

## MORNING WORSHIP

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

**PRELUDE** Lied (Song) *Louis Vierne*

**INTROIT** “They Who Seek the Throne of Grace”  
*George Brandon*

They who seek the throne of grace find that throne in every  
place; if we live a life of prayer, God is present everywhere.

**\*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

**\*HYMN 161** “As Morning Dawns” *Tune: WAREHAM*

### **PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*unison*)

**Merciful God, hear our cries.  
Come to us in the midst of  
our distortions and confusion  
to lead us to the good you have prepared for us.  
We confess that we have put our own pleasure  
ahead of your purposes.  
We have preferred our limited wisdom  
to your limitless revelation.  
We have been more ready  
to fight with one another  
than to free the oppressed,  
more inclined to feed our own egos  
than to give bread to the hungry.  
Forgive us, God, and teach us  
to shine your light of love. Amen.**

### **DECLARATION OF PARDON**

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

### **CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH**

**PSALTER** Psalm 112:1–10 (*responsively*) (page 532, O.T.)

**ANTHEM**

“Praise, Lord, for Thee in Zion Waits” *Eric H. Thiman*

Praise, Lord, for thee in Zion waits. Prayer shall besiege thy temple gates. All flesh shall to thy throne repair and find through Christ salvation there. How blest thy saints, how safely led! How surely kept, how richly fed! Savior of all on earth and sea, how happy they who rest in thee! Thy hand sets fast the mighty hills; thy voice the troubled ocean stills. Evening and morning hymn thy praise, and earth thy bounty wide displays. Amen.

**FIRST LESSON**

Isaiah 58:1–9a

(page 647, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**\*GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

**SECOND LESSON**

Matthew 5:13–20

(page 4, N.T.)

**SERMON**

VICTORIA G. CURTISS

Rising in the Darkness

*“Their hearts are firm, secure in the Lord.*

*Their hearts are steady, they will not be afraid.”*

Psalm 112:7–8 (NRSV)

**\*HYMN 411**

“Arise, Your Light Is Come!”

*Tune:* FESTAL SONG

**\*APOSTLES’ CREED** *(unison)*

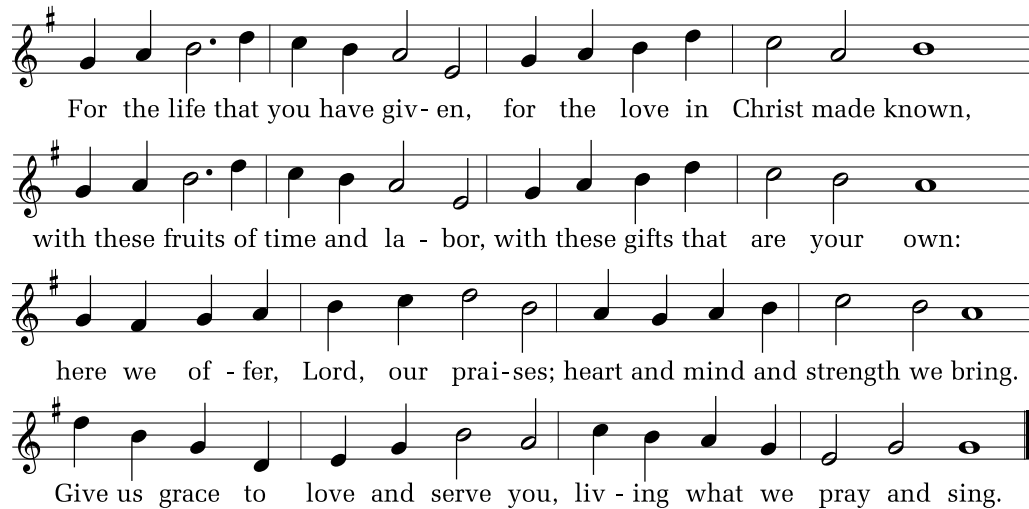
**I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth, and in Jesus Christ  
his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the  
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under  
Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again  
from 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 SOLO “I Know That My Redeemer Liveth” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel

I know that my Redeemer liveth, and that he shall stand at the latter day upon the earth. And though worms destroy this body, yet in my flesh shall I see God. For now is Christ risen from the dead, the first fruits of them that sleep.

### \*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.

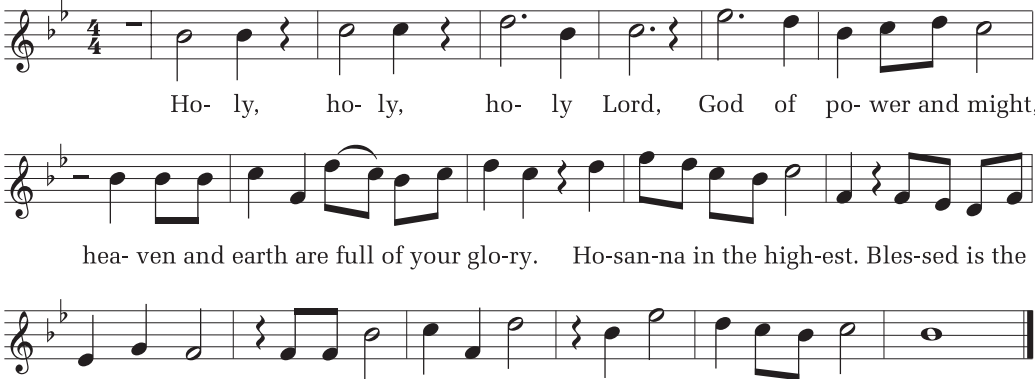
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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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## 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 ANTHEM**      “The Lord My Pasture Shall Prepare”

*Geoffrey Shaw*

The Lord my shepherd shall prepare and feed me with  
a shepherd’s care; his presence shall my wants supply  
and guard me with a watchful eye; my noonday walks  
he shall attend and all my midnight hours defend.

When in the sultry glebe I faint, or on the thirsty  
mountain pant, to fertile vales and dewy meads  
my weary wandering steps he leads, where peaceful  
rivers sort and slow, amid the verdant landscape flow.

Though in a bare and rugged way through devious,  
lonely wilds I stray, thy bounty shall my pains beguile;  
the barren wilderness shall smile with sudden greens  
and herbage crowned and shall murmur all around.

Though in the paths of death I tread, with gloomy horrors  
overspread, my steadfast heart hath fear no ill, for thou,  
O Lord, art with me still: thy friendly crook shall give me  
aid and guide me through the dreadful shade.

**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION** (*unison*)

**Gracious God,  
thank you for this meal  
which binds us to you and to one another.  
As Jesus Christ was faithful to you  
even unto death,  
so may we be faithful to you,  
in seasons both challenging and calm.  
Steady our hearts that we may  
shine your saving light.  
Amen.**

**\*HYMN 427**

“Lord, Whose Love Through Humble Service”

*Tune: BLAENHAFREN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

Carillon

*Herbert Murrill*

## WORSHIP LEADERS

Matthew J. Helms, Judith Watt, Victoria G. Curtiss

## THE MUSIC TODAY

Members of the Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, soprano soloist  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

## WORSHIP NOTES

**This morning, Communion is served by intinction.** The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. 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.

**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). Through their combination of scripture texts and image, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

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