

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Chanson de Matin Edward Elgar; arr. A. Herbert Brewer

Introit

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” Richard DeLong

*Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath,
such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death.*

*Come, my light, my feast, my strength;
such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length,
such a strength as makes his guest.*

*Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move,
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

*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: *People of God, once we were not a people,*

People: **but now we are God’s people!**

Leader: *Once we had not received mercy,*

People: **but now we have received mercy!**

**So we proclaim the mighty acts of God,
who called us out of darkness
and into this marvelous light.**

*Hymn 749 “Come! Live in the Light!”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We are called to act with justice;
we are called to love tenderly;
we are called to serve one another,
to walk humbly with you, God.
Yet we can act with malice;
we can hate bitterly;
we can walk in the pride of our own way.
Hear our confession, O God.
Forgive us, and build us more and more
into your just, loving, serving people.
For the sake of Christ. 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

Anthem

“I Will Lift Up Mine Eyes” Leo Sowerby
I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh from the Lord, which made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved; he that keepeth thee will not slumber. Behold, he that keepeth Israel shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord is thy keeper, thy shade upon thy right hand. The sun shall not smite thee by day, nor the moon at night. The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil, he shall preserve thy soul. The Lord shall preserve thy going out and thy coming in from this time forth, and even forever more. Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 31:1–5, 14–16. Old Testament, page 478

*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 2:2-10 New Testament, page 219

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*Affirmation of Faith Apostles’ Creed

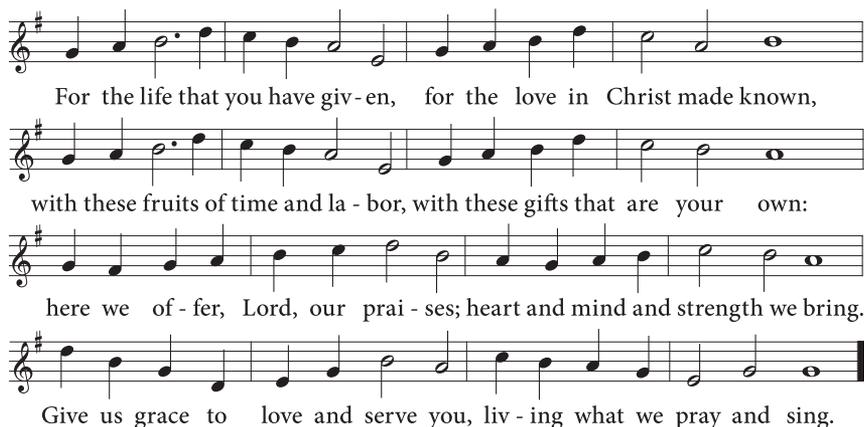
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
 born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,
 was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the 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

Sicilienne Andre Fleury

*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, 552

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, 553

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

"Most Glorious Lord of Life" William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin and, having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win. This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

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 79 "Light Dawns on a Weary World"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Chromatic Fugue in D Minor. Johann Pachelbel

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The Music Today

The Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, soloist
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, 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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