

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

El Flautista Alegre Ramón Noble

Introit

“O Father, Hear My Morning Prayer” Berrian R. Schute
*O Father, hear my morning prayer; thine aid impart to me,
that I may make my life acceptable to thee.*

*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 409 “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess that, though we have tried,
we have often failed to live as your people.
We have broken our promises to you and one another.
We have turned away when your path became difficult.
Forgive us, we pray.
Give us courage to live a new life in you,
and empower us through your Spirit
to reach out with your love and grace.
We pray all this in Jesus’ name. 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 (*responsively*)

Psalm 84. Old Testament, page 513

Anthem

“How Lovely Are Thy Dwellings Fair” Eric H. Thiman

*How lovely are thy dwellings fair, O Lord of hosts; how dear
thy pleasant tabernacles are, where thou dost dwell so near.
My soul doth long and almost die, thy courts, O Lord, to see;
my heart and flesh aloud do cry, O living God, for thee.
Happy who in thy house reside, where thee they ever praise!
Happy whose strength in thee doth bide, and in their hearts thy ways.
They journey on from strength to strength, with joy and gladsome cheer,
'til all before our God at length in Zion do appear.
For God the Lord, both sun and shield, give grace and glory bright;
no good from them shall be withheld whose ways are just and right.
Amen.*

First Lesson

1 Kings 8:22–30 Old Testament, page 297

Leader: *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

Joshua 24:14–18, 25–27 Old Testament, page 206

Sermon

Marking Promises Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*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

“Steal Away” arr. H. T. Burleigh

*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

“Deep Peace” Andrew Carter

*Deep peace of the running wave to you;
deep peace of the flowing air to you;
deep peace of the quiet earth to you;
deep peace of the shining stars to you;
deep peace of the Son of peace to you.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Amazing God,
you come into our ordinary lives
and set a holy table among us,
renewing us with the promises of the bread and cup.
Send us now into the world in peace,
and grant us strength and courage
to love and serve you with the fullness of our hearts,
through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 316 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major David Johnson

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Robert Dawson, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir, Laura Kubelka, soloist

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Worship Notes

THE WOMEN OF THE CHANCEL AND MORNING CHOIRS are providing musical leadership during worship through September 6. The full choirs will return on September 13. Anyone interested in joining a Fourth Church choir is encouraged to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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 Lord's Supper is the sign and seal of eating and drinking in communion with the crucified and risen Lord. In this act, we remember that during his earthly ministry, Jesus shared meals with his followers and sat at dinner tables as a sign of acceptance of the sinner and the outcast.

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.

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