

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Rubrics

Dan Locklair

1. “. . . ‘Hallelujah’ has been restored.”
2. “Silence may be kept.”
3. “. . . and thanksgivings may follow.”
4. “The peace may be exchanged.”
5. “The people respond—Amen!”

INTROIT

“O Come, Let Us Sing to the Lord”

Stephen Sturk

O come, let us sing to the Lord. Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving. Let us make a joyful noise to him with songs of praise.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

*HYMN 142

“All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name!”

Tune: CORONATION

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from death to life, and crowned him Lord of all. We confess that we have not bowed before him, or acknowledged his rule in our lives. We have gone along with the ways of the world, and failed to give him glory. Forgive us, and raise us from sin, that we may be your faithful people, obeying the commands of our Lord Jesus Christ, who rules the world and is head of the church, his body. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Acts 1:6–14

(page 110, N.T.)

SERMON

JOHN BUCHANAN

Why Look Up?

“Why do you stand looking up toward heaven?” Acts 1:11 (NRSV)

**Stand as you are able.*

***HYMN 413**

“All Who Love and Serve Your City”

Tune: CHARLESTOWN

***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 “O Nata Lux” from *Lux Aeterna*

Morten Lauridsen

O born light of light, mercifully deem worthy and accept
 the praises and prayers of your people. Thou who once deigned
 to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant us
 to made members of your holy body.

***OFFERTORY 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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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

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.**

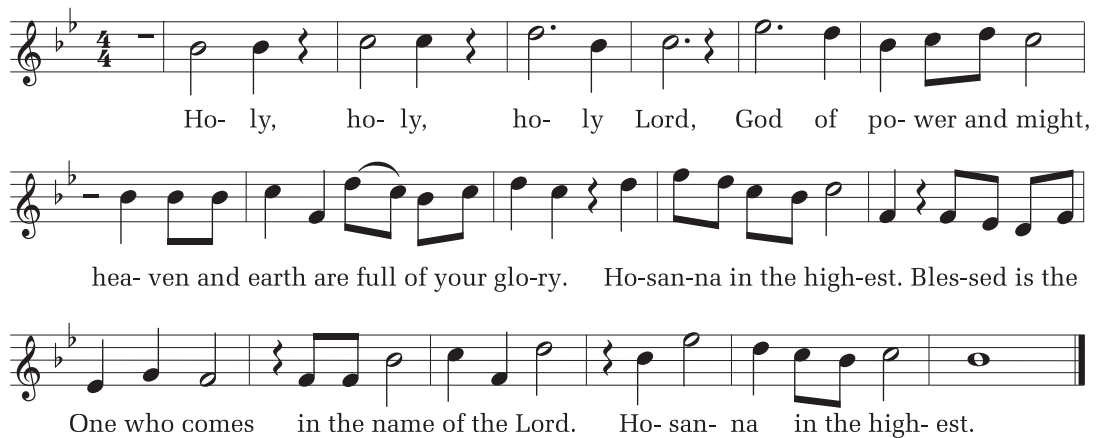
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . 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

COMMUNION ANTHEMS “i thank You God for most this amazing day” *Eric Whitacre*

i thank You God for most this amazing day: for the leaping greenly
spirits of trees and a blue true dream of sky and for everything which
is natural which is infinite which is yes. i who have died am alive
again today, and this is the sun’s birthday; this is the birthday of life
and the birthday of love and this is the birthday of wings and of the
gay great happening illimitably earth. how should tasting touching
hearing seeing breathing any lifted from the no of all nothing human
merely being doubt unimaginable You? now the ears of my ears
awake now the eyes of my eyes are opened.

“O Sacrum Convivium”

Peter Mathews

O sacred banquet, in which Christ is received, the memory of his
passion is recalled; the spirit is filled with grace; and the promise
of future glory is given to us, alleluia.

PSALM 23 *(recited in unison after all have received the cup)*

**The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.
He maketh me to lie down in green pastures,
he leadeth me beside the still waters.
He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me
in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me
in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil;
my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.**

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**Great and mighty God, we thank you that Christ is risen to
reign and rule at your right hand. And we thank you that
he calls us to be his people in the daily life of this world.
We thank you for this moment in the life of this church,
and for its commitment to live faithfully in this city and
this neighborhood. Bless it in the days ahead. Loving God,
give us freedom to love with your love, and to embrace the
world with your compassion. Accept the offering of our lives,
our hopes and our love, in the name and for the sake of
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(9:30)

Baroques
V. Voluntary

Seth Bingham

RECESSIONAL
(11:00)

Please follow the bagpipers from the sanctuary to the construction site on Chestnut Street for the Groundbreaking Ceremony.

The Lord’s Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church

“Do this in remembrance of me.” Luke 22:19 (NRSV)

THE LORD’S SUPPER IS THE SIGN AND SEAL of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In the act of remembering that is the Lord’s Supper, we receive and trust the love of Christ present to us and to the world. Through it, we are renewed and empowered to be the church, the body of Christ, in the world.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Access to the Table is not a right conferred upon the worthy but a privilege given to the undeserving who come in faith, repentance, and love. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Fourth Presbyterian Church celebrates the Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m. worship and at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services on the first Sunday of even-numbered months.

“I am the bread of life.” John 6:35 (NRSV)

Portions of the text above adapted from *The Book of Order*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Linda C. Loving, John Buchanan
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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir
11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir; George Sims and Charlie Jenkins, bagpipers;
Joe McKee, drummer

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's communion anthem, "i thank You God for most this amazing day," was composed by Eric Whitacre in 1999. The text is from *Three Songs of Faith* by e.e. cummings. Whitacre states, "The poetry strikes me as shiny and brilliant and many of the chords (especially settings of words painting the indescribable, e.g., 'infinite,' 'You,' 'opened,' 'God') are intentionally designed to shimmer."

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks outside the south transept doors (leading to Anderson Hall) and in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available Sunday morning 11:00 a.m. sermons in text and various audio formats. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

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