

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Four Quiet Voluntaries Eric H. Thiman
IV. On an Irish Air

Introit

“God Welcomes All” South African song; arr. John L. Bell
God welcomes all, strangers and friends; God’s love is strong and it never ends.

*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: *The day of the Lord is coming! The day of the Lord is near!*

People: *The time is fulfilled! The reign of God is at hand!*

Leader: *O people, repent! Believe in the good news!*

People: *Come, let us turn and follow the Lord!*

*Hymn 663 “Awake, My Soul, and with the Sun”

Lenten Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer,
we confess that we have tried to hide from you,
for we have done wrong.
We have lived for ourselves and apart from you.
We have turned from our neighbors
and refused to bear the burdens of others.
We have ignored the pain of the world
and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed.
In your great mercy forgive our sins and free us from selfishness,
that we may choose your will and obey your commandments.
Most merciful God, you alone know our hearts.
Hear us as we come before you in silence.
(Please hold silence.)

Extinguishing the Fifth 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

“Prayer of St. Patrick”. Mark Schweizer
*Christ beneath me, Christ above me, Christ in quiet, Christ in danger,
Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stranger.
Christ be with me, Christ within me, Christ behind me, Christ before me,
Christ beside me, Christ to win me, Christ to comfort and restore me.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)
Psalm 102:12–22 Old Testament, page 523

*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 13:1–8, 24–37. New Testament, page 47
Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*
People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 357 “The Days Are Surely Coming”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

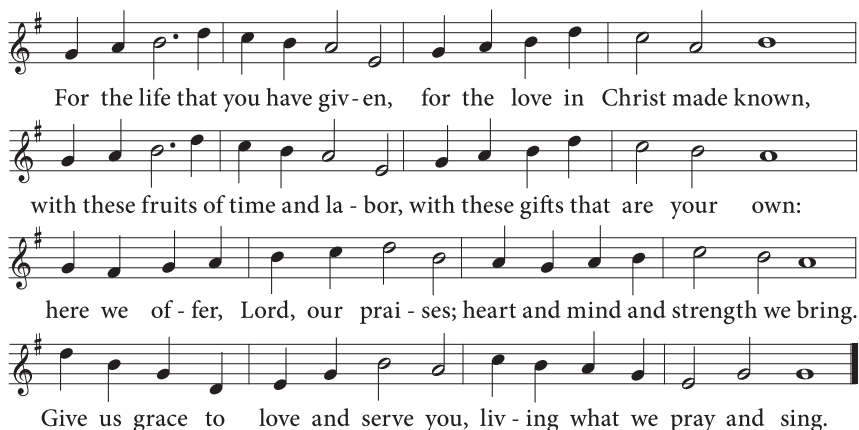
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;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

The Lord’s Prayer Albert Hay Malotte

*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

“The King of Love My Shepherd Is” Irish folk tune
arr. Mack Wilberg

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
And so through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever!*

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 767 “Together We Serve”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Intermezzo in C Major Hermann Schroeder

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

Victoria G. Curtiss, Sue Thompson, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Laura Perkett, soloist
Carol Carpenter and Carla Janzen, flutists
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist
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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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