

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Jesu, Joy of All Desiring Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Jesu, Tawa Pano” Patrick Matsikenyiri
Jesus, we are here for you. Savior, we are here for you.

*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: *Jesus asks bonafide disciples,*
“What is it you want me to do for you?”

People: We want to belong, to have a place and a role.

Leader: *Jesus asks desperately seeking observers,*
“What do you want me to do for you?”

People: We want to know, to understand, to see and to perceive.

Leader: *Take heart. God is calling all of us,*
to give us a faith that makes us well.

People: We want to worship God!

*Hymn 645 “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Lenten Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Healing God of majesty and glory, we are thirsty for your grace.
You made a way for us in the wilderness, and still, in our foolishness,
we go astray. We hide our eyes from your presence. We ignore your word.
We are lifeless when we ought to dance, and speechless when we ought
to sing. Forgive us, O Lord. Speak peace to our fearful hearts, strengthen
our weak hands, and make firm our feeble knees as we seek to follow in
your holy way. Speak to us now, O God, in the silence of this moment,
that we might hear the assurance of your love and grace.

(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Second Lenten Candle

Kyrie Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

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

“Let Thy Merciful Ears, O Lord” Thomas Weelkes

*Let thy merciful ears, O Lord, be open unto the prayers of thy humble servants;
and that they may obtain their petitions, make them to ask such things as shall
please thee, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*verses sung by the choir; congregation sings the refrain*)

“Taste and See” (Psalm 34) The Hymnal, 520

*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

Mark 10:32–52 New Testament, page 44

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 649 “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

*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

“Agnus Dei” Georges Bizet

O Lamb of God, that takest away our sins, have compassion upon us.

*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, 565

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, 566

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
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

“Let My Prayer Come Up” John Blow
*Let my prayer come up into thy presence as incense;
 let the lifting up of my hands be as a blessed sacrifice.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

God of grace, you renew us at your table with the bread of life.
 May this food strengthen us in love
 and help us to serve you in each other.
 We ask this in the name of Jesus the Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 726 “Will You Come and Follow Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

O God, Thou Faithful God Johannes Brahms

THIS MORNING, COMMUNION IS SERVED BY INTINCTION.
 The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice. (Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.) Worshipers return to their pews by the side aisles.
 The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper. Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

Worship Leaders

Matt Helms, Suzie Shade, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, alto soloist
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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks; write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church; or make a gift online at www.bit.ly/FPCgiving

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