

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Sonata in the Style of Handel William Wolstenholme
Largo

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” George Guest
*O Lord, open thou our lips, and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.*

*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 503 “Lord, We Have Come at Your Own Invitation”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Almighty God, we confess how hard it is to be your people.
You have called us to be the church,
to continue the mission of Jesus Christ to our lonely and confused world.
Yet we acknowledge that we are more apathetic than active,
isolated than involved, and obstinate rather than obedient.
Have mercy on us and forgive us, O Lord.
Remove the obstacles preventing us
from being your representatives to a broken world.
Awaken our hearts to the gift of your Spirit.
We pray all this in Jesus’ name. 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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 130 Old Testament, page 542

Anthem

"Praise, O Praise" Martin How

Praise, O praise our God and King; hymns of adoration let us sing; for his mercies still endure ever faithful, ever sure. Praise him that he made the sun day by day his course to run and the silver moon by night, shining with her gentle light. Praise him that he gave the rain to mature the swelling grain and hath bid the fruitful field crops of precious increase yield. Praise him for our harvest store; he hath filled the garner floor, and for richer food than this pledge of everlasting bliss. Glory to our bounteous King, glory let creation sing; glory to the Father, glory to the Son and to the Spirit, three in one.

First Lesson

Deuteronomy 24:17-22 New Testament, page 173

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

*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.**

Second Lesson

Acts 6:1-7 New Testament, page 116

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

[†]Or "to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost."

Sermon

“Blessed to Serve” Matt Helms

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 298 “Lord, You Give the Great Commission”

*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 Solo

“Beatus ille servus” Anonymous
Blessed is the one who fears the Lord, when he comes and knocks at the door.

*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

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

People: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Leader: *Let us give thanks to the Lord, our God.*

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

Prayer

Leader: *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, God of 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.

Leader: . . . *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

“Bless, O Lord, Us Thy Servants” Martin How

*Bless, O Lord, us thy servants who minister in thy temple;
grant that what we sing with our lips we may believe in our hearts,
and what we believe in our hearts we may show forth in our lives,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (unison)

As you have given yourself to us, O Lord,
so now we give ourselves for others.
You have sent your Holy Spirit and made us a gifted people,
so help us to serve you and proclaim your good news with joy.
Remembering that your glory has filled our hearts,
help us to glorify you in all things. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 543 “God, Be the Love to Search and Keep Me”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Trumpet Tune in D Major Georg Philipp Telemann

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, Maggie Shreve, Matt Helms

The Music Today

Women of the Morning Choir

Kimberly Gunderson and Kacey Kurpinsky, soloists

Carol Carpenter, flutist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

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 this Friday, June 22 at 7:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel as we do on the fourth Friday of each month.

THE TEXTILE BANNERS AND PULPIT PARAMENT, “Unweavings” created by Laurie Wohl, were commissioned by Fourth Church for use during the liturgical season of Ordinary Time, the longest season of the church year (the season between Epiphany and Lent and between Pentecost and Advent).

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