

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Cortège and Litany Marcel Dupré

Introit

“Alleluia, the Lord is Gracious in His Saints” Iain Quinn
*Alleluia, the Lord is gracious in his saints. Come let us adore him, alleluia.
Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. 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.

*Call of Worship

Leader: *We give you thanks, Gracious God, for you are good;
your steadfast love endures forever.*
People: We have cried to you in times of trouble;
you delivered us from our distress.
Leader: *We thank you, Faithful One, for your steadfast love;
your wonderful works abound about us.*
People: You know of our needs before we utter your name,
you are indeed to be praised!
Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 369 “Blessing and Honor”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Merciful Creator, you bring justice upon us and give us compassion.
Have mercy on us now as we confess our sin. So often we do not practice
what we teach or espouse. We do not bear the burdens ourselves that we
impose on others. We expect commendation for our acts of benevolence;
we like others to see us and how well we behave. We hunger for attention
and affirmation, and are filled with envy when others get more attention.
O God, forgive our craving to be liked and validated; help us to be
humble in the knowledge that we live by grace alone. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news.*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

*Exchange of Peace

Leader: *The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.*

People: And also with you.

We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ.”

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Hark, I Hear the Harps Eternal” American folk song
arr. Alice Parker

*Hark, I hear the harps eternal ringing on the farther shore
as I near those swollen waters with their deep and solemn roar.
Hallelujah, praise the lamb, glory to the great “I am.”
And my soul, though stained with sorrow, fading as the light of day,
passes swiftly over those waters to the city far away.
Souls have crossed before me, saintly, to that land of perfect rest,
and I hear them singing faintly in the mansions of the blest.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 107:1–8, 33–38 Old Testament, page 528

*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

Matthew 23:1–12. New Testament, page 24

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“Humble Yourselves” Victoria G. Curtiss

Responding to the Word

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

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

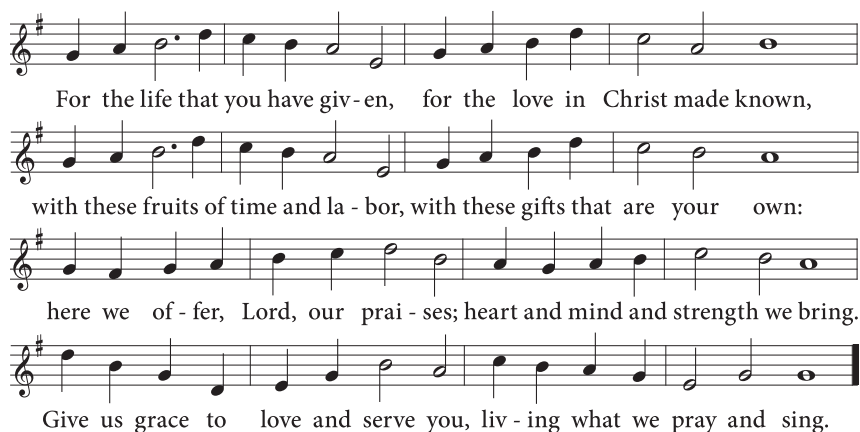
In life and in death we belong to God.
Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,
the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.
We trust in Jesus Christ,
fully human, fully God.
Jesus proclaimed the reign 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.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary

“Memorial”. Louis Vierne

*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: *May the God of life be with you.*

People: And also with you.

Minister: *Lift your hearts to the One who is our hope, our help.*

People: We open them to God, who is with us,
who has been with us, and who will be with us.

Minister: *Rejoice in the Lord, children of God.*

People: In the company of the faithful, we offer God our 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

“The Souls of the Righteous” Ronald Arnatt
*The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God, there shall no torment touch them.
In the sight of the unwise they seem to die, but they are in peace.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Loving God, you graciously feed us,
who have received these holy mysteries,
with the bread of life and the cup of eternal salvation.
You have made us your people
by the death and resurrection of your Son our Lord
and by the life-giving power of your Spirit.
May we who have received this sacrament
be strengthened in your service. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 320 “The Church of Christ in Every Age”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Improvisation on the Te Deum Charles Tournemire

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Worship Notes

ON ALL SAINTS’ SUNDAY, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship:

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