

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness. Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Blessed Be God’s Glorious Name” George Thalben-Ball
*Blessed be God’s glorious name forever, and let the whole earth be filled with God’s
glory. Amen.*

*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 366 “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, we confess that we have sometimes been led astray
by the idols of our world. We have depended on our possessions and
have not placed our trust in your grace. We have carelessly consumed
the gifts you offer and failed to be faithful stewards of the earth’s
resources. We have sought security in the might of the sword
rather than the strength of your Holy Spirit. Forgive us, we pray.
Guide us so that we may turn our hearts and lives back to you. 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 36:5–10 Old Testament, page 482

Anthem

“From the Rising of the Sun” Frederick G. Gore Ouseley

From the rising of the sun unto the going down of the same, my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered up unto my name, for my name shall be great among the heathen, thus saith the Lord.

First Lesson

Isaiah 62:1–5 Old Testament, page 651

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

John 2:1–11 New Testament, page 87

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Nanette M. Sawyer

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 339 “Lift Every Voice and Sing”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.

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. . . .

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

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Grazioso Georg Philip Telemann

*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 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 our deep joy and our delight . . .*

. . . singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest,

hosanna in the highest.

Minister: . . . *Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*). The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

Minister: *In humility and with trust we ask you to send your Spirit upon us . . .*

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 Anthem

“Now the Silence, Now the Peace” Gerald Near

Now the silence, now the peace, now the empty hands uplifted. Now the kneeling, now the plea, now the Father’s arms in welcome. Now the hearing, now the power, now the vessel brimmed for pouring. Now the body, now the blood, now the joyful celebration. Now the wedding, now the songs, now the heart forgiven leaping. Now the Spirit’s visitation, now the Son’s epiphany, now the Father’s blessing. Then the glory, then the rest, then the sabbath peace unbroken. Then the garden, then the throne, then the crystal river flowing. Then the splendor, then the life, then the new creation singing. Then the marriage, then the love, then the feast of joy unending. Then the knowing, then the light, then the ultimate adventure. Then the Spirit’s harvest gathered, then the Lamb in majesty, then the Father’s amen.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

O Holy God, through Christ you make all things new. We lift our hearts in celebration for all that you have given and all that we have received. Keep us ever mindful of your abundant love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 774 “There Is Now a New Creation”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare R. Mark Otterstad

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.)

Worshippers 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.

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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We also offer a monthly fourth-Friday prayer service in the style of Taizé, which meets this month on January 22 at 7:30 p.m.

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