

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Children of the Heavenly Father James Biery

Processional Martin Shaw

Introit :: “Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” South African song

Hallelujah! We sing your praises; all our hearts are filled with gladness.

Christ the Lord to us said, “I am wine, I am bread, give to all who hunger.”

*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: *When we seek justice for the other,
when we love kindness more than ever,*

People: **we live as God asks us to live.**

Leader: *When we walk humbly through life,
when we offer mercy to those who hurt us,*

People: **we are the blessing God hopes we will be.**

Leader: *When we are willing to look foolish by following Jesus,
when we choose weakness rather than power,*

People: **we reflect the One who is in our midst.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 511 “Come, Behold! the Feast of Heaven”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

You asked for our hands, that you might use them for your purpose;
we gave them for a moment, then withdrew them, for the work was hard.
You asked for our mouths to speak out against injustice;
we gave you a whisper, for we were afraid.
You asked for our eyes to see the pain of the world;
we closed them, for we did not want to see.
Forgive us, O God, for our calculated efforts to serve you—
only when it is convenient for us to do so,
only in those places where it feels safe to do so,
and only with those who make it easy to do so.
Forgive us, renew us, and send us out to hear your call and claim anew. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson # Micah 6:1–8 Old Testament, page 816

*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 # 1 Corinthians 1:18–31 New Testament, page 156

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 372 “O for a World”

*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 Anthem # “Duo Seraphim” Jacob Handl

Two bright seraphim, proclaiming, cried out to highest heaven,

“Holy, holy, holy, God is the Lord of power and might.

Full are both heaven and earth with his great 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

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, 572

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.

Leader: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 573

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthems

"Gott ist unser Zuversicht" Johann Pachelbel

Anthem text is from Psalm 46:1-7 (Old Testament, page 489)

"Praise the Lord" John E. West

Praise the Lord, ye servants, O praise the name of the Lord.

Blessed be the name of the Lord, from this time forth, forevermore.

The Lord's name is praised from the rising up of the sun unto the going down of the same.

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures; he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.

Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.

Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us, long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us. Give us grace, that in everything we may yield ourselves, our wills, and our works, a continual thanksgiving to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 536 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude # Toccata in Seven. John Rutter

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord’s Supper. The invitation is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” Even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper, in which we are assured of God’s love and grace. The congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshippers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty compostable glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Rocky Supinger, Kira Gallenbeck, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Knox Lingenfelter, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

WE ARE LIVE STREAMING TODAY'S 11:00 A.M. SERVICE at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where it can also be watched in the coming week.

THIS MORNING THE CHANCEL CHOIR—which each week sings for the 8:00 a.m. service—and the Morning Choir are singing together in anthems intended to be sung by two choirs from different locations.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on seven statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares “I am . . . the Resurrection and the Life; the Bread of Life; the Light of the World; the Gate; the Good Shepherd; the Way, the Truth, and the Life; and the Vine.” The banners were designed and created by Associate Pastor Victoria G. Curtiss.

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