

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

We Walk by Faith and Not by Sight James Biery

Introit

“Alleluia, the Lord Is Risen Indeed” Stephen Sturk
Alleluia, the Lord is risen indeed; O come let us adore him.

*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 Lord is risen! Alleluia!*

People: Alleluia! The Lord is risen indeed!

Leader: *Peace be with you. Jesus stands among us.*

People: Peace be with you. The risen Lord is here.

Leader: *Let us worship God.*

*Hymn 238 “Thine Is the Glory”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, through the rising of your Son from the grave
you broke the power of death and condemned death itself to die.

Though numbed by death and aware of our complicity in it,
we are here, hesitantly but gladly,
to confirm the rumor that you are alive.

We celebrate this great triumph,
even as we confess that it is not yet the model for our living.
Make it so, O God, and make us new. 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

"Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing!" Ernest Bullock

Good Christian friends, rejoice and sing! Now is the triumph of our King.

To all the world glad news we bring, alleluia.

*The Lord of life is risen for ay; bring flowers of song to strew his way;
let all mankind rejoice and say, alleluia.*

*Praise we in songs of victory, that love, that life which cannot die,
and sing with hearts uplifted high, alleluia.*

*Thy name we bless, O risen Lord, and sing today with one accord
the life laid down, the life restored, alleluia.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 118:1-9 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

John 20:19-31 New Testament, page 108

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Sermon Rocky Supinger

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 248 “Christ Is Risen! Shout Hosanna!”

*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

“Christ Jesus Lay in Death’s Strong Bands” Johann Sebastian Bach

*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

“Most Glorious Lord of Life” William H. Harris

Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day didst make thy triumph over death and sin, and having harrowed hell, didst bring away captivity thence captive, us to win. This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin and grant that we for whom thou didst die, being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, may live forever in felicity; and that thy love we weighing worthily, may likewise love thee for the same again; and for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, with love may one another entertain. So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

God of majesty and light, in Jesus Christ all see your glory.
By your Spirit, may peace descend upon us
that we may follow him with grateful hearts.
Take us and all we have to be useful in your service.
In the name of Christ. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 643 “Now Thank We All Our God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Good Christian Friends, Rejoice and Sing! Healey Willan

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.

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Matt Helms, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

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Worship Notes

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including this 8:00 a.m. Communion service, worship at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m., and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. Each Wednesday at 9:30 a.m., Morning Prayer is held in Buchanan Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need. We will also offer a service in the style of Taizé on Friday, April 27 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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