

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Voluntary in D Minor John Stanley
Allegro–Adagio–Allegro
Voluntary in D Major William Boyce
Larghetto–Vivace

Introit

“Breathe on Me, Breath of God” Robert Jackson; arr. Norman J. Clayton
*Breathe on me, breath of God, fill me with life anew;
that I may love what thou dost love, and do what thou wouldst do.*

*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: *Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth!*

People: **Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into God’s presence with singing.**

Leader: *Know that the Lord is God.*

It is our Creator who made us, and we belong to the Lord.

People: **We are God’s people, and the sheep of God’s pasture.**

Leader: *Enter God’s gates with thanksgiving, and God’s courts with praise.
Give thanks to the Lord, bless God’s name.*

People: **For the Lord is good; God’s steadfast love endures forever,
and God’s faithfulness to all generations.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 401 “Here in This Place”

*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious and compassionate God,
your love for us is unflinching and unfailing,
but we confess that our love for you is uneven.
We ask for your help, but act as though we saved ourselves.
We ask for your forgiveness, but repeat the same mistakes.
We ask for your grace, but live as though it wasn't present.
So renew us once again, O Lord.
Set us free from a past we cannot change;
open us to a future in which we can be changed;
and guide us through the gift of your Holy Spirit.
We pray all of this in Jesus' name. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: "Prayer Litany" Helen Kemp

*Lord, make me an instrument of thy peace day by day.
Where there is hatred, let me sow love, and where there is despair, may I sow hope.
Where there is darkness, let me sow light, and where there is sadness, joy.
And Lord, of thee three things I pray, day by day:
to see thee more clearly, love thee more dearly, and follow thee more nearly.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Jeremiah 1:4–10 Old Testament, page 656

Psalter Psalm 76:1–6

Leader: *In you, O Lord, have I taken refuge; let me never be put to shame.*
People: **In your righteousness, deliver me and set me free;
incline your ear to me and save me.**

Leader: *Be my strong rock, a castle to keep me safe;
you are my crag and my stronghold.*

People: Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked,
from the clutches of the evildoer and the oppressor.

Leader: *For you are my hope, O Lord God,
my confidence since I was young.*

People: I have been sustained by you ever since I was born;
from my mother's womb you have been my strength;
my praise shall be always of you.

Leader: *Amen.*

*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 :: Luke 13:10–17 New Testament, page 71

Sermon :: “To Pluck Up, Pull Down, Build, and Plant (in Some Order)” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

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

*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.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Prayers of the People

Minute for Mission

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.

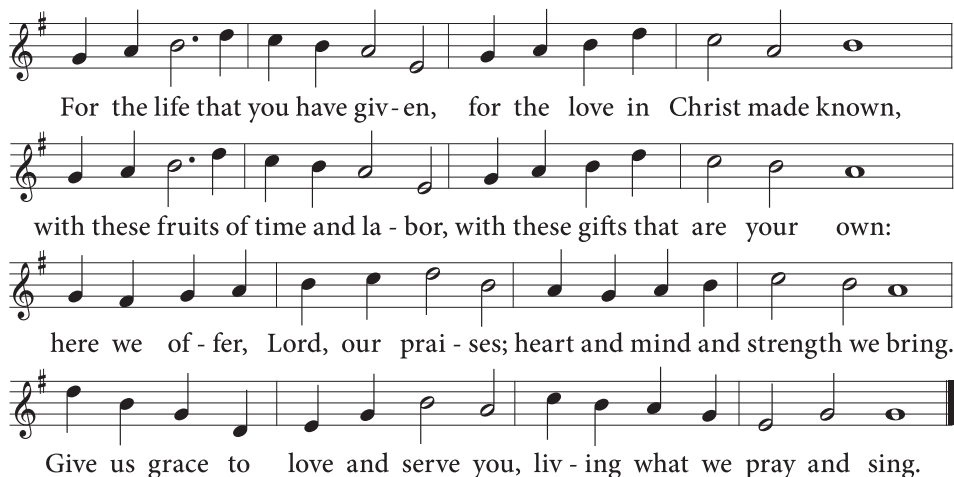
Prayer Response :: "Amen" Anonymous

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: "Blessing" Katie Moran Bart

*May the road rise up to meet you; may the wind be always at your back;
may the sun shine warm upon your face; and the rains fall soft upon your fields.
Until we meet again, my friend, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.*

*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

Lord God, in deep gratitude for this moment
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people,
because after our experience of you
we cannot remain the same.
Ask much of us, expect much from us,
enable much by us, encourage many through us.
May we each sow the seeds of your love freely,
and may they indeed take root in our world. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

- *Hymn 697 “Take My Life”
- *Benediction and Response
- Postlude ♯ Trumpet Voluntary John Stanley

Worship Leaders

9:30 Joseph L. Morrow, Larry Thomas, Victoria G. Curtiss, Matt Helms

11:00 Joseph L. Morrow, Judy Kerch, Victoria G. Curtiss, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Women's Choir; Laura Perkett, oboist

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Charles Lehew on behalf of the Tutoring program of Chicago Lights, the nonprofit community outreach arm of Fourth Church.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Next Sunday, September 1, the 4:00 service will be held outdoors in the Michigan Avenue courtyard. 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.

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