

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Children of the Heavenly Father *James Biery*

INTROIT “Christ, When for Us You Were Baptized”
Scottish Psalter

Christ, when for us you were baptized, God’s Spirit on
you came, as peaceful as a dove and yet as urgent as a
flame. Baptize us with your Spirit, Lord, your cross on
us be signed, that, likewise in God’s service, we may
perfect freedom find.

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

***HYMN 250** “When Morning Lights the Eastern Skies”
Tune: ST. STEPHEN

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

God of all grace,
we come burdened by a past we cannot change,
fearful of the future we cannot know,
and stuck in a present
whose reality we cannot control.
We are anxious and feel alone.
Forgive us when, in response,
we neglect the pain of our neighbor,
forget to live in gratitude for what we have,
and do not live in truth and love.
Show us the way and walk with us. 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.)

ANTHEM “Down to the River to Pray” *American folk song*
arr. Robert Lee

As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about the good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O sisters, let's go down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about the good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O brothers, let's go down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about the good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O fathers, let's go down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about the good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O mothers, let's go down to the river to pray.
As I went down to the river to pray,
studying about the good old way
and who shall wear the starry crown,
good Lord, show me the way.
O sinners, let's go down to the river to pray.

FIRST LESSON Isaiah 43:1–7 (page 631, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 3:15–17, 21–22 (page 56, N.T.)

SERMON Not Over, Under, or Around, but Through
EDWIN ESTEVEZ

***HYMN 71** “Lord, When You Came to Jordan” *Tune: GENEVAN*

***APOSTLES' CREED** *(unison)*

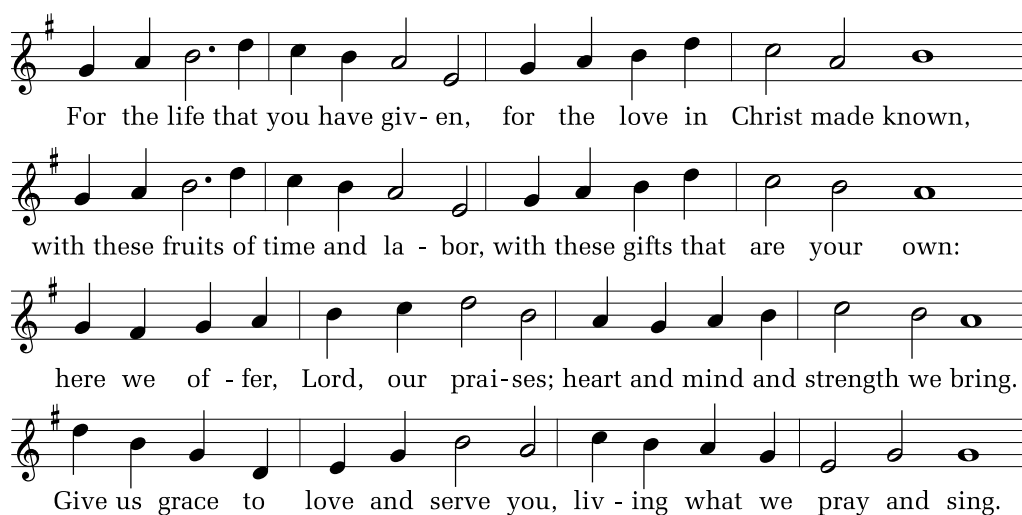
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 VOLUNTARY *Grazioso*

Georg Philipp Telemann

***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.**

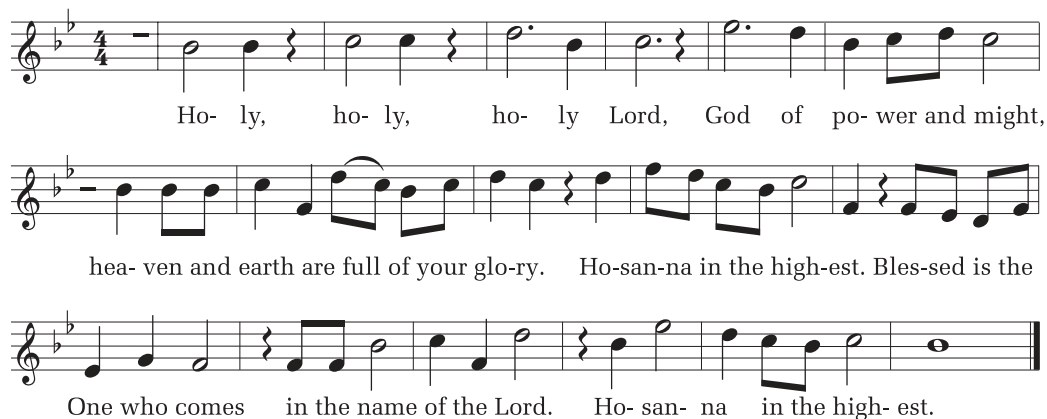
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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 “Deep River”

*African American spiritual
arr. Howard Helvey*

Deep river, my home is over Jordan, deep river, Lord,
I want to cross over into campground. O, don't you
want to go to that gospel feast, that promised land
where all is peace?

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

As a people of hope,
you have called us to your table.
As a people of faith,
you have fed us at your table.
As a people of love,
you send us out into the world
to share the love of Communion,
by the power of the Spirit.
With renewed strength and grateful hearts,
we go to serve the world
in the power of your love.
In your name we pray. Amen.

*HYMN 243

“We Thank You, Lord, for You Are Good”

Tune: WAS GOTT TUT

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

R. Mark Otterstad

WORSHIP LEADERS

Donna Gray, Joyce Shin, Edwin Estevez

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Geoffrey Anderson, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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. 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.

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.

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