

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Rhapsody on a Theme by Paganini Sergei Rachmaninoff
Variation 18 arr. William McVicker

Introit

“Come, Let Us Gather” Anonymous
*Come, let us gather now to sing praises and thanks to God our King.
God’s love surpasses everything.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and compassionate God,
your love for us is unflinching and unfailing,
but we confess that our love for you is uneven.
We ask for your help, but act as though we saved ourselves.
We ask for your forgiveness, but repeat the same mistakes.
We ask for your grace, but live as though it wasn’t present.
So renew us once again, O Lord.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and guide us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.
We pray all of this in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 145:10–18 Old Testament, page 549

Anthem

“Alleluia” William Boyce; arr. Mark Schweizer
Alleluia.

First Lesson

2 Kings 4:38–44 Old Testament, page 320

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

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 6:1–21 New Testament, page 91

Sermon

Loaves and Wishes Matt Helms

“There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish.

But what are they among so many people?” John 6:9 (NRSV)

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 716 “God, Whose Giving Knows No Ending”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

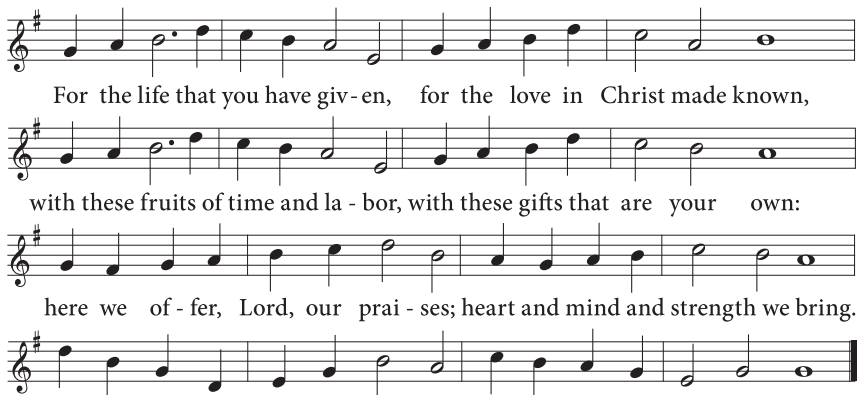
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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

“Alleluia” from *Exsultate Jubilate*. Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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.

Sealing the Word

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.**

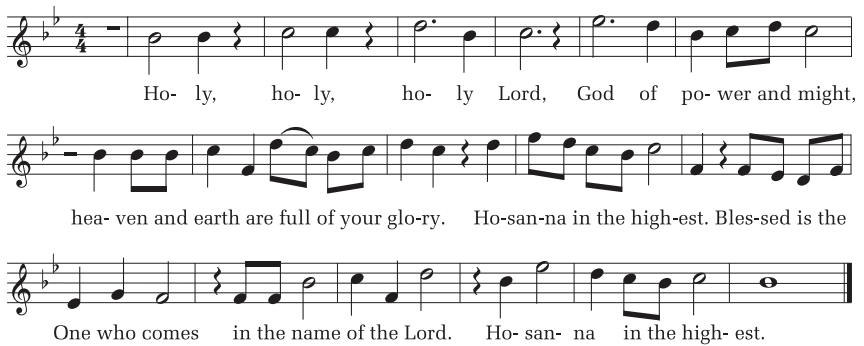
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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:



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.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven,
hallowed by 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

“I Lift My Eyes Up to the Hills” Paul Bouman
*I lift up my eyes to the hills; from where is my help to come?
 My help comes from the Lord, the maker of heaven and earth.
 He will not let your foot be moved, and he who watches over you will not fall asleep.
 Behold, he who keeps watch over Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep;
 the Lord himself watches over you; the Lord is your shade at your right hand
 so that the sun shall not strike you by day, nor the moon by night.
 The Lord shall preserve you from all evil; it is he who shall keep you safe.
 The Lord shall watch over your going out and your coming in,
 from this time forth for evermore.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
 for these gifts of bread and cup
 that remind us that you sustain us in hope
 every day of our lives.
 Help us to offer you lives of witness and worship,
 serving and sharing in this world you have made.
 Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 761 “Called as Partners in Christ’s Service”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude and Fugue in A Minor Gustav Merkel

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Larry Thomas, Matt Helms

The Music Today

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Worship Notes

THE WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are providing musical leadership during worship through September 6. The full choirs will return on September 13. Anyone interested in joining a Fourth Church choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION. The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.

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.

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.

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