

*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

Long Live Jesus, My Love . . . . . Mexican melody  
arr. H. Ricardo Ramirez

Meditation . . . . . Ken Yukl

Psalm and Dance . . . . . David Evan Thomas

### Introit

“Christ Has Arisen, Alleluia” . . . . . Tanzanian melody

*Christ has arisen, alleluia. Rejoice and praise him, alleluia. For our redeemer burst from the tomb, even from death, dispelling its gloom. Let us sing praise to him with endless joy. Death’s fearful sting he has come to destroy. Our sin forgiving, alleluia! Jesus is living, alleluia! Christ has a risen to set us free. Alleluia, to him praises be. Jesus is living! Let us all sing; he reigns triumphant, heavenly King.*

\*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: *Sing to God a new song,*

People: *for God has done marvelous things!*

Leader: *Make a joyful noise to God, all the earth,*

People: *for God is still doing marvelous things!*

Leader: *Break into joyful song!*

People: *Sing praises with lyre and melody and trumpets!*

Leader: *Sing to God a new song!*

People: *Let us worship!*

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 641 . . . . . “When in Our Music God Is Glorified”

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*\*Stand as you are able.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God,  
in raising Jesus from the grave,  
you shattered the power of sin and death.  
We confess that we remain captive to doubt and fear,  
bound by the ways that lead to death.  
We overlook the poor and the hungry  
and pass by those who mourn;  
We silence the cries of the oppressed  
and remain indifferent to calls for peace;  
we reject the weak  
and abuse the earth you made.  
Forgive us, God of mercy.  
Help us to trust your power  
to change our lives and make us new,  
that we may know the joy of life abundant,  
given in Jesus Christ, our risen Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*  
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Minute for Discipleship

Anthem

“Alleluia” . . . . . Thomas Weelkes  
*Alleluia, I heard a voice as of strong thundering, saying, alleluia;  
salvation and glory and honor and power be unto the Lord our God,  
and to the Lamb, forevermore, alleluia.*

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Listening for the Word

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Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 66:8–20 . . . . . Old Testament, page 500

\*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

John 15:1-8 . . . . . New Testament, page 103

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon . . . . . Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

\*Hymn 285. . . . . “Like the Murmur of the Dove’s Song”

\*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.

Prayers of the People

The Lord’s Prayer

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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” . . . . . Stephen Sturk

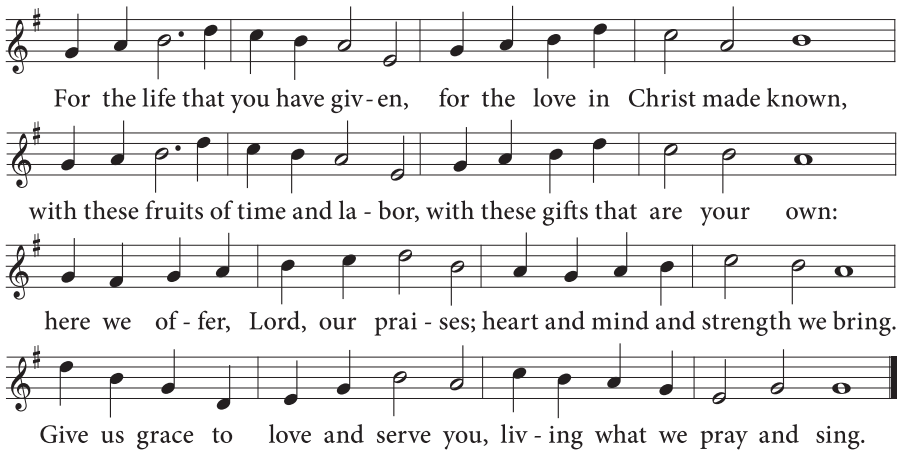
# Offering

## Offertory Anthem

“Te Deum” . . . . . Benjamin Britten

*We praise thee, O God, we acknowledge thee to be the Lord. All the earth doth worship thee, the Father everlasting. To thee all angels cry aloud, the heavens and all the powers therein. To thee cherubim and seraphim continually do cry, holy, holy, holy, Lord God of Sabaoth; heaven and earth are full of the majesty of thy glory. The glorious company of the apostles praise thee. The goodly fellowship of the prophets praise thee. The noble army of martyrs praise thee. The holy church throughout all the world doth acknowledge thee, the Father of an infinite majesty; thine honorable, true and only Son; also the Holy Ghost, the comforter. Thou art the King of glory, O Christ. Thou art the everlasting Son of the Father, O Christ. When thou tookest upon thee to deliver man, thou didst not abhor the virgin's womb. When thou hadst overcome the sharpness of death, thou didst open the kingdom of heaven to all believers. Thou sittest at the right hand of God in the glory of the Father. We believe that thou shalt come to be our judge. We therefore pray thee, help thy servants whom thou hast redeemed with thy precious blood; make them to be numbered with thy saints in glory everlasting. O Lord, save thy people, and bless thine heritage; govern them, and lift them up forever. Day by day we magnify thee, and we worship thy name forever world without end. Vouchsafe, O Lord, to keep us this day without sin. O Lord, have mercy upon us. O Lord, let thy mercy lighten upon us, as our trust is in thee. O Lord, in thee have I trusted, let me never be confounded.*

### \*Presentation of the Offering and 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.

\*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

You have given yourself to us, O Lord.

Now we give ourselves for others.

You have raised us with Christ and made us a new people.

With these gifts, we dedicate our hearts, minds, and bodies to your service,  
that we may proclaim to all the world  
your triumphant love in Christ Jesus. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 450 . . . . . “Be Thou My Vision”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Grand Chorus . . . . . R. G. Hailing

## Worship Leaders

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9:30 Lucy Forster-Smith, Christiane Knapp-Andrews, Jeff Doane,  
Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Lucy Forster-Smith, Hope Daniels, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir; Drum Circle

Sean Stanton, flutist; Laura Perkett, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

## Worship Notes

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TODAY'S MINUTE FOR DISCIPLESHIP is present by Jared Light on behalf of the Deacons.

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 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, May 25 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

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