

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Suite I Louis-Nicolas Clerambault

Introit

“Hallelujah! We Sing Your Praises” South African song
*Hallelujah! We sing your praises. All our hearts are filled with gladness.
Christ the Lord to us said, “I am wine, I am bread, give to all who thirst and hunger.”*

*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: *From north and south, from east and west, we come:*

People: **God’s people called to the table,
where simple grace nourishes us.**

Leader: *From down the street to out in the suburbs,
from single households to apartment dwellers,*

People: **God’s people are called to community,
where we live and serve one another.**

Leader: *From every class, every race, every status;
from little ones with sippy cups to elders with overflowing hearts,*

People: **God’s people are called to witness to God’s hope,
to offer peace to a shattered world.**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 509 “All Who Hunger, Gather Gladly”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, mother of mercy, father of grace:
you have called us to one table, but we have pursued our own course.
You have promised us the abundance of all creation,
but in our greed and in our envy the world goes without.
You have promised us the bread of life itself,
but in our pride and in our arrogance the world goes hungry.
You have promised us the waters of peace and justice,
but in our violence and in our discord the world goes thirsty.
And now we are famished too, Lord. Have mercy on us.
Forgive us again. Transform us at this table and for this table,
and send us from this table as servants of your righteousness,
by the power of your Son, our Lord. 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 37:1-9 Old Testament, page 483

*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

Lamentations 1:1-6, 3:19-26 Old Testament, page 717

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 526 “Let Us Talents and Tongues Employ”

*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

“Jubilate Deo”. Benjamin Britten

O be joyful in the Lord, all ye lands: serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him, and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious; his mercy is everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. 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.

*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

"Alleluia" Eric Whitacre

Alleluia. 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)

In gratitude, in deep gratitude
for this moment, this meal, these people,
we give ourselves to you.
Take us out to live as changed people
because we have shared the Living Bread
and cannot remain the same. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 515 "I Come with Joy"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord's Supper. Communion 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 Fourth Church elders and deacons. 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.

Worship Leaders

9:30 Hardy H. Kim, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Hardy H. Kim, David McDermott, Rocky Supinger, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Gillian Hollis and Sean Stanton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when worshipers around the world gather for the Lord's Supper, enacting the words of the hymn "Come, Risen Lord": "One church united in communion blest; one name we bear, one bread of life we break." Reminding us of the unity in that global family, the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, the destination of previous Fourth Church mission trips as well as a trip planned for July 2017. (Stop by Coffee Hour for details about the 2017 trip, the application deadline for which is October 30).

TODAY'S PEACEMAKING AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA) as well as the local efforts of CureViolence to reduce violence in Chicago. Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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