

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Suite on the Second Tone Louis-Nicolas Clérambault
Basse de Cromorne

Introit

“Love Is Little” Shaker melody; arr. Kevin Siegfried
*Love is little, love is low, love will make my spirit grow.
Grow in peace, grow in light, love will do the thing that’s right.*

*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: *Come, let us sing to the Lord.
Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving.*

People: Let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise,
for the Lord is a great God, high above all others.

Leader: *In God’s hands are the depths of the earth;
the heights of the mountains are his also.*

People: The sea is his, for he made it.
The dry land as well, which his hands formed.

Leader *O come, let us worship our Lord and our maker!*

*Opening Prayer

*Hymn 409 “God Is Here!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal and merciful God, you have loved us
with a love beyond our understanding,
setting us on paths of righteousness for your name’s sake.
Yet we have strayed from your way;
we have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed,
through what we have done and what we have left undone.
As we remember your grace in the waters of baptism,
we praise you and give thanks that you forgive us yet again.
Help us once more to rise daily to new life in Christ,
serving you and your world however you might call to us. 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 89:1–8 Old Testament, page 516

Anthem

“Let Us Love One Another” Michael Allen

Lord, hear our humble plea, “Pray, let us love one another.” In all the things we can see, we see you love us. Lord, join our hearts and our minds, that we may know one another. In love let each of us bind, so we may know you. And in the times that are gray, let us be grateful and say, “We know you’ll show us the way through love and with each other, Lord.” Lord, as we stand here today, let us embrace one another; though we may not see your ways, we know and trust you. Combine our lives into one. Let us complete one another. We know in each day to come we’ll grow together, and in the days yet to see, we hope together that we’ll be a light for others to see your love, your light, through us, Lord.

First Lesson

Mark 1:14–20 New Testament, page 33

*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

Mark 9:30–35 New Testament, page 42
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

On a Wing and a Prayer Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

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

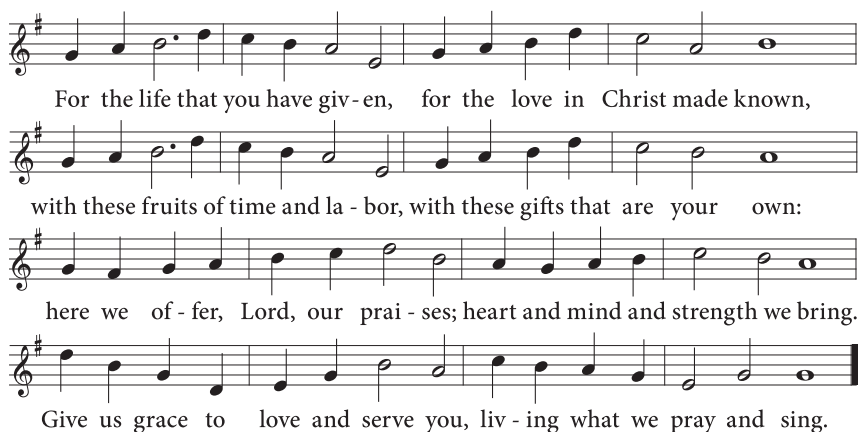
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

“Suite on the Second Tone” L. N. Clérambault
Flûtes

*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

“A Gaelic Prayer” David M. Lowry
Deep peace of the rolling 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 gentle night to you; moon and stars pour their healing light on you; deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
for these gifts of bread and cup
that remind us that you sustain us in hope
every day of our lives.
Help us to offer you lives of witness and worship,
serving and sharing in this world you have made.
Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 691 “Lord, When I Came into This Life”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude to a Te Deum Marc Antoine Charpentier

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Ruth J. Beckman

The Music Today

The Women's Choir

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

Worship Notes

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.

The Men's Choir will sing on July 24 and the remaining days of the summer.

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.

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