

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE O Trinity of Blessed Light *Bruce Simonds*

INTROIT “O Trinity of Blessed Light” *Heinrich Schütz*
O Trinity of blessed light, O unity of holy might, the fiery sun now goes his way: shed thou within our hearts thy ray. To thee our morning song of praise, to thee our evening prayer we raise, O grant us with thy saints on high to praise thee through eternity. All laud to God the Father be; all praise, eternal Son, to thee; all glory, as is ever meet, to God the holy Paraclete.

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

***HYMN 138** “Holy, Holy, Holy! Lord God Almighty!” *Tune: NICAEA*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

Merciful God, you made us in your own image, with a mind to know you, a heart to love you, and a will to serve you. But our knowledge is imperfect, our love inconstant, our obedience incomplete. Day by day we fail to grow into your likeness; yet you are slow to be angry with your children. For the sake of Jesus Christ, your Son, our Savior, do not hold our sins against us, but in your tender love, forgive. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 29 (*responsively*) (page 477, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 3:1–17 (page 88, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON Religious but Not Spiritual *CALUM I. MACLEOD*

“Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not know these things?” John 3:10 (NRSV)

**Stand as you are able.*

*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 “Father, All Holy”

Charles Wood

Father, all holy, merciful, and tender; Son co-eternal, worthy to be praised; Spirit of comfort, fount of loving-kindness; God everlasting. Trinity holy, unity unchanging; goodness unbounded, very God of heaven; light of the angels, refuge of the friendless; hope universal, all thy works hymn thee, all thy saints adore thee. They for thy pleasure are and were created. Now, while we also worship thee devoutly, hear thou our voices. Thine be the glory, deity almighty, one in three persons, monarch in the highest. Glory and honor, song and praise beseech thee now and forever. Amen.

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: Gratitude, praise, hearts lifted high . . .

. . . 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 ANTHEMS

“I Saw the Lord”

John Stainer

I saw the Lord sitting upon a throne, high and lifted up, and his train filled the temple. Above it stood the seraphim; each one had six wings and with twain he covered his feet, and with twain he did fly, and one cried unto another, “Holy, holy, holy is the Lord of hosts, the whole earth is full of his glory.” And the posts of the door moved at the voice of him that cried, and the house was filled with smoke. O Trinity! O unity! Be present as we worship thee, and with the songs that angels sing, unite the hymns of praise we bring. Amen.

“Heilig”

Felix Mendelssohn

Holy, holy, holy is God, the Lord of Sabaoth. All the nations are full of thy glory, hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord, hosanna in the highest.

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*)

Holy, holy, holy is God, our sovereign Lord, who was, and is, and is to come. Before your unfathomable mystery, encountered at the table, O God, all eloquence of form and language is facile. We cannot encompass you, for you encompass us. So we would fall silent and let the child deep within us be content in the knowledge that we are known and wanted, loved and called to serve by One infinitely greater than we shall ever be. Amen.

***HYMN 508**

“For the Bread Which You Have Broken”

Tune: KINGDOM

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Trinity March

Mark Schweizer

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 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 last meal before his death, Jesus took and shared with his disciples bread and wine, speaking of these elements as his body and blood, symbols of the new relationship with God brought about by his impending death. On the day of his resurrection, the risen Jesus made himself known to his followers in the breaking of bread.

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. Victoria G. Curtiss, Adam H. Fronczek, Calum I. MacLeod

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Chancel Choir; The Morning Choir; Beena David, Daniel Henry, Laura Perkett, and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today is Trinity Sunday, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

Fourth Church expresses its gratitude to the Chancel Choir and the Morning Choir for their ministry of music during the 2011–2012 program year. This morning the choirs are singing from the transept balconies, rather than the choir loft. Beginning next week, the men of the choirs will be singing during morning worship services for six weeks; the women will sing for the last six weeks of summer; and the full choirs will return to their normal schedules on September 9.

The bulletin cover photo highlights some of the various groupings and elements of “three” found around the church, usually as a reference to the Trinity. In this image of the pediment (itself a triangle) high above the Michigan Avenue entrance, a trefoil can be seen in the cross at the peak of the roof. Below it, three quatrefoils are nestled in a three-sided cutout, and further down, a set of three quatrefoil windows ornamentally align in the entablature. The cover quote comes from the *Carmina Gadelica (Songs of the Gaels)*, which is a collection of prayers, runes, and blessings from the oral tradition of the Western Isles of Scotland.

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