

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Symphony VI in G Minor Charles-Marie Widor
Cantabile

Introit

“Christ within Us” Donald Bryant
*Christ within us; Christ beside us; Christ before us; Christ to guide us;
Christ in rising; Christ in sleeping; Christ in working; Christ in speaking.*

*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*)

God of love and justice,
we long for peace within and peace without.
We long for harmony in our families,
for serenity in the midst of struggle.
We long for the day when our home
will be a dwelling place for your love.
Yet we confess that we are often anxious,
we do not fully trust each other,
and we harbor violence.
We are not willing to take the risks
and make the sacrifices that love requires of us.
Look upon us with kindness and grace.
Rule in our lives and in all the world;
show us once more how to walk on your paths.
We pray this in Christ’s name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 112 Old Testament, page 532

Anthem

“O for a Closer Walk” Charles V. 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.*

First Lesson

Isaiah 58:1–9 Old Testament, page 647

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

Matthew 5:13–20 New Testament, page 4

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: *Thanks be to God.*

Sermon

“The Fast That We Choose” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 314 “Longing for Light, We Wait in Darkness”

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

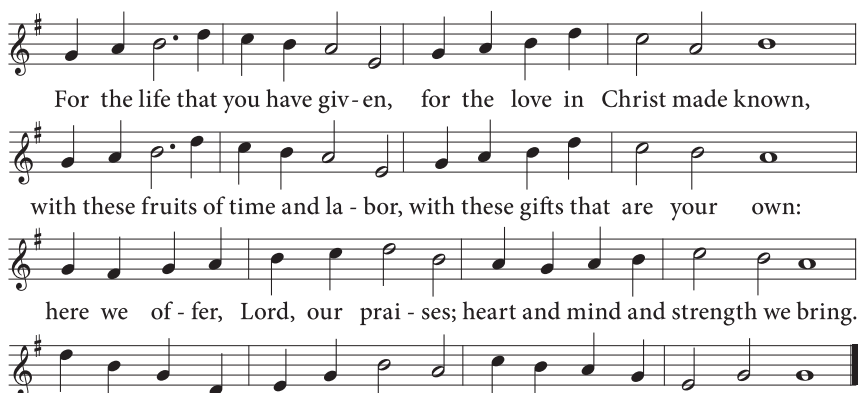
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

Rhosymedre (or “Lovely”) Ralph Vaughan Williams

*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

“O Taste and See” Anthony Doherty
O taste and see how sweet the Lord is. Blessed are they that trust in him.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Lord, you have put gladness in our hearts;
you have satisfied our hunger with good things.
Renew us day by day with the gift of your Spirit,
that we may give ourselves completely to your service
and walk with joy in your paths. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

- *Hymn 757 “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”
- *Benediction
- Postlude
- Cebell Henry Purcell

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The Music Today

The Chancel Choir
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., 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, February 24 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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