

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Prelude, Fugue, and Variation . . . . . César Franck

### Introit

“Christ within Us” . . . . . Donald Bryant  
*Christ within us; Christ beside us; Christ before us; Christ to guide us;  
Christ in rising; Christ in sleeping; Christ in working; Christ in speaking.*

\*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: *God said, “Let there be light,”*  
People: **and there was light.**  
Leader: *Jesus said, “I am the light of the world,”*  
People: **and the light shone in the darkness.**  
Leader: *Jesus said, “You are the light of the world,”*  
People: **and the light shall not be quenched.**

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 667 . . . . . “When Morning Gilds the Skies”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

It is true we break your commandments, God of our lives.  
Much worse, we break your heart  
when we point the finger at those who are different from us;  
when we gossip about our friends and neighbors;  
when we think everything is all about us.  
  
Forgive us, loving God, we pray.  
We long to know your ways,  
so open our ears to hear those words we always ignore.  
We search for you each day,  
so open our eyes to your wonders so we may see them anew.  
We would believe in your promises, so fill our hearts  
with the presence of Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 112 . . . . . Old Testament, page 532

First Lesson

Matthew 5:13–16 . . . . . New Testament, page 4

Leader: *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

Isaiah 58:1–12 . . . . . Old Testament, page 647

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 733 . . . . . “We All Are One in Mission”

\*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

“Psalm 150” . . . . . Craig Phillips

*Hallelujah! Praise God, praise him in his holy temple; praise him in the firmament of his power. Praise him for his mighty acts; praise him for his excellent greatness. Praise him with the blast of the ram’s horn; praise him with the lyre and harp. Praise him with timbrel and dance; praise him with strings and pipe. Praise him with resounding cymbals; praise him with loud clanging cymbals. Let everything that has breath praise the Lord. Praise the Lord. Hallelujah!*

### \*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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, 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

“O Sacrum Convivium” . . . . . Dan Locklair  
*O sacred banquet in which Christ is received, the memory of his passion is recalled, the spirit is filled with grace, and the promise of future glory is given to us. Alleluia.*

“The Call of Wisdom” . . . . . Will Todd  
*Lord of wisdom, Lord of truth, Lord of justice, Lord of mercy, walk beside us down the years till we see you in your glory. Striving to attain the heights; turning in a new direction; entering a lonely place; welcoming a friend or stranger—I am here, I am with you. I have called you. Do you hear me? Silver is of passing worth; gold is not of constant value; jewels sparkle for a while—what you long for is not lasting. I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me? Rulers govern under me with my insight and my wisdom. Those who know me know my love; those who seek me find their answer. I am here, I am with you. I have called, do you hear me? God the Father, and the Son, Holy Spirit, co-eternal, glory be ascribed to you, now and to the end of ages.*

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*)

O God, through this bread and cup  
you have made us one with you and with each other.  
May the unity we find at this table  
be a gift that we carry out into your suffering and divided world.  
Help us find strength in knowing that you,  
the God of peace, will always be with us. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 757 . . . . . “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Symphony VI in G Minor. . . . . Charles-Marie Widor  
Finale

## Worship Leaders

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Rocky Supinger, Janet S. Reed, Victoria G. Curtiss, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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The Morning Choir

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

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## Worship Notes

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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 youth, 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.

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