise him in his mighty firmament! Praise him for his mighty deeds; praise him according to his surpassing greatness! Praise him with trumpet sound; praise him with lute and harp! Praise him with tambourine and dance; praise him with strings and pipe! Praise him with clanging cymbals; praise him with loud clashing cymbals! Let everything that breathes praise the Lord! Praise the Lord!

PSALTER

Psalm 68:28–32 (*responsively*)

(page 502, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 8:26–40

(page 119, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Brian Blount

NOT MY AREA

*HYMN 298

“There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy”

Tune: IN BABILONE

*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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.

PRAYER RESPONSE

“Day by Day”

Harold Friedell

Day by day, dear Lord, of thee three things I pray: to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, follow thee more nearly, day by day.

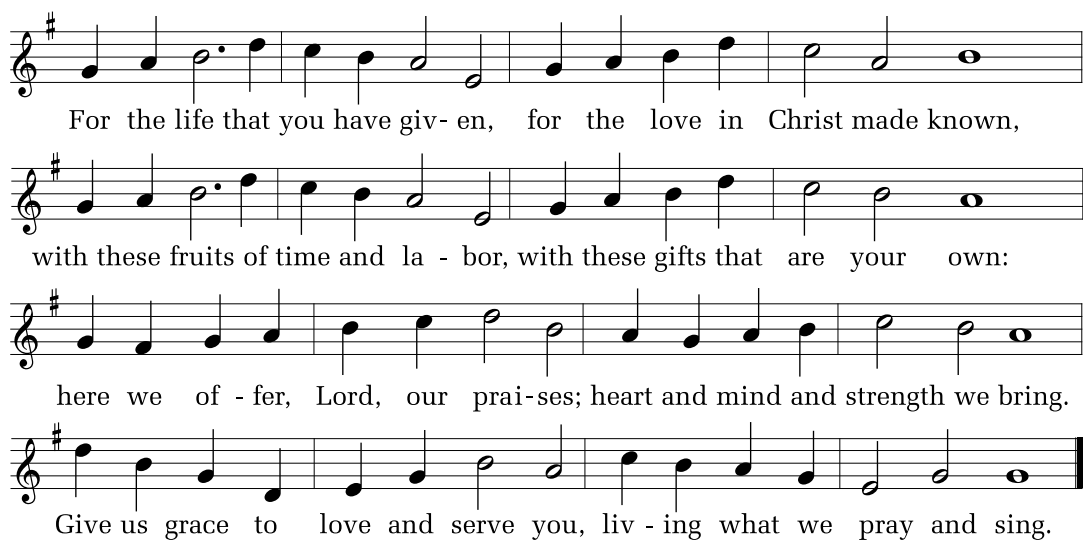
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “I Love the Lord”

Jonathan Harvey

I love the Lord because he hath heard my voice and supplications. I love the Lord because he hath inclined his ear unto me, therefore will I call upon him as long as I live. The sorrows of death compassed me and the pains of hell gat hold upon me; I found trouble and sorrow. Then called I upon the name of the Lord: O Lord, I beseech thee, deliver my soul. Return unto thy rest, O my soul; the Lord hath dealt bountifully with thee. For thou hast delivered my soul from death, mine eyes from tears, and my feet from falling. I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living. I love the Lord.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND RESPONSE



For the life that you have giv- en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai- ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

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.**

All: **Gracious God, we give you thanks for
your creative power in our midst.**

**We thank you for the variety with which
you have made us, for the loving care
by which you humble and correct us,
and for the hope and future for which you sustain us.
Take these gifts and bless them to your service,
that they may be signs of the reconciling work
in the world of your Son, Jesus Christ,
to whom be all glory and honor,
now and forever. Amen.**

***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

Tune: GERMANY

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

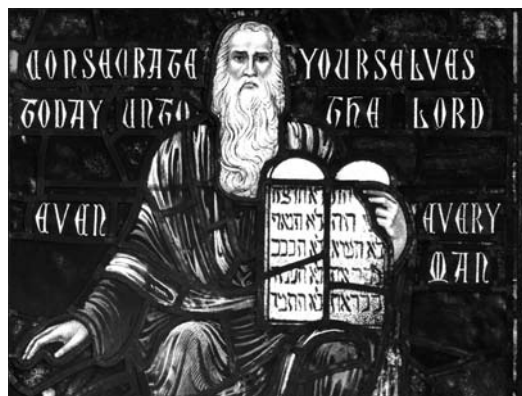
POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Percy Fletcher

The Great West Window (left portion)

WINDOWS BY CHARLES J. CONNICK



In the top left panel, angels look down toward the Christ figure in the center window with the words, “Amen. Blessing and glory and wisdom and thanksgiving” (Revelation 7:12).

The central panel contains depictions of different races—a missionary with an open Bible, people from Asia, and a kneeling Ethiopian—with the words, “Go ye therefore, and teach all nations” (Matthew 28:19).

The bottom panel depicts Moses holding the two tablets of the law and has the inscription “Consecrate yourselves today unto the Lord even every man” (Exodus 32:29).

WORSHIP LEADERS

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church welcomes Dr. Brian Blount to the pulpit this morning. Dr. Blount is President of Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, and previously served as a New Testament professor at Princeton Theological Seminary.

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Anamaria Volkoberon (9:30) and Quinn McCarthy (11:00) on behalf of the youth of Fourth Church.

Fourth Church is grateful to the Morning Choir for their music leadership during the past program year. During the month of July, the men of the choir will be singing during 9:30 and 11:00 worship. The women will be singing during August, and the full choir will resume in September.

John Buchanan is preaching at this week's Sunday through Friday worship services at the Chautauqua Institution, in Chautauqua, New York. Each summer, Chautauqua offers weeklong programs that provide opportunities for intellectual and spiritual growth and renewal through arts, education, religion, and recreation, with guest preachers invited to lead the daily worship services.

The textile banners and pulpit parament, "Unweavings" created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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