





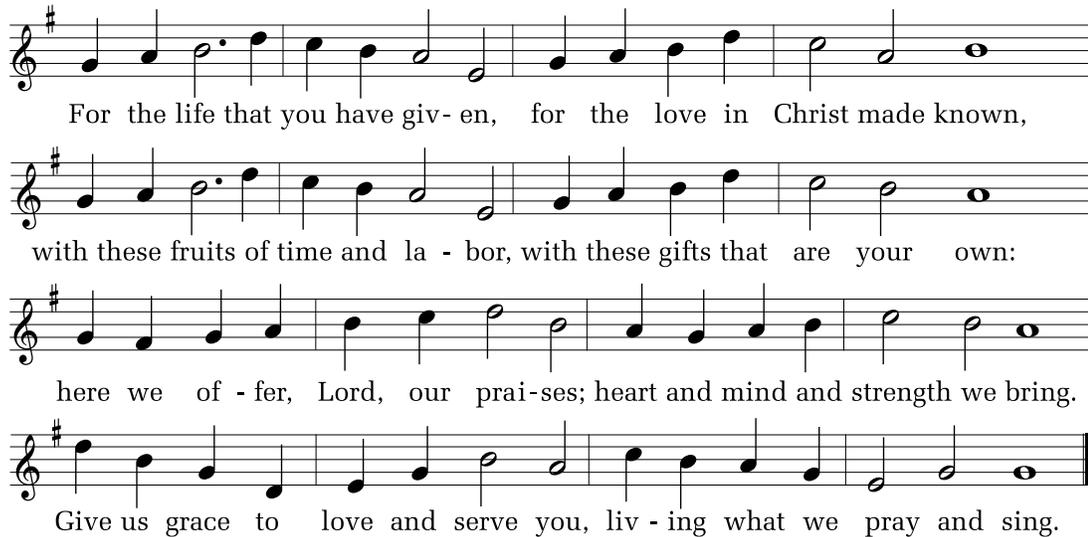
## OFFERING

### OFFERTORY ANTHEM “A Hymn of St. Columba”

*Benjamin Britten*

Near is the day of the Lord, most righteous King of kings.  
The day of wrath and vengeance, gloom and darkness;  
the day of extraordinary, powerful thunder;  
the day of distress, lamentation, and sorrow.

### \*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.

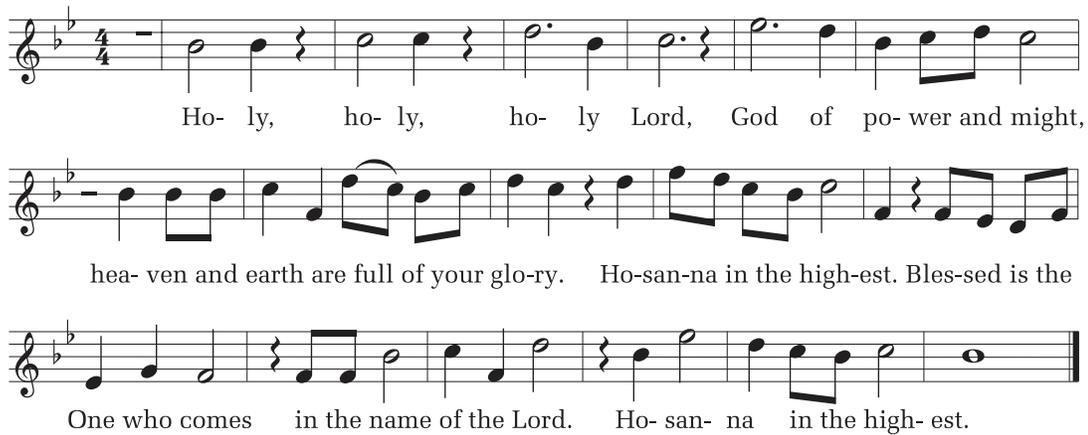
People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

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 ANTHEMS

“Let All Mortal Flesh Keep Silence” *Edward C. Bairstow*

Let all mortal flesh keep silence, and stand with fear and trembling, and lift itself above all earthly thought. For the King of kings and Lord of lords, Christ our God, cometh forth to be our oblation and to be given for food to the faithful. Before him come the choirs of angels, with every principality and power; the cherubim with many eyes, and winged seraphim, who veil their faces as they shout exultingly the hymn, “Alleluia.”

“E’en So, Lord Jesus, Quickly Come” *Paul Manz*

Peace be to you and grace from him who freed us from our sins, who loved us all and shed his blood that we might saved be. Sing holy, holy to our Lord, the Lord, almighty God. Who was and is and is to come; sing holy, holy, Lord! Rejoice in heaven, all ye that dwell therein; rejoice on earth, ye saints below, for Christ is coming soon! E’en so, Lord Jesus, quickly come, and night shall be no more; they need no light nor lamp, nor sun, for Christ will be their all!

**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)*

**Gracious God, you have made us one  
with all your people in heaven and on earth.  
You have fed us with the bread of life  
and renewed us for your service.  
Help us, who have shared Christ's body and received his cup,  
to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living  
may be part of the life of your kingdom,  
and our love be your love reaching out into the life  
of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**\*HYMN 11**

“O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?”

*Tune: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN*

**BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE**

**POSTLUDE**

On Jordan's Bank the Baptist's Cry

*Aaron David Miller*

**The Lord's Supper at Fourth Presbyterian Church**

All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders in the church. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers 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 glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

## WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Judith L. Watt, Adam H. Fronczek, Thomas Long

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## LIGHTING THE ADVENT WREATH

9:30 a.m. The Morley-Crowell Family

11:00 a.m. The Miers-Garay Family

## THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton and Daniel Henry, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## WORSHIP NOTES

**Today's closing hymn**, "O Lord, How Shall I Meet You?," was composed by Melchior Tescher, who wrote the hymn in 1613, just five months after the bubonic plague ravaged his hometown of Fraustadt, Germany.

**The "Light Up a Life" offering** is being received throughout December in support of congregational programs, mission, and community outreach, including Chicago Lights programs, and denominational programs. "Light Up a Life" gifts can be made by 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.

**The Advent banners**, in the form of wings, convey the idea of Advent stillness and of waiting in the presence of angels. They were designed and painted by Eliza Linley of Berkeley, California.

**The white candle on the bulletin cover** is the Christ candle at the center of the Fourth Church Advent wreath; it is lit each Christmas Eve and Christmas Day. The quote is from Christopher Morse's book, *The Difference Heaven Makes: Rehearing the Gospel as News*.

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