

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Suite Gothique Léon Boëllmann

Prière a Notre Dame

Introit :: “Alleluia. The Lord Is Risen Indeed” George Thalben-Ball

Alleluia. The Lord is risen indeed. O come, let us adore him. Alleluia.

*Doxology (*sung*) The Hymnal, 609

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow.

Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia, alleluia!

Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.

Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Invocation

*Hymn 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, you have raised Jesus from the grave and given us resurrection joy.

And yet, we confess that we resist the good news, living as if nothing has changed.

We are slow to serve you and reluctant to spread your good news to those you love.

God, have mercy upon us. Forgive our hesitancy. Give us hearts ready to proclaim
your trust in us, and strengthen us to persevere with steadfast faith in you.

Through Jesus Christ we pray. 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.”

*Stand as you are able.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: “Christ Our Passover” William C. MacFarlane

Christ our passover is sacrificed for us; therefore let us keep the feast, not with old leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of sincerity and truth. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once, but in that he liveth, he liveth unto God. Likewise, reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin but alive unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Christ is risen from the dead and become the first fruits of them that slept; for since by man came death, by man came also the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive. 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.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 150



*Easter Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 589

Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia. Alleluia, alleluia.

Now the Lord is risen indeed.

Scripture Lesson :: Matthew 28:16–20 New Testament, page 32

Sermon Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 254 “That Easter Day with Joy Was Bright”

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

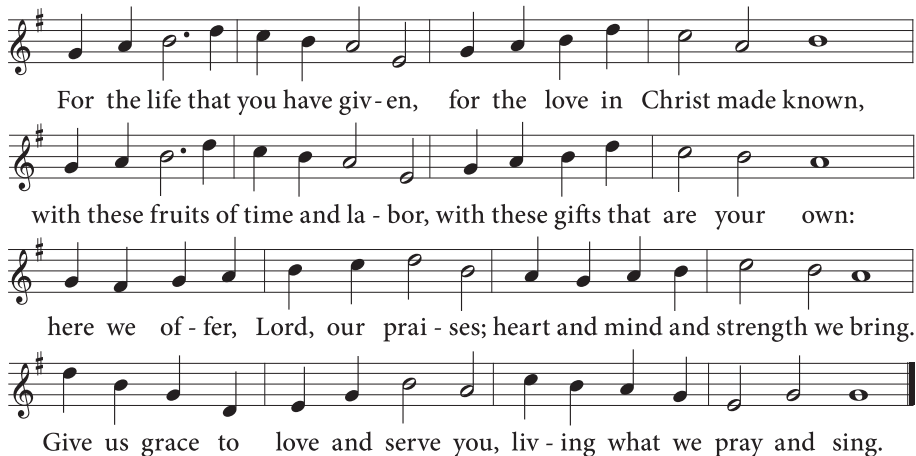
I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: *We lift them up to the Lord.*

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: *It is right to give our thanks and praise.*

Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . forever singing 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.

Leader: . . . *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*) The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "Rise Up, My Love, My Fair One" Healey Willan

*Rise up, my love, my fair one, and come away;
for lo, the winter is past, the rain is over and gone;
the flowers appear upon the earth; the time of singing of birds is come.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, giver of light and giver of life,
we give thanks for the radiance of the risen Christ.
Our hearts brim with love and our hands reach with care
as a measure of our gratitude for the gift of life.
As we have received your body and blood, broken and shared,
grant that our lives would resemble your love in every act of care and service we give.
And strengthen our resolve to tend for all you have entrusted to our care
with joy and stewarding grace.
We ask this in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior and our brother. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 244 “This Joyful Eastertide”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Healey Willan

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 Lord’s Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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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Worship Notes

TODAY'S PRELUDE AND POSTLUDE are offered in honor of those affected by recent fires at houses of worship in the U.S. and abroad.

DURING THE SEASON OF EASTER (lasting seven weeks, spanning the 50 days from Easter Sunday to Pentecost Sunday), we will make great use of the word *Alleluia*. Having fasted from the word *Alleluia* during the Season of Lent, our Doxology and Easter Acclamation (holding the place of the Gloria Patri) gives God thanksgiving for the gift of eternal life found in Christ's resurrection.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including 9:30 and 11:00 a.m. worship services and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. 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. On the fourth Friday of each month we offer an evening service in the style of Taizé. The next Taizé service will be held on Friday, May 24 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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