

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Fugue on the Trompette François Couperin
Deck Yourself, My Soul, with Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Blessed Is He That Cometh” Eric DeLamarter
Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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: *Spirit of life and love,
we have gathered in this sacred place again.*

People: May we create here a circle of love,
ever expanding, ever growing,

Leader: *a place of wisdom,*

People: *a place of connection, a place of hope.*

Leader: *With thanksgiving, let us worship God.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

**Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

God of forgiveness, we pray for new life as we confess our old ways.
We hear your promise that the old passes away
and that you make all things new;
but we hear it amid our self-doubt.
We confess our desire for guarantees
when what you offer us is even greater hope.
When you call us to obedience, we set conditions.
When you call us to follow, we ask “Where?”
Forgive our reluctance to leave our false comforts
in order to walk in your newness of life.
Help us to trust. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 17:1-7 Old Testament, page 469

*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

Genesis 32:22—33:4 Old Testament, page 29

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

Wrestling in the Night Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 834 “Precious Lord, Take My Hand”

*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

“How Can I Keep From Singing?” Robert Lowry
arr. Malcolm Archer

My life flows on in endless song; above earth’s lamentation, I hear the sweet though far-off hymn that hails the new creation. Through all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing; it finds an echo in my soul. How can I keep from singing? What though my joys and comforts die? The Lord my Savior liveth; what through the darkness gather round, songs in the night he giveth. No storm can shake my inmost calm while to that refuge clinging; since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth, how can I keep from singing? I lift my eyes, the cloud grows thin, I see the blue above it; and day by day this pathway smoothes since first I learned to love it. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, a fountain ever springing, all things are mine since I am his, how can I keep from singing?

*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 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.

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 Anthems

“Ave Verum” Karl Jenkins
Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, who having truly suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for us all, whose pierced side flowed with water and blood. May it be for us a foretaste of the heavenly banquet in the trial of death.

“Blessing” Katie Moran Bart
May the road rise up to meet you, may the wind be always at your back, may the sun shine warm upon your face, and the rain fall soft upon your fields, and until we meet again, may God hold you in the palm of his hand.

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)

Precious Lord, take our hands and lead us into the future.
Remind us that the meal we have shared is a sign of your
ever-present desire to feed us with your saving grace and mercy.
Send us now into the world in peace, and grant us strength
and courage to love and serve you with gladness and singleness of heart,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 536 “Rise, O Church, like Christ Arisen”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Prelude to a Te Deum Marc-Antoine Charpentier

Worship Leaders

9:30 Rocky Supinger, Christiane Knapp-Andrews, Katie Reome, Nanette Sawyer,
Judith L. Watt

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Holly O' Mara, Rebecca Dixon, Nanette Sawyer,
Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

The Women's Choir; Kathryn Cole, soloist
Thomas E Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THE FOURTH CHURCH WOMEN'S CHOIR is singing in worship through September 3. The Chancel and Morning Choirs will return on September 10.

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 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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