

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude for Lent Basil Harwood

Introit

“God Be in My Head” Fraser Wilson

God be in my head and in my understanding;

God be in mine eyes and in my looking;

God be in my mouth and in my speaking;

God be in my heart and in my thinking;

God be at my end and at my departing.

*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: *This is the season of Lent,
the time when we begin the long walk of faith to the cross of Jesus.*

People: We are ready to walk the walk.

Leader: *This is the gathering of God’s people in worship,
a day when our hearts wait upon God who never fails us.*

People: We are ready to hear God’s voice.

Leader: *This is the hour when we hold before God
our very lives, heart, mind, soul, and strength.*

People: With courage and commitment
we bring our whole self to this day.

Leader: *Let us worship the God of creative grace, Jesus our guide,
and the Holy Spirit that beacons and equips.*

People: We are ready, by God’s grace, to worship. Praise be!

*Hymn 167 “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Lenten Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

O God, in the community of your church and in the presence of all your people, we confess to you that we have sinned in thought, word, and deed, by what we have done and what we have left undone. We have not loved you, cared for your world, or respected your people as we should. We own our responsibility and pray for your pardon.

(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the First Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“O Love Divine” Irish folk tune; arr. John Hudson

O love divine, amazing love, that brought to earth from heaven above the Son of God, for us to die that we might dwell on high. He died for you, he died for me, and shed his blood to make us free. Upon the cross of Calvary, the Savior died for me. For us a crown of thorns he bore; for us a robe of scorn he wore. He conquered death and rent the grave and lives again, our souls to save. O wanderer, come, on him believe, his grace by faith receive. Awake, arise, and hear his call; the feast is spread for all.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 19:1–10 Old Testament, page 472

*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

Mark 10:17–31. New Testament, page 43

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“The Gaze” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 821 “My Life Flows On”

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

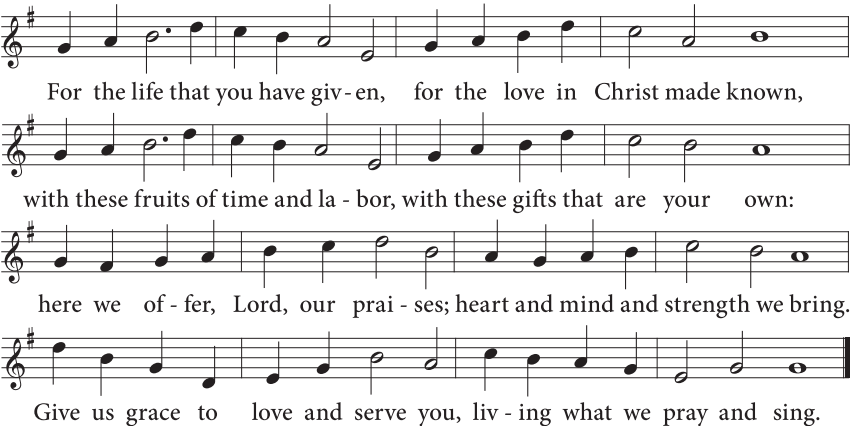
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the
Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day
he rose again from the dead;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

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended. Johannes Brahms

*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, 565

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, 566

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

“Lord, for Thy Tender Mercies’ Sake” Richard Farrant
*Lord, for thy tender mercies’ sake, lay not our sins to our charge,
but forgive that is past, and give us grace to amend our sinful lives;
to decline from sin, and incline to virtue,
that we may walk in a perfect heart before thee now and ever more.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We give thanks, almighty and ever-living God, for the meal which we have received. May the nourishment strengthen us for your service; may the promise of new life made known in the astonishing brokenness make us whole. May our hearts brim with gratitude for this foretaste of the feast to come: joy upon joy, grace upon grace, reconciled to one another and to you, Most Holy Christ. And as we step from this sanctuary may we open our hands with holy and radical hospitality to all we encounter; through Christ we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 65 “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O Bread of Life from Heaven Johannes Brahms

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 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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The Music Today

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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 the shadows of 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; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and 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; write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or make a gift online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

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