

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prayer Jean Langlais

Introit

Somebody's Knocking at Your Door African American spiritual
arr. Richard Proulx

*Somebody's knocking at your door; O sinner, why don't you answer?
Knocks like Jesus.*

*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 409 "God Is Here!"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Jesus, who sat at the table with outcasts and sinners,
we confess that too often our words and actions
are not consistent with our beliefs.
Often we ignore the needy,
are indifferent to the lonely,
and reject those who seem different from us.
Forgive us, we pray.
Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance
through your name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

*Stand as you are able.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 40:1–11 Old Testament, page 486

Anthem

“From the Rising of the Sun” F. A. Gore Ouseley

*“From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same
my name shall be great among the Gentiles;
and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name,
for my name shall be great among the heathen.” Thus saith the Lord!*

First Lesson

Isaiah 49:1–7 Old Testament, page 638

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

1 Corinthians 1:1–9 New Testament, page 155

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“To Love and to Serve” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

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

*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

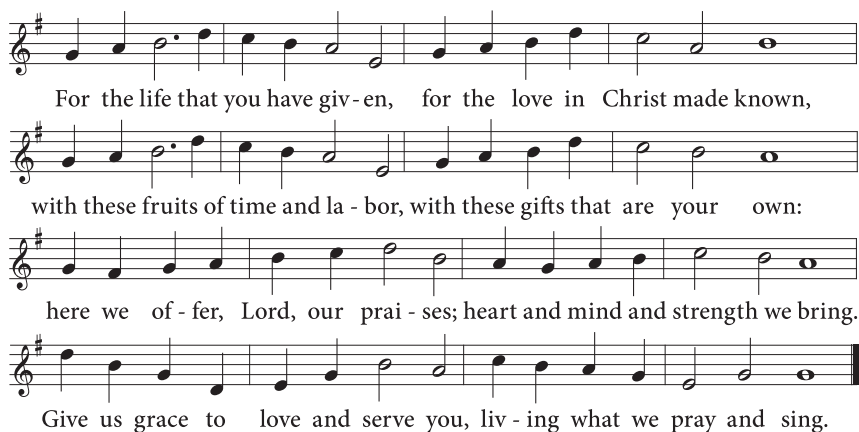
“Lo, How a Rose E’er Blooming” arr. Mark Hayes

*Lo, how a rose e’er blooming
from tender stem hath sprung,
of Jesse’s lineage coming,
as men of old have sung.*

*It came a flow’ret bright
amid the cold of winter
when half-spent was the night.
Isaiah’twas foretold it,
this Rose that I have in mind.*

*And with Mary we behold it,
the Virgin Mother so sweet and so kind.
To show God’s love aright,
she bore to men a Savior
when half-spent was the night.*

*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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

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, 573

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

"Lamb of God" German chorale
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer patient still and lowly,
thyself to scorn didst offer, our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken.
Have mercy on us, O Jesu.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, we thank you for what you have given
and for what you have promised us here.
You have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth.
You have fed us with the bread and cup and renewed us for your service.
May our love be your love, reaching out into the life of the world
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 767 "Together We Serve"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Litanies Jehan Alain

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Peyton Keller, Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which will next be held on Friday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. we gather for Sacred Pause in Stone Chapel, a time of meditative silence (twenty minutes) to begin the day.

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