

MORNING WORSHIP

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

+ ————— Gathering around the Word ————— +

PRELUDE

A Stately Processional	<i>Eric DeLamarter</i>
Carillon	<i>Leo Sowerby</i>
Reflections	<i>Morgan Simmons</i>

INTROIT

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” *Anthony Baldwin*
O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*HYMN 470

“O Day of Radiant Gladness” Tune: Es flog ein kleins Waldvögelein

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Gracious God, our sins are too heavy to carry,
too real to hide, and too deep to undo.
Forgive what our lips tremble to name,
what our hearts can no longer bear,
and what has become for us a consuming fire of judgment.
Set us free from a past that we cannot change;
open to us a future in which we can be changed;
and grant us grace
to grow more and more in your likeness and image;
through Jesus Christ, the light of the world. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.
People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

**Stand as you are able.*

+ ————— **Listening for the Word** ————— +

PSALTER

Psalm 66:8–20

(page 500, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“I Will Not Leave You Comfortless”

William Byrd

I will not leave you comfortless, alleluia.

I go and come again to you, alleluia,

and your heart shall rejoice, alleluia.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:22–31

(page 129, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (*sung*)

(The Hymnal, 579)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:

As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,

world without end. Amen. Amen.

SECOND LESSON

John 14:15–21

(page 103, N.T.)

SERMON

Seized by the Spirit

Hardy H. Kim

“And I will ask the Father, and he will give you another Advocate, to be with you forever. This is the Spirit of truth, whom the world cannot receive, because it neither sees him nor knows him. You know him, because he abides with you, and he will be in you.” John 14:16–17 (NRSV)

+ ————— Responding to the World ————— +

***HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: Hyfrydol

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH** (*unison*)

Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:1–6, Mark 16:9,
Matthew 16:16, Revelation 22:13, John 20:28

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand, and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried, that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last, the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. 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 Woods

OFFERING

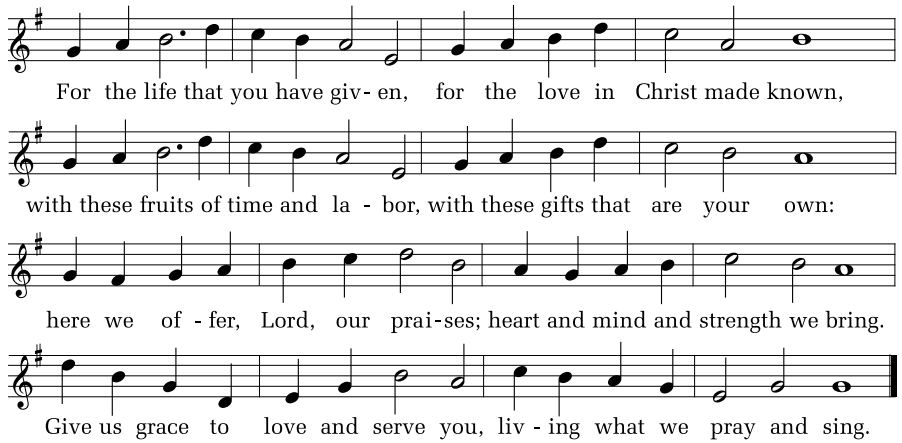
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Philip Stopford

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he will give you another comforter, even the Spirit of truth.

***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** (*unison*)

**Great and loving God,
your will for us in Jesus
is the peace which the world cannot give;
your abiding gift is the Advocate he promised.
Calm all troubled hearts; dispel every fear.
Keep us steadfast in love and faithful to your word,
that we may always be your dwelling place;
and let the gifts we bring be a sign of our commitment
that we will live in you as well.
By them, and by your Spirit moving in us,
may your love be made known to a world in need.
Grant this through Jesus Christ,
the firstborn from the dead,
who lives with you now and always
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
God forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN 562**

“Eternal Father, Strong to Save”

Tune: Melita

+ ————— **Bearing the Word into the World** ————— +

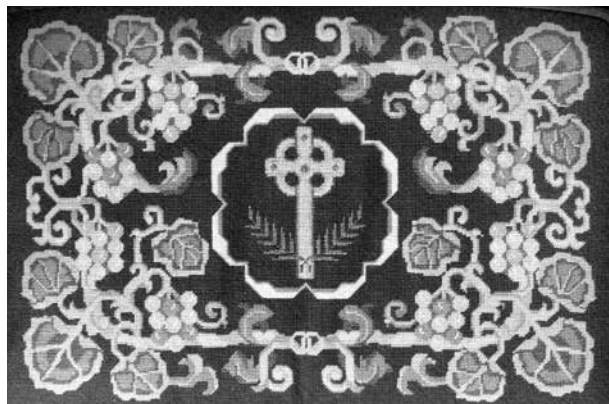
***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION** (*please remain standing*)

POSTLUDE

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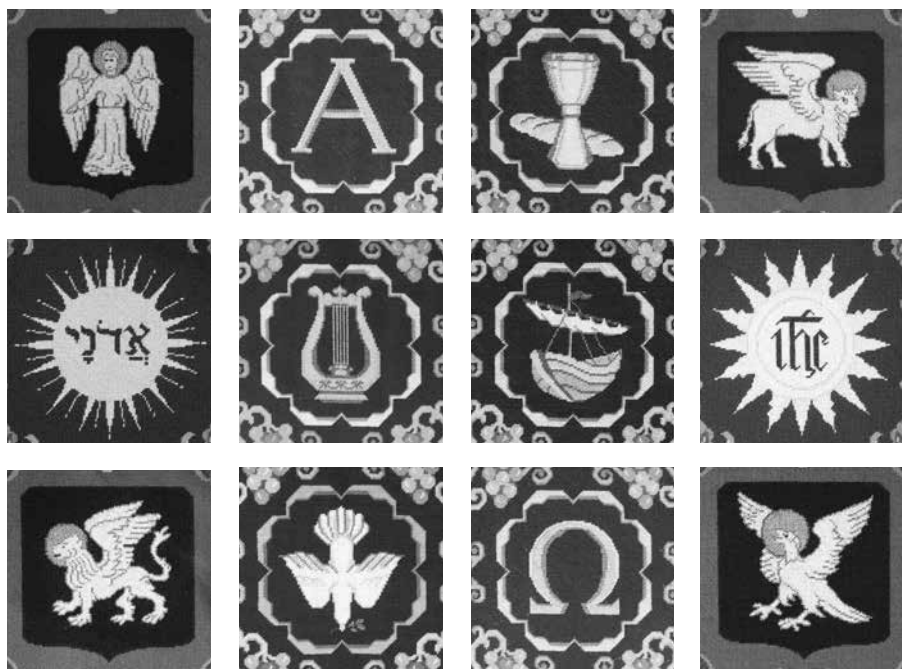
L. Sowerby

IN THE DETAILS



The needlepoint cushions in the chancel, including sixteen cushions, faux carving, panels of wheat and grapes, and the gold cross, are the handiwork of Morgan Simmons, a member of this congregation and, from 1968 to 1996, organist and choirmaster of Fourth Church. The combined number of stitches for these works approaches 2 million—169 per square inch.

Central to each of the upper and lower chancel cushions is a religious symbol (shown here), surrounded by clusters of grapes, which echo the motif found in many of the chancel and pulpit carvings and in the stained glass windows.



One in a series on the architectural details of Fourth Church

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THE MUSIC TODAY

The Morning Choir; Laura Perkett, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church expresses its gratitude to the Morning Choir for its musical leadership at the 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. services throughout the academic year. Beginning next Sunday, June 1, the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will be singing together through July 13, and the women of both choirs will be singing from July 20 through August 31. Anyone interested in joining one of these choirs is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.787.4570; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Julia Bergen and Ashley Elskus on behalf of the Center for Life and Learning, Fourth Church's program for adults sixty and more, which offers academic, well-being, and social opportunities throughout the year.

The bulletin cover photo depicts white Easter tulips on a pillar in the south aisle, backlit by light from the stained-glass windows. The cover quote is from German theologian Jürgen Moltmann's *The Source of Life: The Holy Spirit and the Theology of Life*.

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