

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Partita No. 3 in E Major Johann Sebastian Bach
II. Loure
III. Gavotte and Rondeau

Introit

- “Shalom, Peace, Salaam” John W. W. Sherer
Peace.

- *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’s Spirit dwells in us,*
People: **for we are God’s temple.**
Leader: *We belong to Christ*
People: **and Christ belongs to God. Praise the Lord!**

- *Hymn 750 “Goodness Is Stronger than Evil”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, you make the sun to rise on the evil and on the good,
but we have not followed your example of grace and all-inclusive love.
We have not paid attention to the lonely and marginalized,
nor have we provided for the poor.
We have not been totally honest with others;
we have been unjust in our judgments of friend and foe.
We have sought vengeance against our enemies;
we have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
Forgive us our sins and rouse us to sincere repentance.
By the power of your Holy Spirit,
free us to live as your holy people with Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 119:33–40 Old Testament, page 535

Anthem

“I’m Going to Sing” African American spiritual
arr. Ronald E. Anderson

I going to sing when the Spirit says sing and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I’m going to shout when the Spirit says shout and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

I’m going to pray when the Spirit says pray and obey the Spirit of the Lord.

First Lesson

Leviticus 19:1–2, 9–18 Old Testament, page 102

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

Matthew 5:38–48 New Testament, page 5

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Jesus’ Third Way” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 753 “Make Me a Channel of Your Peace”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) from A Brief Statement of Faith

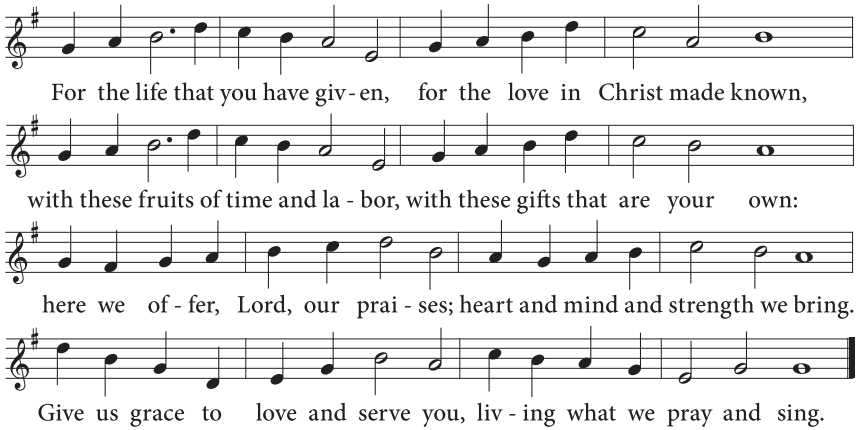
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives;
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children;
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted;
eating with outcasts; forgiving sinners;
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Amen.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

Verset in C Minor Marcel Dupré

*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

“O Food to Pilgrims Given” Heinrich Isaac
*O food to pilgrims given, O bread of life from heaven, O manna from on high!
We hunger; Lord, supply us, nor thy delights deny us, whose hearts to thee draw nigh.
O stream of love past telling, O purest fountain welling from out the Savior's side,
we faint with thirst; revive us; of thine abundance give us, and all we need provide.
O Jesus, by thee bidden we here adore thee, hidden in forms of bread and wine.
Grant, when the veil is risen, we may behold in heaven thy countenance divine.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, we give you thanks for this holy mystery
in which you have given yourself to us.
Grant that we may go into the world in the strength of your Spirit,
to give ourselves for others in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 203 “Jesu, Jesu, Fill Us with Your Love”

*Benediction

Postlude

Postlude on a Gregorian Tune M. Dupré

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The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Carling Hank, violinist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, services at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., 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, February 24 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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