

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Soul Adorn Yourself with Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Amen, We Praise Your Name” S. C. Molefe
Sing praises; Amen, we praise your name, O God!

*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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *You who live in the shelter of the Most High, who abide
in the shadow of the Almighty, will say to the Lord,*

People: “My refuge and my fortress, my God in whom I trust.”

Leader: *Under God’s wings we will find refuge, for God is our shield.*

People: To God alone be all glory and honor, forever and ever. Amen.

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 805 “Come Sing to God”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Protector and Provider of all,
we have sought to increase treasure and bolster security
more than we have cultivated justice, godliness, and love.
We love money and influence
with little regard for the evil such love breeds.
In mercy, forgive our selfish greed.
Quicken our hearts by your Spirit,
that we may care more for that which lasts
than for treasures that quickly fade.
Grant us courage to live in the way of the cross
as faithful disciples of your Son,
our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. Amen.

Extinguishing the Fourth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O for a Closer Walk”. Charles Villiers Stanford

*O for a closer walk with God, a calm and heavenly frame;
a light to shine upon the road that leads me to the Lamb.
Return, O Holy Dove, sweet messenger of rest.
I hate the sins that made thee mourn and drove thee from my breast.
So shall my walk be close with God, calm and serene my frame;
so purer light shall mark the road that leads me to the Lamb.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 91:1–6, 14–16 Old Testament, page 518

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 16:19–31 New Testament, page 75
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 168 “Within Your Shelter, Loving God”

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

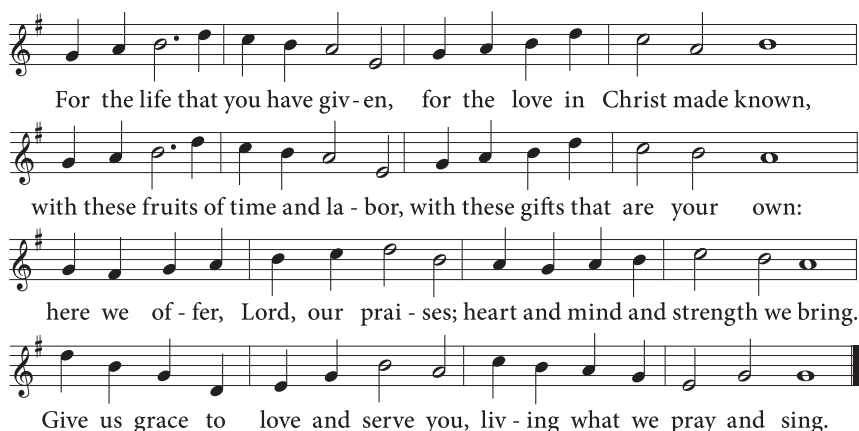
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“Agnus Dei” from the *Mass in B minor*. Johann Sebastian Bach
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

*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:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

“To Thee, O Lord, Do I Lift up My Soul” Sergei Rachmaninoff
To thee, O Lord, do I lift up my soul; my God, I trust in thee.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us.
What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us.
Lead us on, dear Lord. Take us with you. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Jesus, Priceless Treasure Nikolaus Vetter

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Sue Thompson

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

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