

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Toccata No. 11 Georg Muffat

Introit

“Eternal Light” Leo Sowerby

*Eternal light, shine into our hearts; eternal goodness, deliver us from evil;
eternal power, be our support; eternal wisdom, scatter the darkness of our
ignorance; eternal pity, have mercy upon us. Through Jesus Christ, our Lord. 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 619 “Praise, My Soul, the God of Heaven”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of pure, unbounded love,
we are a people who long to be loving and a people who often fail.
Forgive us when our actions hurt ourselves and others.
Forgive us when we do not choose our words with care
and we hurt our family, friends, or neighbors.
Forgive us for our deafness when we know you might be calling us—
to act or to forgive, to move on or to stand in place.
Forgive us, O God, and make us whole again. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

*Stand as you are able.

Minute for Mission

Anthem

“Sometimes a Light Surprises” Gustav Holst
arr. Mark Hill

*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.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalm 27 Old Testament, page 476

*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

Matthew 4:18–23 New Testament, page 3

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Following and Fishing” Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 721 “Lord, You Have Come to the Lakeshore”

*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

“Grazioso” Georg Philipp 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 up 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 . . .*

. . . forever singing to the glory of your name:

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 572

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, 573

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

“As before His Table” Gabriel Fauré

As before his table kneeling, we this sacrament revere; ancient mysteries revealing, give the sign to eye and ear; faith, our outward senses sealing, makes our inward vision clear. Glory let us give, and blessing, to the Father and the Son, Holy Spirit praise addressing, ever three and ever one; ever too his love confessing while eternal ages run. Amen.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, thank you that you always desire
to feed us, to nurture us, to make us whole.
We pray that you remind us in the coming week
that we have been fed, that we have been forgiven,
that you have called us by name and that we are yours.
May those reminders help us feed and nurture others
with love and forgiveness and welcome.
In the name of Jesus we pray. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 351 “All Who Love and Serve Your City”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Toccata in B-flat Minor. Louis Vierne

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The Music Today

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Worship Notes

TODAY'S MINUTE FOR MISSION is presented by Elaine Scales and Martha Sabol on behalf of the Chicago Lights Gala of Hope.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service 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 will next be held this Friday, January 27 at 7:30 p.m., and on Tuesday mornings at 7:45 a.m. we gather for Sacred Pause in Stone Chapel, a time of meditative silence (twenty minutes) to begin the day.

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