

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

Duo and Récits from *Suite I*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

INTROIT

“Siyahamba”

South African song; arr. Anders Nyberg

We are marching in the light of God. We are praying in the light of God.

We are dancing in the light of God. We are singing in the light of God.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 474

“O Splendor of God’s Glory Bright”

Tune: PUER NOBIS NASCITUR

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God, in Christ you have shown us compassion.

**From the heights of heaven you have come down to be with us,
but we barely take notice.**

So distracted by our own desires,

so preoccupied with our own plans,

we barely notice the difference

between what you would want and what we want,

what you would do and what we do,

what you would say and what we say.

Forgive us, most merciful God.

Show us what it means to follow you,

what it means to become like you

here on earth

that we might come to know you

on earth as you are in heaven. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER

Psalm 27 *(responsively)*

(page 476, O.T.)

**Stand as you are able*

ANTHEM

“God Is Seen”

American folk hymn; arr. Alice Parker

Through all the world below God is seen all around; search hills and valleys through, there he’s found. The growing of the corn, the lily and the thorn, the pleasant and forlorn, all declare, God is there; in meadows dressed in green, God is seen. See springing waters rise, fountains flow, rivers run, the mist that veils the sky hides the sun. Then down the rain doth pour; the ocean, it doth roar and beat upon the shore; and all praise, in their ways, the God who never declines his designs. The sun with all his rays speaks of God as he flies; the comet in her blaze, “God,” she cries. The shining of the stars, the moon when she appears, his awful name declares; see them fly through the sky and join the solemn sound all around.

FIRST LESSON

Matthew 16:13–20

(page 17, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI

(The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON

Matthew 17:1–9

(page 17, N.T.)

SERMON

Imagining, Imaging, and Imitating

JOYCE SHIN

“And he was transfigured before them, and his face shone like the sun, and his clothes became a dazzling white.” Matthew 17:2 (NRSV)

*HYMN 73

“Swiftly Pass the Clouds of Glory”

Tune: GENEVA

*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 SOLO

“The Lone Wild Bird”

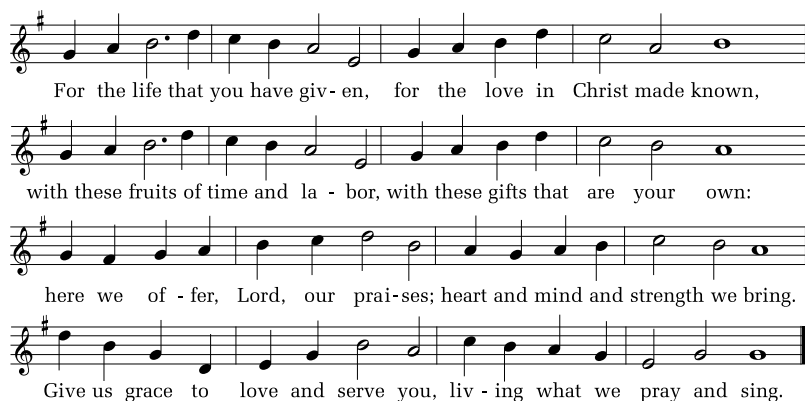
Dale Trumbore

The lone, wild bird in lofty flight
is still with thee, nor leaves thy sight,
and I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

Each secret thought is known to you,
the path I walk my whole life through,
and I am thine! I rest in thee.
Great Spirit, come, and rest in me.

The ends of earth are in your hands,
the seas dark deep and far-off lands,
and I am yours! I rest in you.
Great Spirit, come, rest in me, too.

*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.

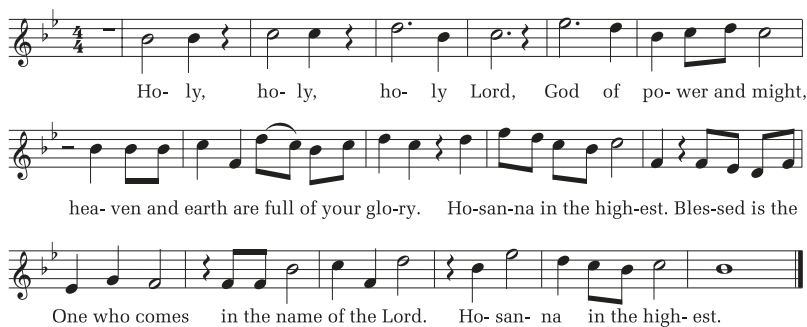
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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:



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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

"Jesus on the Mountain Peak"

Morgan Simmons

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing; let us,
if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia!
This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him, first
and last and only one. All creation shall adore him. Alleluia!

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

Most merciful God,
in Christ you have poured out your love for us.
By your Spirit, bind us together.
Transfigure us into Christ's body,
loving and laboring for your world.
Amen.

***HYMN 419**

"How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord"

Tune: REPTON

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Dialogue from *Suite I*

Louis-Nicolas Clérambault

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John W. Vest, Joyce Shin

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Gillian Hollis, 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, and Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A service in the style of Taizé is held on the fourth Friday of every month except in November and December, when it is held on New Year's Eve. The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

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