

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Andante religioso and Allegretto from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

Introit :: “God Be in My Head” Will Nichols

God be in my head and in my understanding.

God be in my eyes and in my looking.

God be in my mouth and in my speaking.

God be in my heart and in my thinking.

God be in my end and in my departing.

*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: *On a high mountain, Jesus was transfigured,*

People: and God said, “This is my Beloved Son.”

Leader: *As God spoke, calling light out of darkness,*

People: God’s glory shines in the face of Jesus Christ.

Leader: *At the mountain of the Lord bow down,*

People: for the Lord our God is holy.

*Hymn 193 “Jesus, Take Us to the Mountain”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of compassion, in Jesus Christ you reveal the light of your glory,

but we turn away from you, distracted by our own plans.

We confess that we speak when we should listen,

and act when we should wait.

Forgive our aimless enthusiasms.

Grant us courage to live in your light

and to follow in the way of Jesus, your Son. 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 :: “Let the Bright Seraphim” Deodatus Dutton Jr.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: 2 Peter 1:16–21 New Testament, page 222

Psalter Psalm 2:1–11



*Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 583



Responding to the Word

*Hymn 156 “Sing of God Made Manifest”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from the Confession of 1967

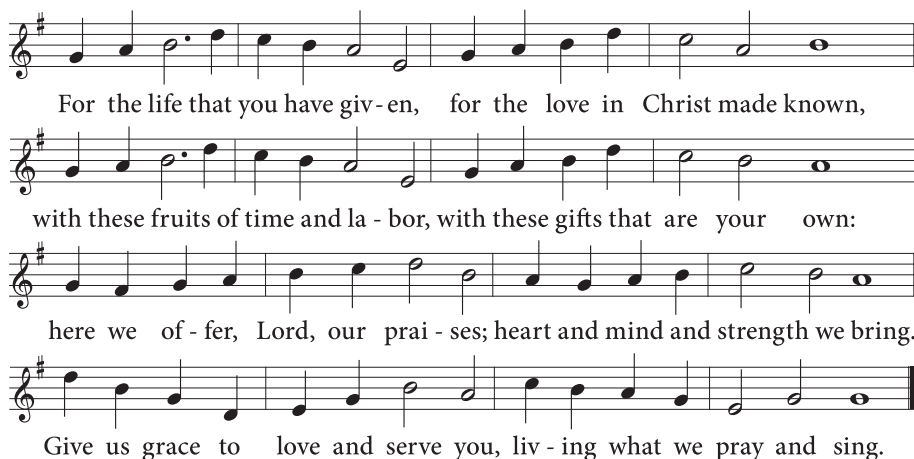
The reconciling work of Jesus was the supreme crisis in the life of humankind.
 His cross and resurrection become personal crisis and present hope for all when
 the gospel is proclaimed and believed. In this experience, the Spirit brings God’s
 forgiveness to all, moves them to respond in faith, repentance, and obedience,
 and initiates the new life in Christ.

Offering

Offertory Solo :: “I Will Sing New Songs of Gladness” Antonín Dvorák

*I will sing new songs of gladness; I will sing Jehovah’s praises upon a ten-stringed 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, all 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

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 Anthem :: "Jesus on the Mountain Peak" Morgan Simmons

Jesus on the mountain peak stands alone in glory blazing;

let us, if we dare to speak, join the saints and angels praising. Alleluia.

This is God's beloved Son! Law and prophets sing before him,

first and last and only one. All creation shall adore him. Alleluia.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We give you thanks, Lord Jesus Christ,
for the gifts of grace we have received from your hand.
Now send us forth to reflect your light,
proclaiming your love made known in your death and resurrected glory. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♪ Allegro con brio from *Sonata IV* Felix Mendelssohn

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.” 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

Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist

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

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Laura Bottei, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

AT THE TIME OF THE OFFERING, whether you give through Venmo (@Fourth-Church), online via our website, electronically via automatic debits to your bank or credit card, or make your contributions monthly, quarterly, or annually, we want you to take part in our communal offering of our gifts. If you give in one of these ways, we encourage you to use the “I give” cards, which you will find in the pew racks. As others place envelopes, checks, or cash into the offering plate, we invite you to acknowledge your giving in other forms by placing one of the “I give” cards into the offering plate.

THE BANNERS DISPLAYED IN THE SANCTUARY are based on six statements attributed to Jesus Christ in the Gospel according to John in which Jesus declares “I am . . . 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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