

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

SECOND LESSON Luke 4:21–30 (page 57, N.T.)

SERMON The Love That Goes Too Far ALLAN BOESAK

***HYMN 298** “There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy” *Tune: IN BABILONE*

*** 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 Sacrum Convivium” *Olivier Messiaen*

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.

***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.**

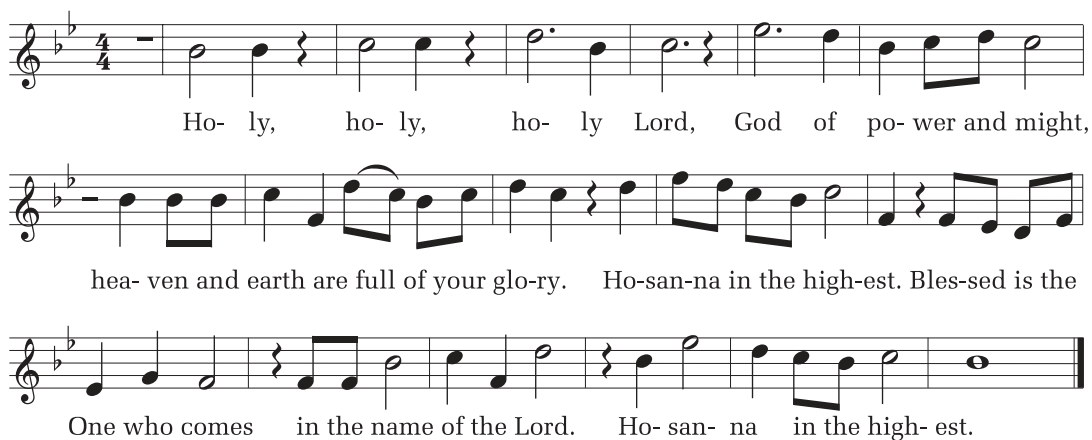
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

“Cantique de Jean Racine”

Gabriel Fauré

O redeemer divine, our sole hope of salvation, eternal light of the earth and the sky, we kneel in adoration. O Savior, turn on us thy loving eye. Send down on us the fire of thy grace all consuming, whose wondrous might dispersed the powers of darkness, and rouse our slumbering souls with radiance all illuminating, that they may awaken thy mercy to tell. O Christ, bestow thy blessing on us, we implore thee, who here are gathered; accept the hymns we sing to thine eternal glory and these thy gifts we return unto thee.

“Tantum ergo”

M. Duruflé

Down in adoration falling, lo, the sacred host we hail;
lo, o'er ancient forms departing newer rites of grace prevail,
faith for all defects supplying, where the feeble senses fail.
To the everlasting Father, and the Son who reigns on high
with the Holy Spirit proceeding forth from each eternally,
be salvation, honor, blessing, might, and endless majesty. Amen.

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*)

**Loving God,
you graciously feed us with the bread of life
and the cup of salvation.
May we who have received this sacrament,
be strengthened in your service;
we who have sung your praises
tell of your glory and truth;
we who have seen the greatness of your love
see you face-to-face in your kingdom.
For you have made us your own people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit. Amen.**

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Finale from *Organ Symphony no. 1*

Louis Vierne

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 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 (which is gluten free) 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, Calum I. MacLeod, Allan Boesak

11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Allan Boesak

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Morning Choir

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Lauren Freeman (9:30) and Owen Meyer (11:00) on behalf of the Fourth Church youth and the Souper Bowl of Caring.

Fourth Church welcomes to the pulpit the Reverend Dr. Allan Aubrey Boesak, who is one of the heroes of the anti-apartheid freedom struggle in South Africa. He and Archbishop Desmond Tutu led the United Democratic Front (UDF), which brought together more than 700 organizations from all communities, becoming the first nonracial movement and the main force behind the anti-apartheid activities during the decisive decade of the 1980s. Dr. Boesak, whom Archbishop Tutu has called the most powerful orator ever produced by South Africa, is a pastor in the Uniting Reformed Church and served as president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches.

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 bulletin cover photo depicts the view from the Fourth Church cloisters after a snowstorm.

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