

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Two Dances Jan Pieterszoon Sweelinck
Soul, Adorn Yourself with Gladness Johann Sebastian Bach

Introit

“Praise We Sing to Thee” Franz Joseph Haydn
arr. Morten J. Luvaas

*Praise we sing to thee, thou mighty ruler, King forever;
praise we sing to thee, dear Lord, and we will fail thee never.
All the joys of nature tell us of thy wonder-working power;
still thy tender grace and mercy keep us every hour.
Praise we sing to thee, most holy, praise forevermore!*

*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: *O come, let us sing to the Lord
and shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!*
People: Let us come into God’s presence with thanksgiving,
singing joyful songs of praise.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 645. “Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *For failing to love others as you have loved us—God of grace,*
People: forgive us.
Leader: *For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods—God of grace,*
People: forgive us.

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*Stand as you are able. †Or “Creator, Christ, and Holy Ghost.”

Leader: *For being poor stewards of the earth
and hurting your creation—God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For fearing those who are strange to us
and ignoring those in need—God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For losing heart and abandoning hope—God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For all the ways we turn from you—God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We offer our prayers in the name of the one
who saves us and makes us whole, Jesus Christ.*

People: **Amen.**

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Die Ehre Gottes aus der Natur” Ludwig van Beethoven
arr. Peter W. Dykem

*The heavens resound with God’s praises eternal; in might and glory they combine
to tell God’s name through the earth and the oceans, that all may hear the word divine.
God holds the sun in the blue-vaulted heavens; God plants his foot upon the world.
The myriad stars bow in willing subjection; the universe God’s hand unfurled.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 97. Old Testament, page 521

*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.

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

Scripture Lesson

Acts of the Apostles 16:16-34 New Testament, page 128

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Series: “A Spirit Revolution”

“Singing into Freedom” Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 533 “In the Singing”

*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 Anthem

“Derr Herr Sugne Euch” Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. Arthur Mendel
May God smile on you more and more, you and all your children.

*Offering 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 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 . . .*

. . . who forever sing 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.

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 Anthems

"Lamb of God" Nikolaus Decius; arr. F. Melius Christiansen

*Lamb of God most holy, who on the cross didst suffer,
patient still and lowly, thyself to scorn didst offer.*

Our sins by thee were taken, or hope had us forsaken; have mercy on us, O Jesu!

“The King of Love and Grace” Irish and American folk tunes
arr. Christopher Aspaas

*The King of love my shepherd is, whose goodness faileth never;
I nothing lack if I am his and he is mine forever.
Where streams of living water flow, my ransomed soul he leadeth,
and where the verdant pastures grow, with food celestial feedeth.
Amazing grace, how sweet the sound that saved a wretch like me;
I once was lost but now am found, was blind but now I see.
And so, through all the length of days, thy goodness faileth never.
Good Shepherd, may I sing thy praise within thy house forever;
and he is mine forever.*

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want. He maketh me to lie down in green pastures, he leadeth me beside the still waters. He restoreth my soul; he leadeth me in the paths of righteousness for his name's sake. Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil; for thou art with me; thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me. Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies; thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Nourishing God, thank you for inviting us to your table where all are welcome and for feeding us with the bread of life and quenching our thirst with the cup of blessing. As you have filled our lives with love and hope, may we be a source of your love and hope for others who hunger and thirst for good news. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 10 “Sing Glory to the Name of God”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Allegro Maestoso André Fleury

Worship Leaders

9:30 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Kat Evans, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Robert Crouch, Jeffrey Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Men's Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

THIS SUMMER'S SERMON SERIES on the Acts of the Apostles, "A Spirit Revolution," invites us to widen our imaginations about what God might do through us as individuals and as a church.

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER. Communion is not just for Presbyterians or "members of the church." All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord, even those who doubt or whose trust is wavering, are invited to partake of the Lord's Supper, in which we are assured of God's love and grace. This morning the congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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