

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Chanson de Matin *Edward Elgar*
 The Third Mode Melody *Thomas Tallis*
 Master Tallis's Testament *Herbert Howells*

INTROIT "Praise We Sing to Thee" *Franz Joseph Haydn*
 arr. Morten J. Luvaas

Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, king forever.
Praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder working power.
Still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.
Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore!

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

***HYMN 461** "God Is Here!" *Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**God, we bow our heads and humble our hearts,
knowing that we have let you down.
You created us for great things—
to be loved, to love, and to know the gift and cost of love.
We are sorry for holding more dear to ourselves
things other than love;
we are sorry for letting ourselves
be weighed down by them.
Forgive us again, God,
and in your forgiveness, may we be free.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS (11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR MISSION

PSALTER Psalm 56 *(responsively)* (page 495, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM

“Rise Up, Ye Saints of God”

*Aaron Williams**arr. Buryl Red*

Rise up, ye saints of God. Have done with lesser things;
 give heart and mind and soul and strength
 to serve the king of kings. Rise up, ye saints of God.
 His kingdom tarries long; bring in the day of brotherhood
 and end the night of wrong. Lift high the cross of Christ!
 Tread where his feet have trod; as children of the Son of man,
 rise up, ye saints of God!

FIRST LESSON

Amos 8:1–12

(page 807, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.*****GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 5:1–16

(page 4, N.T.)

SERMON

Blessed Are the Organized

JOYCE SHIN

“The time is surely coming, says the Lord God, when I will send a famine on the land; not a famine of bread, or a thirst for water, but of hearing the words of the Lord.” Amos 8:11 (NRSV)

***HYMN 343**

“Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Tune: BEECHER****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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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.**

PRAYER RESPONSE "Amen"

Anonymous

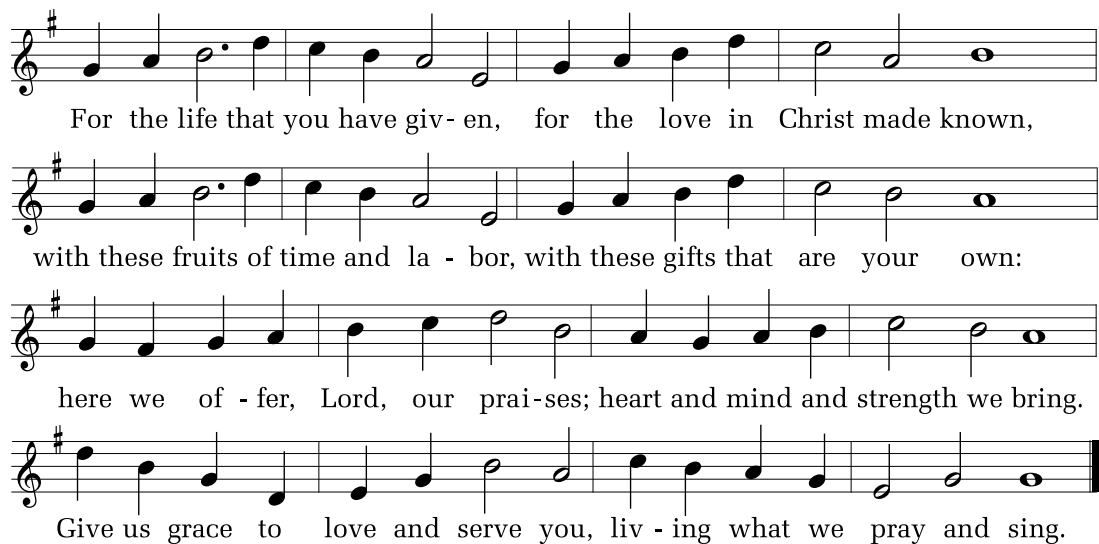
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah"

*John Hughes
arr. Andrew Hawryluk*

Guide us, O thou great Jehovah, guide us to the promised land.
We are weak, but thou art able; hold us with thy powerful hand.
Holy Spirit, feed us till the Savior comes. Open, Jesus,
Zion's fountains; let her richest blessings come. Let the fiery,
cloudy pillar guard us to this holy home. Great redeemer,
bring the welcome day. When the earth begins to tremble,
bid our fearful thoughts be still; when thy judgments spread
destruction, keep us safe on Zion's hill. Singing praises,
songs of glory unto thee.

*PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING AND 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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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

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.**

All: **Most gracious God,
you have always provided for us:
your word spoken, your word made flesh.
It is more than we could ask for.
It is more than we need.
Help us to live this truth,
using our time, talents, and treasure
in accordance with and in gratitude for your word.
In Christ's name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 253**

"I'll Praise My Maker"

Tune: OLD 113TH

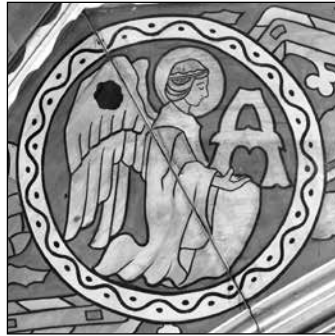
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Festival Toccata

Percy E. Fletcher

IN THE DETAILS



These kneeling angels—beginning with the Alpha and the Omega—grace the roof supports on the colorful arches far above the pews; the eight motifs pictured here are repeated four times each. Like all of the painting in the Sanctuary, they were executed under the direction of famed Chicago muralist Frederick Clay Bartlett.

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, John W. Vest, Joyce Shin

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THE MUSIC TODAY

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

WORSHIP NOTES

The men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will be singing in worship through September 1. The full choir will return to worship on September 8.

Today's Minute for Mission is presented by Johanna Mintz (9:30) and Rachael Cohen (11:00), on behalf of Youth Ministry.

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 images, these banners celebrate and elevate the perception of the sacred in the "ordinary" as we make our faith journey day to day.

The bulletin cover photo depicts the carved angel at the base of the organ case on the south wall of the choir loft.

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