

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Ballad in B-flat Minor William Wolstenholme
Suite Eric DeLamarter
Flourish—Melody—Scherzo

Introit

“Praise the Lord” Traditional Cameroonian melody; arr. Ralph Johnson
Praise the Lord, praise God’s holy name, alleluia.

*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: *In the beginning, before time,
before people, before the world began,*

People: God was.

Leader: *Here and now, among us, beside us,
clearer than air, closer than breathing,*

People: God is.

Leader: *In all that is to come, when we have turned to dust
and human knowledge has been completed,*

People: God will be.

Leader: *Not despairing of earth, but delighting in it,
not condemning the world, but redeeming it
through Jesus Christ, by the power of the Holy Spirit,*

People: God was, God is, God will be.

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 41 “O Worship the King, All Glorious Above!”

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

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Eternal Maker of the endless heavens,
lowly Christ, befriender of the changing earth,
Holy Spirit, wind over the flowing waters,
in earth, sea, and sky you are ever-present.*

People: O Hidden Mystery, sun behind all suns, soul within all souls,
in everything we touch, in everyone we meet, you are there,
and we give you thanks.

Leader: *Where we have not touched but trampled you in creation,*

People: where we have not honored but avoided you in one another,

Leader: *where we have not received but rejected
your goodness and your calls for justice,*

People: forgive us and hear our plea for your pardon.

Leader: *Help us to treasure your costly generosity,
delight in your people, and safeguard your creation.*

People: To you be all honor and glory, forever and ever. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Esto Les Digo” Kinley Lange
Where two or three are gathered in my name, there I will be also.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 124 Old Testament, page 540

*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

Mark 9:38–50 New Testament, page 42

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 793 “O Christ, the Healer”

*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 (*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.

Prayer Response

“Alleluia, Amen” Morgan Simmons

Minute for Discipleship

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“The Battle of Jericho” African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

Joshua fought the battle of Jericho, and the walls come tumbling down. Talk about your kings of Gideon, talk about your men of Saul, but none like good old Joshua at the battle of Jericho that morning. Right up to the walls of Jericho he marched with spear in hand. “Go blow that ram horn!” Joshua cried, “cause the battle is in my hand.” God almighty, then the lamb, ram, sheep horns begin to blow, and the trumpet begins to sound. Joshua commanded the children to shout, and the walls come a-tumbling down. O Lord, you know that Joshua fought the battle, he fought the battle of Jericho, the walls come tumbling down.

*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*)

God of grace, you welcome us as a part of your family.
You nourish us through music, scripture, and prayer,
and you give us the fellowship of one another.
We thank you for all these gifts.
Now send us out into the world by the power of your Spirit,
that we may be your witnesses,
sharing the life-giving news of the gospel. Amen.

Commissioning of Ushers

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 432 “How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord”

*Benediction and Response

Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along with the choir during the Benediction responses.

Postlude

Thou Art Peter, the Rock Henri Mulet

USHER COMMISSIONING

Today’s commissioning of Fourth Church ushers is an affirmation of their dedicated service to our church, its members, and those who are among us as visitors.

9:30 A.M USHERS

Douglas Andrews, Cindy Block, Gerald Bloomer, Dianne Bowman, John Brill, Vern Broders, Stephen Bus, Scott Casler, Linda Crane, Bennie Davis, Don DuPree, Christopher Foster, Jeanne Griffin, Pamela Jameson, Steven Jurgens, James Lacy, Ji Inn Lee, Susana Lopatka, Brenda Mauldin, Pauline Merrill, David Nelson, Sandra Nelson, Lynne Ostfeld, John Pace, Arlene Raine, Robert Sinclair, Jeffrey Weber, Claudia Winkler

11:00 A.M. USHERS

Norma Borcharding, Don Brettmann, Vern Broders, Kay Brungs, Robert Crouch, Lynn Davis, David Douglas, Joseph Fong, Elizabeth Hurley, Mark Hurley, Robert Jewell, James Lacy, Leon LeRoy Jr., Nathalie Loma, Arthur Martin, John McDermott, Marcus Miller, Bradford Pierce, Arlene Raine, Anthony Ruger, Susan Schemper, Menno Scholten, Joseph Sifferlen, Pat Tam, Barton Tretheway, Beverly Washington

Worship Leaders

9:30 Nanette Sawyer, Ranjan Daniels, Joseph L. Morrow, Shannon J. Kershner

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The Music Today

Drum Circle; Morning Choir; Rachael Holzhausen, 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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