

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness. Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“The Lord Is Full of Compassion” Iain Quinn

The Lord is full of compassion and mercy; come, let us adore him.

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.

*Invocation

*Hymn 32 “I Sing the Mighty Power of God”

Lenten Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God, that we breathe the proud spirit of the world,

the spirit which scorns the way of weakness,

boasts of cleverness, clings to power,

and seeks to prove our worth by separating ourselves from others.

And even so, you love us; you never leave us.

Warm our hearts to the love and command of Jesus the Christ,

for you alone, O Lord, can save and redeem us.

Hear us as we open our hearts to you in silence.

(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Fourth 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

“Purge Me, O Lord” Thomas Tallis

*Purge me, O Lord, from all my sin and save thou me by faith from ill,
that I may rest and dwell with thee upon thy holy blessed hill.*

*And that done, grant that with true heart I may without hypocrisy
affirm the truth, detract no one, but do all things with equity.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 89:1–8. Old Testament, 516

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

**Glorify 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 12:28–44. New Testament, page 46

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“What’s Most Important?” Judith L. Watt

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 316 “Where Charity and Love Prevail”

*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 Voluntary

Draw Near with Faith Malcolm Archer

*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

“Miserere mei Deus” Antonio Lotti
*Have mercy on me, O God, according to your great mercy;
and according to the multitude of your tender mercies, blot out my iniquity.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God, you have made us one with all your people in heaven and on earth. You have fed us with the bread of life and renewed us for your service. Help us, who have shared Christ’s body and received his cup, to be his faithful disciples so that our daily living may be part of your vision for this world, and our love be your love reaching out into the life of the world; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Rigaudon André Campra

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, Margaret Laing, Judith L. Watt

The Music Today

Chancel Choir

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

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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