

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Lamb of God. Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” Jain Quinn

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.

Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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 35 “Praise Ye the Lord, the Almighty”

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
But we confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves as blameless even when we are to blame
and great even when we are small.
We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to your path,
through Christ our Savior. Amen.

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576
Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy on us.

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 27 Old Testament, page 476

Anthem

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” Gustav Holst
arr. Joseph Wood

*Sometimes a light surprises the Christian while he sings;
it is the Lord who rises with healing in his wings.
When comforts are declining, he grants the soul again
a season of clear shining, to cheer it after rain.
In holy contemplation we sweetly then pursue
the theme of God’s salvation and find it ever new.
Set free from present sorrow we cheerfully can say,
let tomorrow bring with it what it may.
It can bring with it nothing, but God will bear us through;
who gives the lilies clothing will clothe his people, too.
Beneath the spreading heavens, no creature but is fed,
and he who feeds the ravens will give his children bread.
Though vine nor fig tree neither their wonted fruit should bear;
though all the fields should wither, nor flocks nor herds be there;
yet God the same abiding, his praise shall tune my voice,
for while in God confiding, I cannot but rejoice. Amen.*

First Lesson

Jonah 3:1-9 Old Testament, page 811
Minister: *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

Luke 13:1-9, 31-35. New Testament, page 71
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Overtured. Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 343 “Where Cross the Crowded Ways of Life”

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

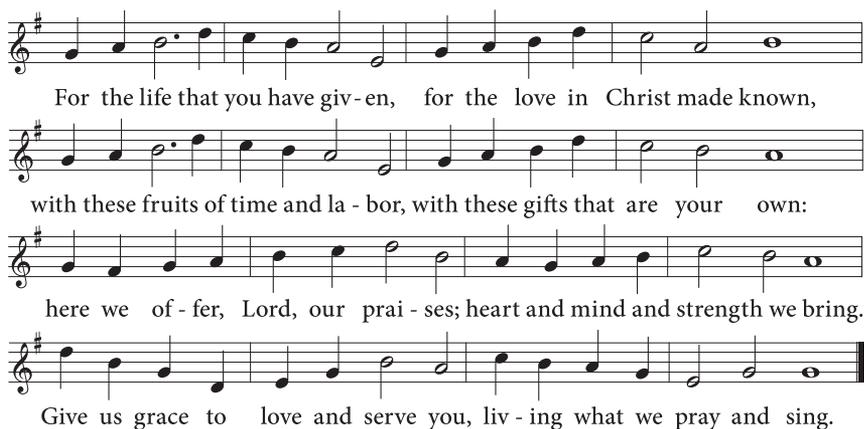
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
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 Voluntary

Ah, Holy Jesus, How Have You Offended Johannes Brahms

*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:

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.

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

“My Spirit Longs for Thee” Simon Lole

*My spirit longs for thee within my troubled breast,
though I unworthy be of so divine a guest.
Of so divine a guest unworthy though I be,
yet has my heart no rest unless it comes from thee.
Unless it comes from thee, in vain I look around;
in all that I can see no rest is to be found.
No rest is to be found but in thy blessed love;
O let my wish be crowned and send it from above.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of love, in Jesus Christ you gave yourself to us,
so may we give ourselves to you—living according to your holy will.
Keep our feet firmly in the way where Christ leads us;
make our mouths speak the truth that Christ teaches us;
fill us with the life that is Christ within us.
In his name, we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 537 “When at This Table”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O Bread of Life from Heaven J. Brahms

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Laura Perket, oboist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

THE SEASON OF LENT calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross.

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