

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	Fanfare and Chorus	<i>Dieterich Buxtehude arr. Robert King</i>
	Dearest Jesus, We Are Here	<i>Johann Sebastian Bach</i>
	Three Welsh Hymn Preludes	<i>Ralph Vaughan Williams</i>
	II. Rhosymedre	<i>arr. Greg Fudala</i>
	Processional	<i>Martin Shaw</i>
	Praise God's Glorious Name	<i>Louis Spohr arr. D. R. Frederick</i>

INTROIT	"Halle, Halle, Halle"	<i>Caribbean melody arr. John Bell</i>
	Hallelujah!	

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

***HYMN 487** "When Morning Gilds the Skies" *Tune: LAUDES DOMINI*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Almighty and merciful God,
we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep.
We have followed too much
the devices and desires of our own hearts.
We have offended against your holy laws.
We have left undone those things
which we ought to have done,
and we have done those things
which we ought not to have done.
O Lord, have mercy upon us.
Spare those who confess their faults.
Restore those who are penitent,
according to your promises declared to the world
in Christ Jesus, our Lord.
And grant, O merciful God, for his sake,
that we may live a holy, just, and humble life
to the glory of your holy name. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

**Stand as you are able.*

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** “Sicut cervus” *Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina*
As deer long for flowing streams,
so my soul longs for you, O God.
- PSALTER** Psalm 23 (*sung*) (The Hymnal, 172)
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** Luke 15:1–10 (page 73, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** “Searching for the Lost” ADAM H. FRONCZEK
- *HYMN 387** “Savior, Like a Shepherd Lead Us” *Tune: BRADBURY*
- *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"

Dale Wood

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Jesu, the Very Thought of Thee"

Richard Proulx

Jesu, the very thought of thee with sweetness fills my breast;
but sweeter far thy face to see, and in thy presence rest.
No voice can sing, nor memory find a sweeter sound than thy
blest name, O Savior of mankind. O hope of every contrite heart!
O joy of all the meek! To those who fall how kind thou art;
how good to those who seek! But what of those who find?
Ah, this no tongue nor pen can show, the love of Jesus!
What it is none but his loved ones know.
Jesu, our only joy be thou, as thou our prize wilt be:
Jesu, be thou our glory now and through eternity.

***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: **God of extravagant mercy,
with hands outstretched
you have poured out wonder and pleasure and delight,
goodness and beauty and bounty.
So take these offerings, we pray, as our protest
against all that is evil and ugly and impoverished,
trivial and wretched and tyrannical,
in our world and in ourselves—
and thus may we and others know ourselves to be blessed.**

Amen.

***HYMN 476**

“O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

Tune: LYONS

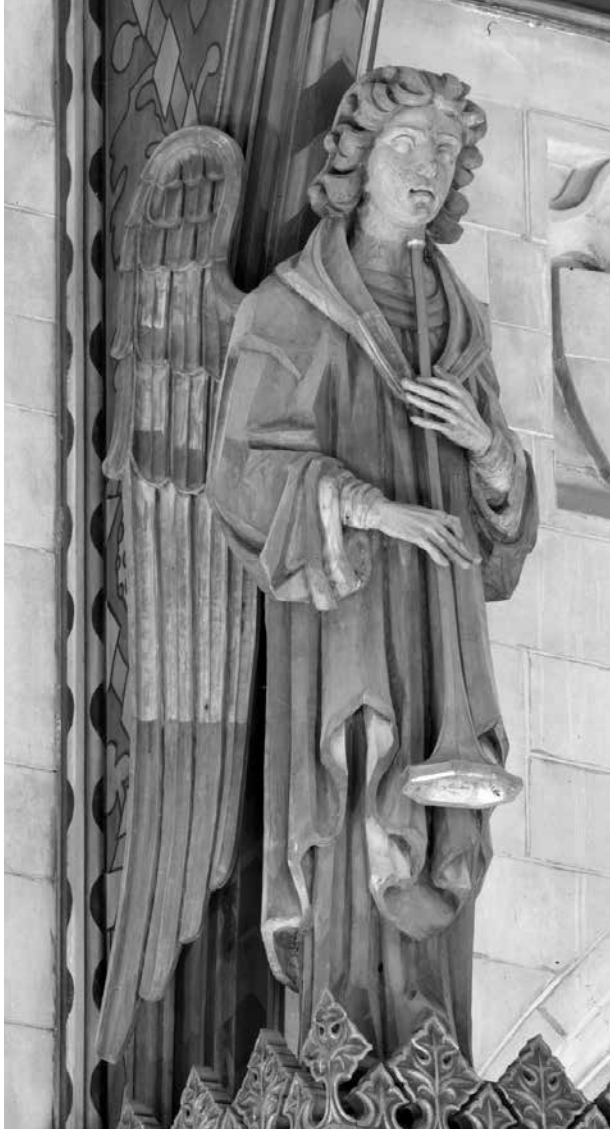
BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Lord, I Have Only Thee

*Heinrich Schütz
arr. Theresia Perry*

IN THE DETAILS



On this Sunday when Tower Brass returns to worship leadership —and as we look up at the seven-foot-tall carved wooden angels atop the aisle piers—we are reminded of the words of Psalm 150: “Praise God with trumpet sound,” with lute, harp, tambourine, strings, and pipes. . . . “Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!”

One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Calum I. MacLeod, Adam H. Fronczek

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

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. The next Taizé service will be Friday, September 27.

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.

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