

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sheep May Safely Graze Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Behold, God is My Salvation” Eric H. Thiman
Behold, God is my salvation; I will trust and not be afraid.

*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: *“The Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: *The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want.*

People: I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 515 “I Come with Joy”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful God,
thanks to Christ’s life laid down,
we are forgiven, loved, and freed.
Still, we hold grudges, not forgiving;
we harbor indignation, not love;
we choose easy captivity to the status quo,
not the freedom of new life you give.
Forgive us. Remake us, ever and anew,
in the image of the one who entrusted himself to your just judgment,
so that we too might live for righteousness. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Andrew Clarkson

The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never.

I nothing lack if I am his, and he is mine forever.

*Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.*

*In death's dark vale I fear no ill with thee dear Lord beside me;
thy rod and staff my comfort still, thy cross before to guide me.*

*And so through all the length of days thy goodness faileth never;
good shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 23 Old Testament, page 474

*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

1 Peter 2:19–25 New Testament, page 219

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 729 “Lord, I Want to Be a Christian”

*Affirmation of Faith. 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

Prelude on a Gregorian Tune. 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.

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

“My Shepherd Will Supply My Need” American folk hymn
arr. Virgil Thomson

*My shepherd will supply my need, Jehovah is his name.
In pastures fresh he makes me feed beside the living stream.
He brings my wandering spirit back when I forsake his ways;
he leads me for his mercy's sake in paths of truth and grace.
When I walk through the shades of death, thy presence is my stay;
one word of thy supporting breath drives all my fears away.
Thy hand, in sight of all my foes, doth still my table spread;
my cup with blessings overflows, thine oil anoints my head.
The sure provisions of my God attend me all my days.
O may thy house be my abode and all my work be praise;
there would I find a settled rest, while others go and come;
no more a stranger or a guest, but like a child at home.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of majesty and light, in Jesus Christ all see your glory.
By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 737 “Lord Jesus, You Shall Be My Song”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

“Grand Chorus” from *Joshua* George Frideric Handel

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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sunday, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship 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 on Friday, May 26 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

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