MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude
Prelude on an Introit for Epiphany  Maurice Duruflé

Introit
“The Lord Has Shown Forth His Glory”  Iain Quinn
The Lord has shown forth his glory; come let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

*Doxology and Invocation  *(The Hymnal, 592)

*Hymn 464
“Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”  Tune: HYMN TO JOY

Prayer of Confession *(unison)*
Lord Jesus Christ,
you came into the world to serve.
Just as you came to a blind man
and gave him sight,
come into our darkness
and show us the things we cannot see.
Just as you came to those who wept
and gave them peace,
come into our grief and make us whole.
Just as you came to Lazarus
and brought him from the grave,
come to us and bring us to real life—
life as forgiven, changed people. Amen.

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

Concerns of the Church

Psalter
Psalm 67 *(responsively)*  *(page 500, O.T.)*

*Stand as you are able*
ANTHEM

“Out of the Orient”
American folk melody
arr. Peter Waring

Out of the Orient crystal skies a blazing star did shine, to show the place where poorly lies a blessed babe divine. Born of a maid of royal blood who Mary hight by name, a sacred rose which once did bud by grace of heavenly flame. This shining star three kings did guide even from the farthest east to Bethlehem, where, as prophesied, this blessed babe did rest. Laid in a lowly manger poor, betwixt an ox and ass, him these three kings did all adore, as God’s high pleasure was. And for the joy of his great birth, a thousand angels sing, “To God be glory, peace on earth where born is this new King!” The shepherds dwelling there about, when they this news did know, came singing all a joyous rout, “falantidingdido.”

FIRST LESSON
Isaiah 60:1–6 (page 649, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI
(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON
Matthew 2:1–12 (page 1, N.T.)

SERMON
Catch and Reflect
MATTHEW J. HELMS

*HYMN 68
“What Star Is This, with Beams So Bright”

Tune: Puer nobis nascitur

*APOTHESES’ 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 VOLUNTARY  “O Morning Star, How Fair and Bright”  
Niels Gade

*OFFERTORY RESPONSE

For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known.

with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own:

here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring.

Give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.


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:

![Music notation]

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,

heaven and earth are full of your glory. Ho-sa-na in the high-est. Blessed is the

One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est.


**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 “Orient Star”**

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showing the place where lowly lies

a blessed babe divine.

This shining star three kings did guide

even from the furthest East,

to Bethlehem where it betide

this blessed babe did rest.

And for the joy of his great birth

a thousand angels sing,

“Glory and peace unto the earth

where born is this new King!”

Paul Lohman
The Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast. 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. 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, 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. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

Portions of the text above adapted from The Book of Order
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Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, Matthew J. Helms

The Music Today
The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes
Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A jazz service with Communion is held each Sunday at 4:00 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in the Sanctuary as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. on the fourth Friday of each month except in November and December. In December, the Taizé service is held on New Year’s Eve at 7:30 p.m.

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