

MORNING WORSHIP

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

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

Carillon

Leo Sowerby

INTROIT

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips”

Anthony Baldwin

O Lord, open thou our lips; and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.

O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.

Glory 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.

Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

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.

*HYMN 488

“The God of Abraham Praise”

Tune: LEONI

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(unison)*

God of grace,

we confess that we have elevated

the things of this world above you.

We have made idols of possessions and people

and used your name for causes

that are inconsistent with your purposes.

We have permitted our schedules to come first

and have not taken the time to truly follow you.

Forgive us, Lord, for the many ways we fall short of your glory.

Help us to learn to live together according to your ways

through Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP

LISTENING FOR THE WORD

PSALTER *(responsively)*

Psalms 66:8–20

(page 500, O.T.)

ANTHEM

“If Ye Love Me”

Thomas Tallis

If ye love me, keep my commandments, and I will pray the Father,
and he shall give you another comforter, that he may abide with you
forever; even the Spirit of truth.

FIRST LESSON

Acts 17:16–21

(page 129, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI *(sung)*

(The Hymnal, 579)

**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

Acts 17:22–34

(page 129, N.T.)

SERMON

To an Unknown God

MATT HELMS

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN 263

“Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”

Tune: ST. DENIO

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*unison*)

*Adapted from 1 Corinthians 15:1–6,
Mark 16:9, Matthew 16:16,
Revelation 22:13, John 20:28*

**This is the good news which we have received,
in which we stand,
and by which we are saved,
if we hold it fast:
that Christ died for our sins according to the scriptures,
that he was buried,
that he was raised on the third day,
and that he appeared first to the women,
then to Peter, and to the Twelve,
and then to many faithful witnesses.
We believe that Jesus is the Christ,
the Son of the living God.
Jesus Christ is the first and the last,
the beginning and the end;
he is our Lord and our God. Amen.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO

“Panis Angelicus”

Cesar Franck

O Lord most holy;
O loving Father, we would always be praising thee.
Help us to know thee and love thee;
Father, Father, grant us thy truth and grace;
Father, Father, guide and defend us.
Rule thou our willful heart;
keep thee our wandering thoughts;
in all our sorrow let us find our rest in thee;
and in temptation’s hour, save through thy mighty power.
O send us thy aid; hear us in mercy.
Show us thy favor, so shall we live and sing praise to thee.

*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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SEALING THE WORD

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)*

All: **Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

"I Will Not Leave You Comfortless" *Everett Titcomb*
I will not leave you comfortless; I will come to you yet again,
alleluia, and your heart shall be joyful, alleluia.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION *(unison)*

**O God, you have 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—
that each of these may be our offering of thanks to you
through Jesus Christ, our Lord.
Amen.**

*HYMN 515

"Now to Your Table Spread" Tune: LOVE UNKNOWN

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE *(please remain standing)*

POSTLUDE

Litanies

Jehan Alain

WORSHIP LEADERS

Joyce Shin, Matt Helms

THE MUSIC TODAY

The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

WORSHIP NOTES

Fourth Church expresses its gratitude to the Chancel Choir for its musical leadership at the 8:00 a.m. service throughout the academic year. Beginning next Sunday, June 1, the men of the Chancel and Morning Choirs will be singing together through July 13, and the women of both choirs will be singing from July 20 through August 31. Anyone interested in joining one of these choirs is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.787.4570; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

Today's Minute for Discipleship is presented by Julia Bergen and Ashley Elskus on behalf of the Center for Life and Learning, Fourth Church's program for adults sixty and more, which offers academic, well-being, and social opportunities throughout the year.

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." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper.

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