

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Processional	William Mathias
Canzonetta	W. Mathias
Rhosymedre	Ralph Vaughan Williams

Introit

“Alleluia, Sing Praise” Anonymous
*Alleluia, sing praise happy company, sing we all happy family.
Strike the timbrels, pluck the harp strings, happy quills with joyful harmony.
Sing praise to the Lord your God on high, alleluia.*

*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

Leader: *With friends and strangers, with family and neighbors, we gather;*
People: **come among us, Healing God.**
Leader: *With faith reaching out to touch,
with hearts straining to trust, we hope;*
People: **come among us, Holy Friend.**
Leader: *With word and wonder, with silence and song, we wait;*
People: **come among us, Calling Spirit, and lift our feet to follow you.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, hear our prayer—
our eyes are tired from weeping; our hearts are heavy with sin.
We have trusted too much in our own strength.
We have hidden our faces from those who suffer.
We have turned away from neighbors in need.
We have given up hope instead of seeking your help.
Lord, be gracious to us. Forgive us and heal our brokenness.
Fill our hearts with songs of joy. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 30 Old Testament, page 478

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 7:11–17 New Testament, page 61

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.

Offertory Anthem

“Panis Angelicus” César Franck

O Lord, most beautiful; Lord, most wonderful; Lord of all good things, we come to you in prayer. Help us to know and love you. Father, grant us your truth and grace. Lord of the Trinity, keep all our thoughts on you alone. In our suffering may we find peace in you. Help us to know your path, and free our souls. Father, shine your light on us!

*Presentation of the Offering and 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 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 Anthems

“Ave Verum” Gabriel Fauré
Hail, the very body which was born of the virgin Mary and which suffered on the cross for all of mankind. Jesus, whose side was pierced and from which flowed water mixed with blood; be to us a foretaste of everlasting life. O sweetest Jesus, loving Jesus, Son of Mary, have mercy on your people. Amen.

“Tantum Ergo” G. Fauré
Therefore we, before him bending, this great sacrament revere; types and shadows have their ending, for the newer rite is here; faith, our outward sense befriending, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give and blessing to the Father and the Son; honor, thanks and praise addressing, while eternal ages run; ever too his love confessing who from both with both is one. Amen.

Psalm 23 (recited in unison after all have received the cup)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name’s sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (unison)

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands;
now we put our lives into yours. Take us; renew and remake us.
What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you,
still awaits us. Lead us on. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 536 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Fanfare William Mathias

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Ed Miller, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Women's Choir; Beena David, Carla Janzen, and Laura Perkett, soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
Carol Carpenter, flutist

Worship Notes

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper.

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, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by elders and deacons in an act symbolizing their role as servant leaders. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

THE WOMEN'S CHOIR is providing musical leadership during worship through July 17. The Women's Choir consists of women from the three adult choirs at Fourth Church; the Chancel Choir, Morning Choir, and Choral Society.

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