

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

A Stately Processional . . . . . Eric DeLamarter

### Introit

“Sanna, Sannanina” . . . . . South African song; arr. Greg Scheer  
*Hosanna.*

\*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 196 . . . . . “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

### Lenten Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Holy God, sure of faithfulness even in your dying,  
comforted by your compassion toward your people in every age,  
we come to you confessing our brokenness.  
We have looked to you for small favors,  
when you have given everything to us.  
We have withheld from your people, our neighbors,  
and from your creation, our earth,  
the care and tending they deserve.  
We looked into the face of your Son, Jesus Christ,  
and ignored his promise of love, hope, and unbounded goodness.  
Forgive our failings. Heal what we have broken,  
nurture what we have neglected, and lead us to your vision  
so that we may know the peace of your Shalom; your Peace.  
And now hear us as we silently confess all that keeps us from you, O God.  
*(Please hold silence.)*

Extinguishing the Sixth 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

“Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!” . . . . . Everett Titcomb  
*Ride on, ride on in majesty! Hark, all the tribes hosanna cry. O Savior meek, pursue thy road with palms and scattered branches strowed. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp, ride on to die; O Christ, thy triumphs now begin, o’er captive death and conquered sin. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the skies look down with sad and wondering eyes, to see the approaching sacrifice. Ride on, ride on in majesty! The last and fiercest strife is nigh; the Father on his sapphire throne expects his own anointed Son. Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die; bow thy meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, thy power and reign. Ride on!*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 118:25–29 . . . . . Old Testament, page 534

\*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 11:1–11. . . . . New Testament, page 44

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon

“It Was Already Late” . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 209 . . . . . “My Song Is Love Unknown”

\*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 Duet

“Panis Angelicus” . . . . . César Franck

\*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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

“Christ, Our Paschal Lamb” . . . . . John Sheppard

*Christ, our Paschal Lamb, is offered up for us once for all  
when he bare our sins on his body upon the cross,  
for he is the very Lamb of God that takes away the sins of the world.  
Therefore, let us keep a joyful feast with the Lord.*

## Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Holy God, give us the same mind as in Christ Jesus:  
who emptied himself that we might have fullness of life;  
who humbled himself and so became highly exalted;  
who gave us his own birthright to receive the name above every name.  
As we enter this week of holy proportions,  
may we find our way to the cross, and to your great “Yes,”  
with hope, perseverance, and deep gratitude. Amen.

## Bearing the Word into the World

\*Hymn 224 . . . . . “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

\*Benediction and Response

## Postlude

Fanfare . . . . . William Mathias

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

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Judith L. Watt, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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Chancel Choir; Cole Seaton and Daniel Kazenel, soloists

Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Grant Nill, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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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](http://www.bit.ly/FPCgiving)

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