

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Trinitas Eleanor Daley

I. "And the Spirit of God moved upon the face of the waters."

II. "To the thirsty I will give water without price
from the fountain of life."

III. "And I will pour out my Spirit upon all flesh."

Introit

"The Heaven's Resounding" Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*The heaven's resounding his glory eternal, and all creation praise one God;
the earth and the ocean his love and devotion, his truth and power proclaim
abroad. And angels sing his glory incarnate, the Son of Man, yet King of kings
the hosts reecho. All praise, adorations, O sovereign God and King divine, shall
now and ever more be thine.*

*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.

*Call to Worship

One: *We praise you, God, for we are wonderfully made.*

Many: **Wonderful are all your works; blessed be your name.**

One: *How precious to us are your thoughts, O God.*

Many: **We are not hidden from you.**

You are everywhere that we may be.

One: *Let us worship our ever-present God.*

*Hymn 645. "Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above"

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of justice and love, who takes away the sins of the world,
have mercy upon us as we make our confession.
We call you Sovereign,
God of creation, yet we serve idols of our own making.
We confess Christ as our Savior,
yet we rely on our own efforts to build our sense of worth and protection.
We claim the indwelling Spirit,
yet we abide by our own counsel.
Forgive our double-mindedness,
and through Christ make us whole. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 139:1–6 Old Testament, page 545

Anthem

“Thee, God, We Praise, Thy Holy Name We Bless” Jean Sibelius
arr. F. M. Christiansen

*Thee, God, we praise, thy holy name we bless; thee, Lord of all, we humbly
do confess. The whole creation ever worships thee, the Father of eternity.
O thou most holy, holy, holy, Lord, thou, God of hosts, by all adored. Earth
and the heavens are ever full of thee, thy light, thy power, thy majesty.*

First Lesson

2 Corinthians 4:5–12 New Testament, page 170

Liturgist: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

*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 139:7-18 Old Testament, page 545

Sermon

Ever-Present God Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 5 “God the Sculptor of the Mountains”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*). from *A Brief Statement of Faith*

We trust in God the Holy Spirit,
 everywhere the giver and renewer of life.
 The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith,
 sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor,
 and binds us together with all believers
 in the one body of Christ, the church.

The same Spirit who inspired the prophets and apostles
 rules our faith and life in Christ through Scripture,
 engages us through the Word proclaimed,
 claims us in the waters of baptism,
 feeds us with the bread of life and the cup of salvation,
 and calls women and men to all ministries of the church.

In a broken and fearful world the Spirit gives us courage
 to pray without ceasing, to witness among all peoples
 to Christ as our Lord and Savior,
 to unmask idolatries in church and culture,
 to hear the voices of peoples long silenced,
 and to work with others for justice, freedom, and peace.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit,
 we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks
 and to live holy and joyful lives,
 even as we watch for God’s new heaven and new earth,
 praying, “Come, Lord Jesus!”

With believers in every time and place,
 we rejoice that nothing in life or death
 can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“We Pray Now to the Holy Spirit” Dietrich Buxtehude

*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: *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.

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

"O Bread of Life" Heinrich Isaac; arr. F. M. Christiansen

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

O God, you have so greatly loved us,

long sought us, and mercifully redeemed us.

Give us grace that in everything we may yield

ourselves, our wills, our works, a continual

thank offering to you; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 702 "Christ Be Beside Me"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in G Major. Georg Telemann

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Joyce Shin, Margaret Laing, Victoria G. Curtiss

The Music Today

The Men of the Morning Choir

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

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Worship Notes

TODAY IS TRINITY SUNDAY, the day when the church celebrates the mystery of God as Three in One: Father, Son, and Holy Spirit; one God who is Creator, Redeemer, and Comforter.

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.

THE TRINITY—which we celebrate today—is referenced often in liturgical art and architecture by the grouping of things in threes. The cover image shows the three tracery elements at the top of the Great East Window (over Michigan Avenue), the inspiration for the Fourth Church logo (also on the front cover).

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