

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Berceuse Louis Vierne

Introit

“Open to Me the Gates of Righteousness” Eric H. Thiman
*Open to me the gates of righteousness; I will go into them
and I will praise the Lord.*

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

**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.**

*Invocation

*Hymn 463 “How Firm A Foundation”

Litany of Confession (*unison*)

*Minister: God of wisdom and mercy,
you have created a world of beauty, a world where
each person has an honored place in your love.*

**People: But we do not always honor ourselves or one another
as your beloved people.**

*Minister: O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering
of others but turned away from it . . . in your mercy,*

People: forgive us.

*Minister: O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain
and blamed it on those who suffer . . . in your mercy,*

People: forgive us.

*Minister: O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen
your image in our own faces . . . in your mercy,*

People: forgive us.

Minister: *O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain
and not believed them . . . in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church,
have not sought to bring about your justice . . . in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Minister: *Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh
on our souls.*

People: **Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love
you would have us choose. Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“A Repeating Alleluia” Calvin Hampton
Alleluia. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson

1 John 4:7–13 New Testament, page 226

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**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

Psalm 22. Old Testament, page 473

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 372 “O for a World”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

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.

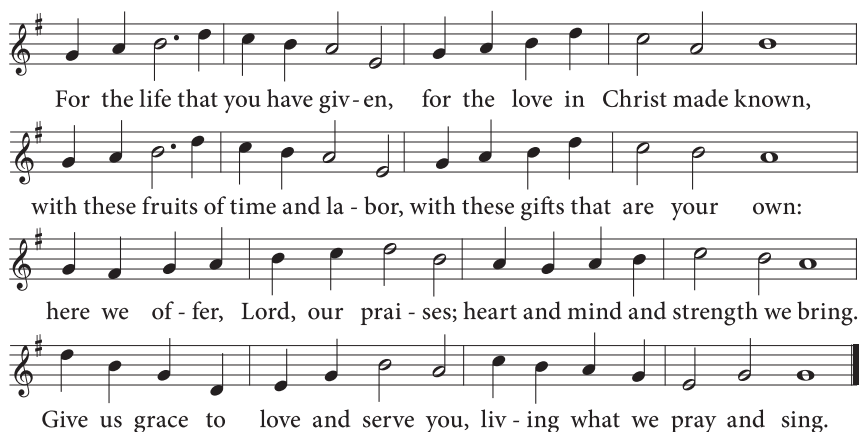
Offering

Offertory Solo

“Laudate Dominum” from *Solemn Vespers* . . . Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Praise the Lord, all nations. Praise him, all people.
For he has bestowed his mercy upon us.
And the truth of the Lord endures forever.
Glory to the Father and to the Son and to the Holy Spirit.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and forever,
And for generations of generations. Amen.*

*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

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: *Holy God, we praise you . . .*

. . . 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.

The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

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

“God Be in My Head” Walford Davies
God be in my head and in my understanding.
God be in mine 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 at mine end and at my departing.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace,
lead us, by the power of your Spirit,
to go from this table out into your world with courage.
May we remember and proclaim that
death does not have the last word
in our lives, in the church, or in the world.
For you are always at work, making things new. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare William Mathias

Worship Leaders

Joyce Shin, Eric Olson, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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. 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.

A SPECIAL DISASTER RELIEF OFFERING is being received today to help Presbyterian Disaster Assistance meet the needs of those affected by the recent earthquake in Nepal. Gifts to this offering may be made by using the Disaster Relief envelopes found in the pew racks or by writing "Disaster Assistance" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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