

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

O Sons and Daughters, Let Us Sing Jean-François Dandrieu

Introit

“Lift Up Your Hearts” Stephen Sturk

*Lift up your hearts, ye people, in songs of glad accord;
and in your adoration praise God, your risen Lord.*

*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 234 “Come, You Faithful, Raise the Strain”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *God of wisdom and mercy, you have created a world of beauty,
a world where each person has an honored place in your love,*

People: **but we do not always honor ourselves or one another
as your beloved people.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when we have known of the suffering
of others but turned away from it—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have seen pain
and blamed it on those who suffer—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when some of us have not seen
your image in our own faces—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for any time in which we have heard cries of pain
and not believed them—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *O God, for all the times when we alone, or as a church, have not sought to bring about your justice—in your mercy,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Loving God, you alone know how these burdens weigh on our souls.*

People: **Forgive us, free us, and show us the paths of love you would have us choose. 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

“The Glory of Christ” K. Lee Scott

You, living Christ, our eyes behold, amid your church appearing; all girt about your breast with gold and bright apparel wearing, your countenance is burning light, a sun resplendent in its might. Lord Christ, we see your glory. Your glorious feet have sought and found your own of every nation; with everlasting voice you sound the call of our salvation. You search us still with eyes of flame; you know and call us all by name. Lord Christ, we see your glory. O risen Christ, today alive, amid your church abiding, who now your blood and body give, new life and strength providing, we join in heavenly company to sing your praise triumphantly. Lord Christ, we see your glory. Lord Christ, we have seen your glory!

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 4. Old Testament, page 464

*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

Luke 24:36b-48. New Testament, page 85

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon. Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 239 "Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing!"

*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

"Voluntary on an Introit" Pierre Camonin

*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: *Redeemer of the lost, on this day of joy and hope . . .*

*. . . we join our voices with all your people in every age,
time, and place, who forever sing your praises:*

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

“Joy Fills the Morning” Antonio Lotti

Joy fills the morning; angelic choirs are singing alleluia! Through the glad world hosannas are ringing, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia. Lord Jesus, may we rise with thee, alleluia. On high he reigneth in majesty supernal; rejoice, sing alleluia. Now may we share that glory eternal, alleluia. Christ is risen, alleluia. Lord, may we dwell on high with thee, alleluia.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Today, O Lord, we have tasted your goodness and breathed in your mercy. We have been united with people all over your creation and reminded of the great fellowship you have given us. May these gifts of bread, cup, grace, and presence fuel us to seek justice, do mercy, and walk humbly with you today and in all our days to come. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Now the Green Blade Riseth Marcel Dupré

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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The Music Today

Chancel Choir

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Grant Nill, Organ Scholar

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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