

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE

“Sleepers, Wake!” A Voice Astounds Us

Johann Sebastian Bach

INTROIT

“Our King and Savior Draws Near”

Iain Quinn

Our King and Savior draws near; come let us adore him. Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit; as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be. Amen.

*DOXOLOGY

(The Hymnal, 592)

*LIGHTING OF THE ADVENT WREATH

Leader: In a quiet time of hope,
the prophet Isaiah called out to the Lord:
“O that you would tear open the heavens
and come down, so that the mountains
would quake at your presence—
as when fire kindles brushwood
and the fire causes water to boil.”

People: **We light candles on the Advent wreath
to remind us of a time of waiting and watching;
a time of hope; a time to bring the light
of Christ into the world.**

Leader: The light is for us all—
to heal and to challenge;
to break down injustice and to build up love.

People: **In the face of the uncertainties of our world,
God is coming to make all things new.**

Leader: A voice cries out in the wilderness,
“Prepare the way of the Lord; make his paths
straight.”

People: **Soon the glory of the Lord shall be revealed,
and all flesh shall see it together,
for the mouth of the Lord has spoken it.**

***HYMN 17**

“Sleepers, Wake!’ A Voice Astounds Us”

Tune: WACHET AUF

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*unison*)

**Everlasting God,
fountain of all life and the true home of every heart:
our hearts are restless until they rest in you.
Yet we confess that our hearts have been enslaved
by selfish passion and base desire.
We have sought after many things
and have neglected the one thing needful.
We have not loved you with our whole hearts;
help us to turn to you and find forgiveness.
Lead us home, that we may again find in you
our life and joy and peace. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 96:7–13 (*responsively*) (page 521, O.T.)

ANTHEM “The Lord Will Come and Not Be Slow”
Christopher Tye

The Lord will come and not be slow, his footsteps cannot err; before him righteousness shall go, his royal harbinger. Truth from the earth, like to a flower, shall bud and blossom then; and justice from her heavenly bower look down on mortal man. Rise God, judge thou the earth in might, this wicked earth redress, for thou art he who shalt by right the nations all possess. The nations all whom thou hast made shall come, and all shall frame to bow them low before thee Lord and glorify thy name.

FIRST LESSON Hebrews 1:1–4 (page 204, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

***GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON Mark 13:24–37 (page 47, N.T.)

*HYMN 356

“Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing”

Tune: NETTLETON

*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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY VOLUNTARY “Come Thou Now, Jesus, Down from Heaven”

J. S. Bach

*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.

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THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

GREAT THANKSGIVING

Minister: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

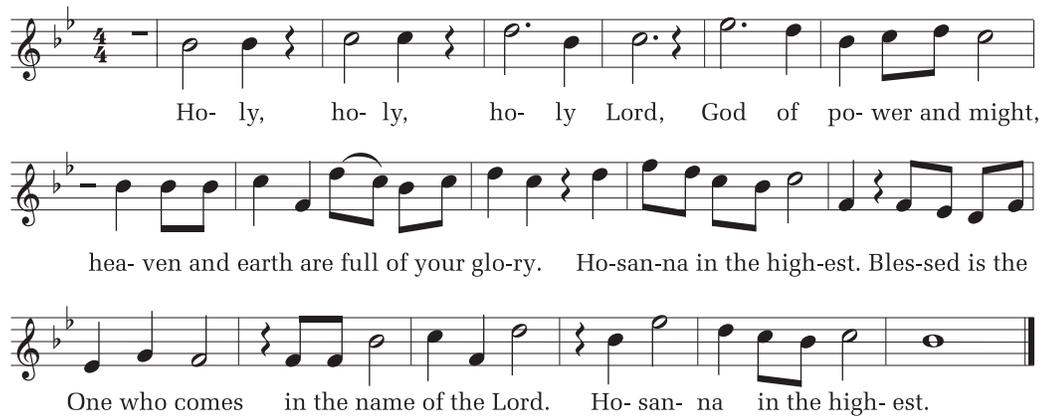
Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

PRAYER

Minister: It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .

. . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bles-sed is the
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

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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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION ANTHEM “Who at My Door Is Standing?”

*English folk melody
arr. K. Lee Scott*

Who at my door is standing, there patiently drawing near? Who, entrance is demanding? Whose is the voice I hear? Sweetly the tones are falling, “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.” Within, the rooms are darkened, all filled with dust and sin; how shameful, how unworthy for Christ to enter in. Yet the tones are falling: “Now open the door for me! If thou wilt heed my calling, I will abide with thee.” Door of my heart, I hasten! Thee will I open wide. Though he rebuke and chasten, he shall with me abide. Sweetly the tones are falling, “Now open the door for me!” Lord, God, I hear thee calling, come now, abide with me.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION (*unison*)

**With these simple gifts from your table, O Lord,
you have reminded and reassured us
that we are not ultimately alone in the world,
that life can have meaning and purpose
even when hopes deceive and fears annoy,
and that in alliance with one another and
with affection toward one another,
life is redeemable and endurable.
For this blessing we give you thanks,
and with this blessing we will seek to bless others,
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

*HYMN 132

“Come, Great God of All the Ages”

Tune: ABBOT’S LEIGH

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Savior of the Nations, Come

Paul Manz

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Thomas C. Rook, Matthew J. Helms, John H. Boyle

LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

The Sinclair Family

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist and Handbell Director

WORSHIP NOTES

The “**Light Up a Life**” offering is being received throughout November and December. This year-end giving campaign supports congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. “Light Up a Life” gifts can be made using the special offering envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing “Light Up a Life” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

This morning, Communion is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they will then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles. All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

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