

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Prelude on the Name of Alain Maurice Duruflé

Introit

“In God Alone” Jacques Berthier

In God alone my soul can find rest and peace, in God my peace and joy.

Only in God my soul can find its rest and peace.

*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 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Gracious God, although you showed us in Jesus

what it meant to sit at table with outcasts and sinners,

we confess that too often our words and actions

are not consistent with our beliefs.

Often we ignore the needy, show indifference to the lonely,

and reject those who seem different from us.

Forgive us, we pray.

Empower us to reach out in love and acceptance

through your 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.”

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

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 107:1–9 Old Testament, page 528

Anthem

“I Choose Love” Mark Miller

*In the midst of pain, I choose love. In the midst of pain, sorrow falling down like rain,
I await the sun again, I choose love. In the midst of war, I choose peace. In the midst
of war, hate and anger keeping score, I will seek the good once more, I choose peace.
When my world falls down, I will rise. When my world falls down, explanations can't
be found, I will climb to holy ground, I will rise.*

First Lesson

Mark 3:31–4:9 New Testament, page 35

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

Ephesians 2:11–22 New Testament, page 181

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

“A New Family” Matt Helms

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 301 “Let Us Build a House”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Apostles’ Creed

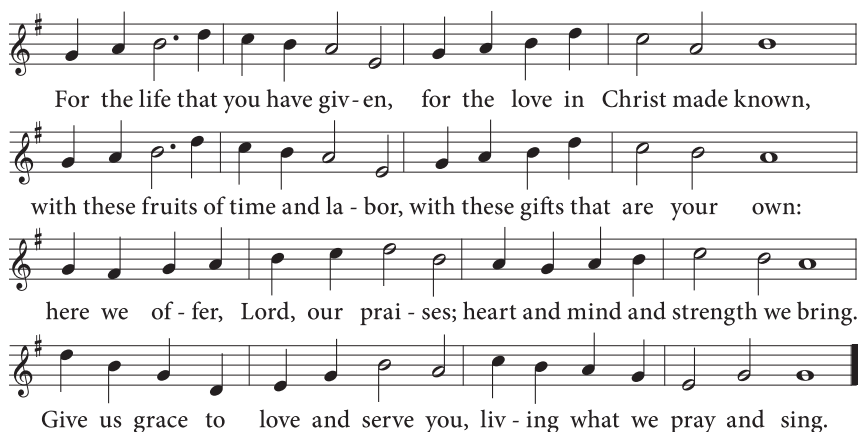
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead; 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

Prelude on an Introit André Fleury

*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

“The Call” Alexander Brent Smith

Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength; such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move; such a love as none can part; such a heart as joys in love.

Prayer after Communion (unison)

We thank you, O God,
for gifts of bread and cup,
for sustaining us in hope
every day of our lives.
We pray for your strength
to prepare us now for your service
as we offer to you
lives of witness and worship
in the world you have made.
Through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

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

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Improvisation on the “Te Deum” Charles Tournemire

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. 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

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The Music Today

Chancel Choir

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Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

WORLD COMMUNION SUNDAY is a day when we celebrate our oneness in Christ with all our brothers and sisters around the world. Reminding us of the unity in that global family, both the colorful cloth on the Communion Table and the stoles being worn by the pastors are from Guatemala, a frequent destination of Fourth Church service trips—including one planned for August 2019.

TODAY'S PEACE AND GLOBAL WITNESS OFFERING supports efforts towards peacemaking by the Presbyterian Church (USA). Gifts to this offering can be made using the envelopes available in the pew racks or by writing "Peacemaking" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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