

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Aria Paul Manz

Introit

“I Will Praise Thee” Eric H. Thiman

*I will praise thee all the days of my life, for all the host of heaven
doth sing thy praise, and thine is the glory forever and ever. 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 806 “I’ll Praise My Maker”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Glorious God, you are all wisdom and a lamp to our feet,
yet we often fail to listen to you.
We often neglect to follow your guidance.
Forgive us, heal us, and lead us on,
that we may walk in your ways and be happy in your refuge.
In Jesus our Christ we pray. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Baba Yeta” Christopher Tin

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.

Give us this day our daily bread,

and forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us.

Lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. Amen.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter

Psalms 99 Old Testament, page 522

*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

John 9:1–41 New Testament, page 96

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John

“The Man Born Blind” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 490 “Wash, O God, Your Sons and Daughters”

*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 Solo

O Lord, Whose Mercies Numberless George Frideric Handel

*O Lord, whose mercies numberless o'er all thy works prevail.
Though daily mankind thy laws transgress, thy patience cannot fail.
If yet our sins remain before thee, let thy love our lives control.
Now, Lord, within us repentance see, and come to heal each wounded soul.*

*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 Sacrum Convivium" Robert Lee

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.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

We thank you, O God,
that through Word and Sacrament you have given us your Son,
who is the true bread from heaven and food of eternal life.
So strengthen us in your service
that our daily living may show our thanks.
Through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Now in the Name of God We Go Helmut Walcha

JOIN US ON THE LENTEN JOURNEY

Ash Wednesday Worship

Wednesday, March 1 • 12:10 p.m. and 7:30 p.m.

Shannon Kershner will preach at two services to begin our Lenten journey, both with Communion and the opportunity to receive the imposition of ashes.

Lenten Devotions • Available beginning Ash Wednesday

Written by members and staff of Fourth Presbyterian Church, this year’s daily Lenten devotions lead us on the path of discipleship, using texts that will be the focus of the Lenten series by that name (*for series details, see the “News and Opportunities” bulletin insert*).

Lenten devotions will be available Wednesday through five different means:

- email (send addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org)
- Twitter (@FourthChicago)
- Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch)
- online at www.fourthchurch.org/devotions
- in print (in the literature racks)

www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Eric Olson, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Beena David, Laura Kubelka, and Cole Seaton, soloists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 Friday, March 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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