
MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE	The Third Mode Melody	<i>Thomas Tallis</i>
	Master Tallis's Testament	<i>Herbert Howells</i>
	Morning Song	<i>Edward Elgar</i>
	Processional	<i>Martin Shaw</i>

INTROIT (9:30)	"Beloved, Let Us Love"	<i>Austin Lovelace</i>
	Beloved, let us love, for love is of God; in God alone hath love its true abode. Beloved, let us love, for they who love, they only are God's own, born from above. Beloved, let us love, for love is light; and they who love not dwell in night. Beloved, let us love, for only thus shall we behold that God loveth us. Beloved, let us love.	

INTROIT (11:00)	"Sing, Sing, Praise and Sing"	<i>South African melody arr. Elizabeth Syré</i>
	Sing, sing, praise and sing! Honor God for everything. Sing to God and let it ring. Sing and praise and sing! Clap your hands, lift your voice, praise our God and rejoice! Full of joy, full of rest, through our God, we are blessed. Cymbal, harp, violin, tambourine, all join in!	

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

* HYMN 461	"God Is Here!"	<i>Tune: ABBOT'S LEIGH</i>
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PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

**Almighty God, you love us, but we have not loved you.
You call, but we have not listened. We walk away from
neighbors in need, wrapped in our own concerns.
We condone evil, prejudice, warfare, and greed.
God of grace, help us to admit our sin, so that as you come
to us in mercy, we may repent, turn to you, and receive
forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Redeemer. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy; for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM

“How Precious Is Thy Loving-Kindness” *Daniel Pinkham*
How precious is thy loving-kindness, O God! The children of all take refuge in the shadow of thy wings. They are satisfied with the abundance of thy house, and thou makest them drink of the river of thy pleasures. For with thee is the fountain of life; in thy light, do we see light.

PSALTER

Psalm 22:25–31 (*responsively*) (page 474, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON

1 John 4:7–21 (page 226, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

by Adam Fronczek

RECKLESS LOVE

“Perfect love casts out fear.” 1 John 4:18 (NRSV)

***HYMN 408**

“Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life” *Tune: GERMANY*

***APOSTLES’ CREED**

(*unison*)

**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.**

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

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

“Create in Me a Clean Heart”

Stephen Sturk

Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit
within me. Amen.

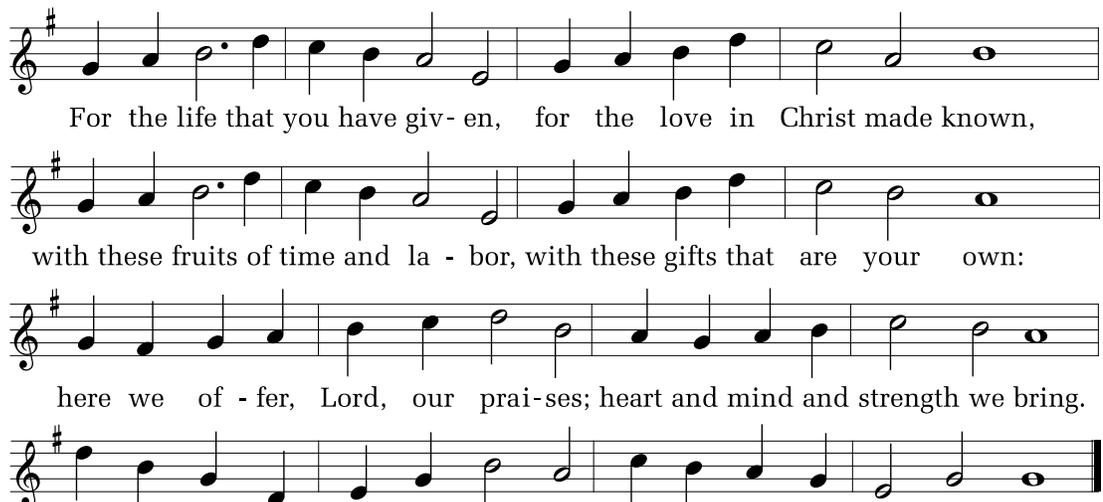
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM “The Garden Hymn”

Ronald Perera

The Lord into his garden comes; the spices yield a rich perfume;
the lilies grow and thrive; amazing love and grace divine, from Jesus
flow to every vine and make the dead revive. Come, children, ye that
love the Lord, who taste the sweetness of his word, in Jesus' ways go
on. Our troubles and our trials here will only make us richer there,
when we arrive at home. The glorious time is rolling on; the gracious
work is now begun; my soul a witness is; I taste and see the pardon
free for all mankind as well as me, who come to Christ to live.

*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.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

All: **We give you thanks, gracious God,
for drawing us out of places of fear,
for committing yourself to reckless love,
and for calling us to follow you.
Take these, our gifts, and bless them.
May our generous giving be a sign to you;
a sign that we are willing to move beyond fear
and love as you have loved us.
May these gifts be to others an expression of
your love and generosity, reaching out to the world.
All glory and power are yours, almighty God,
in whose name we pray. Amen.**

***HYMN 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Fanfare

Ronald Arnatt

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

EACH MONTH, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

Those being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Kate Cornelia Boone, daughter of Jeffrey and Aimee Boone
Emily Huang Findler, daughter of Robby Findler and Hsing-Heui Huang
Lillian Grace Knapp, daughter of Daniel and Andrea Knapp
Caitlin Jeanne McCarthy, daughter of Robert and Hayley McCarthy
Ian Hamilton Reatherford, son of Seth and Allison Reatherford
Miller Hobson Walden, son of Martin and Elizabeth Walden*

Those being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*William Michael Crouch, son of Brian and Katherine Crouch
Annabel Morgan Hawk, daughter of Ryan and Caroline Hawk
Morgan Victoria Huyser, daughter of Aimee Huyser
Jacob Theodore La Cosse, son of Mike and Genanne La Cosse
Kennedy Grace Vancura, daughter of Tim and Lesley Vancura
Noah Clelland Vest, son of John and Anna Vest*

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. John W. Vest, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek

11:00 a.m. Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, Adam Fronczek

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

11:00 a.m. The Cherub Choir; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church welcomes to worship members of the Interfaith Youth Core from the United States and the United Kingdom.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday services. Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). A Taizé service is held at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel on the fourth Friday of each month. The next service will be Friday, May 22. Beginning on Sunday, June 7, Fourth Church will offer a new weekly afternoon service on Sundays at 4:00 p.m.

The Fourth Church website, www.fourthchurch.org, makes available audio of the previous Sunday morning's 11:00 a.m. worship service, including the sermon. Also posted on the website is the text of all worship bulletins and "News and Opportunities" as well as information about upcoming worship services.

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