

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Suite No. 1 in C Major Raymond Stunkel
Prelude

Introit :: “O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips”. Richard Ayleward
*O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606
Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
Creator, Christ and Holy Ghost. Amen.

*Call to Worship
Leader: *When wisdom calls out in bustling marketplaces and crossroads,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In classrooms and on play lots, where children raise their joyous voices,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In empty lots and vacant buildings, where laments rise for caretaking and love,*
People: **God is in the midst of the city.**
Leader: *In this sanctuary, where the people of the city gather as the beloved of God,*
People: **God is here.**

*Hymn 394 “Christ Is Made the Sure Foundation”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Holy God, you make your purposes and way known to us,
but we drift away from your vision,*

People: **counting what we might lose rather than counting what all creation
might gain. How many times, O Lord, have we given into fear?**

Leader: *Gracious God, in the cries of the poor and sighs of the suffering,
you call us to attend to the needs of others,*

People: **but we express apathy toward those unlike us and carelessly squander
our resources. How many times, O Lord, have we turned away with neglect?**

Leader: *Compassionate God, you stand ready to mend brokenness
and to restore relationships,*

People: **but we make enemies and exiles of those you call us to love and serve.
How many times, O Lord, have we forgotten the wideness of your love?**

Leader: *Even as we recall our faults, O God,*

People: **remember us in your mercy. 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 :: “King of Glory, King of Peace” Harold W. Friedell

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Revelation 21:1–5 New Testament, page 244



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. You a-lone, O Lord, are ho-ly.



Come and fill our hearts with your peace. Al-le-lu - ia!

*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high-est!



Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, al-le-lu-ia, al-le-lu-ia!

Second Lesson :: Jeremiah 29:4-7 Old Testament, page 687

Sermon Series: Remembering Our Past, Inspiring Our Future

“Seek the Welfare of the City” Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

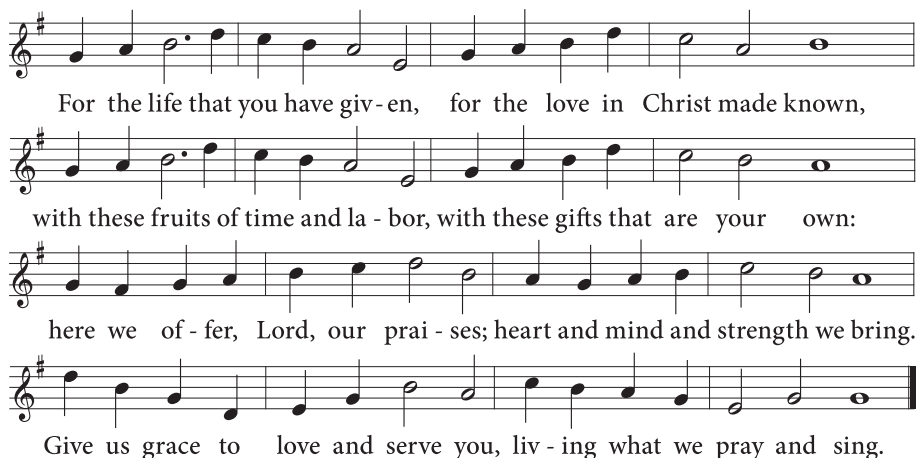
*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) :: Apostles’ Creed The Hymnal, page 35

Offering

Offertory Solo :: “I Walked Today Where Jesus Walked” Geoffrey O’Hara

*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 :: "Ubi caritas" Maurice Duruflé

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us into one;
let us rejoice and be glad. Let us love the living God, and from a sincere heart let us love
one another. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

At your holy table, welcoming God, you gathered us from exile and woundedness;
you nourished us in our hunger and longing, as you offered us your life. Help us
share our lives with others an offering of thanks and praise, sharing hope with
the hopeless, being instruments of your peace and reconciliation. Amen.

Commissioning of Ushers

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 79 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Trumpet Tune in G Major Georg Philipp Telemann

USHER COMMISSIONING

*Today's commissioning of Fourth Church ushers is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church,
its members, and those who are among us as visitors.*

8:00 A.M. USHERS

Gary Beckman, Greg Geuther, Garnie Head, Angela Jones, Michael Kazanjian, Dennis Porick, Julia Roberts

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, H.D. Mitchell, Lucy Forster-Smith

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

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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