

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Meditation Ken Yukl

Introit

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” Tanzanian melody

*Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia.
For our redeemer burst from the tomb,
even from death, dispelling its gloom.
Let us sing praise to him with endless joy;
death's fearful sting he has come to destroy.
Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia!
Christ has a risen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be.
Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly king.*

*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 611 “Joyful, Joyful, We Adore Thee”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue Christ's mission to a broken and hurting world,
and yet we acknowledge that we are more
apathetic than active, isolated than involved,
callous than compassionate, and obstinate than obedient.
Gracious Lord, have mercy upon us.
Remove the obstacles preventing us from being
your representatives in this world.
Awaken our hearts to the promised gift of your Spirit.
We pray this in Christ's name. Amen.

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

“The Day of Resurrection” Brian Wentzel

*The day of resurrection! Earth, tell it out abroad,
the Passover of gladness, the Passover of God.
From death to life eternal, from sin’s dominion free,
our Christ has brought us over with hymns of victory.
Let hearts be purged of evil that we may see aright
the Lord in rays eternal of resurrection light,
and listening to his accents, may hear, so calm and plain,
his own “All hail!” and hearing, may raise the glad refrain.
Now let the heavens be joyful, let earth its song begin,
the round world keep high triumph and all that is therein.
Let all things, seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend;
for Christ the Lord has risen, our joy that has no end.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 22:25–31 Old Testament, page 474

*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

John 15:1–17, 26–27. New Testament, page 103

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 231 “Christ Has Risen While Earth Slumbers”

*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.

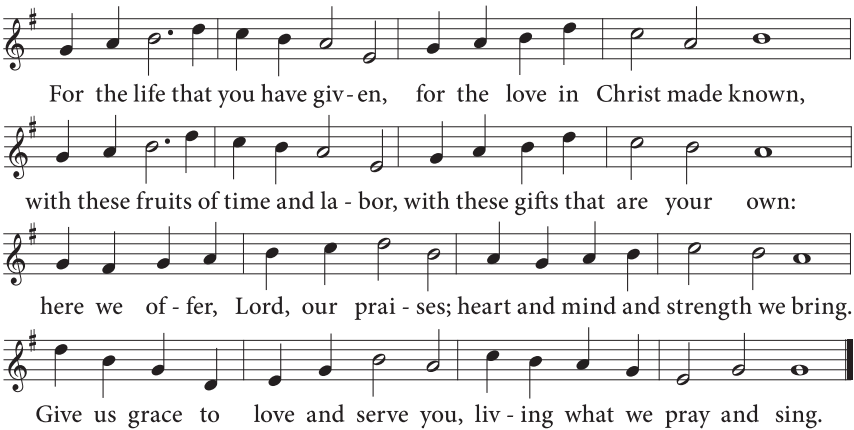
Offering

Offertory Solo

“I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Antonin Dvorák

*I will sing new songs of gladness; I will sing Jehovah’s praises upon a ten-string
psaltery. Ev’ry day will I extol thee and will bless thy holy name; I will bless
thy holy name. Great is God and great his mercy. Who shall tell of all his
greatness? Who shall his pow’r declare? My song shall be of praise and honor
and of thy glorious acts. Thy works are wonderful, past our knowing. Yea,
men shall tell of thy great kindness and of thy wond’rous might, and my
voice shall proclaim aloud thy glory.*

*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: *Redeemer of the lost, on this day of joy and hope . . .
... we join our voices with all your people in every age,
time, and place, who forever sing your praises:*

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

“Lead Us, Heavenly Father” Roger Quilter

*Lead us, heavenly Father, o’er the world’s tempestuous sea;
guard us, guide us, keep us, feed us, for we have no help but thee;
yet possessing every blessing if our God, our Father be.
Savior, breathe forgiveness o’er us, all our weakness thou dost know.
Thou didst tread this earth before us, thou didst feel its keenest woe.
Lone and dreary, faint and weary, through the desert thou didst go.
Spirit of God descending, fill our hearts with heavenly joy,
love with every passion blending pleasure that can never cloy.
Thus provided, pardoned, guided, nothing can our peace destroy. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We thank you, O God, for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope every day of our lives.
As Christ burst forth from the tomb,
may that hope and new life burst forth from us
and show itself in acts of love and healing to a hurting world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Our Father, Lord of Heaven and Earth J. S. Bach

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

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship 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 will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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