

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

Prelude

Requiescat in Pace (Rest in Peace) Leo Sowerby

Introit

“Holy Is the True Light” William H. Harris

Holy is the true light and passing wonderful, lending radiance to them that endured in the heat of the conflict; from Christ they inherit a home of unfading splendor, wherein they rejoice with gladness evermore, alleluia.

Opening Sentences

Bidding Prayer

*Hymn 836 “Abide with Me”

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God,
we admit that we take for granted the gift of life.
And we admit that we have taken for granted the lives of loved ones.
We have missed opportunities for expressions of appreciation.
We have complained.
We have not loved others
in ways that have been honoring to them or to us or to you.
Forgive us, gracious God, and remind us in this hour
of your promises of faith, of your generous act of forgiveness.
Remind us that your love is real,
and forgive us for living as though it is not.
In your mercy, forgive us.
Give us courage to follow in your way,
that joined with those from ages past,
who have served you with faith, hope, and love,
we may inherit the kingdom you promised in Jesus Christ. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

*Stand as you are able.

Psalter (*unison*) Psalm 23 (KJV)

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.

Scripture Lesson

Revelation to John 7:9-17 New Testament, page 235

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

“Lux Aeterna” Morten Lauridsen

1. Introitus

Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.
A hymn befits thee, O God, in Zion, and to thee a vow shall be fulfilled in
Jerusalem. Hear my prayer, for unto thee all flesh shall come. Rest eternal
grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them.

2. In Te, Domine, Speravi

To deliver us, you became human and did not disdain the virgin's womb.
Having blunted the sting of death, you opened the kingdom of heaven
to all believers. A light has risen in the darkness for the upright. Have
mercy upon us, O Lord, have mercy upon us. Let thy mercy be upon us,
O Lord, as we have trusted in thee. In thee, O Lord, have I trusted; let me
never be confounded.

3. O Nata Lux

O born Light of light, Jesus, redeemer of the world, mercifully deem
worthy and accept the praises and prayers of your supplicants. Thou who
once deigned to be clothed in flesh for the sake of the lost ones, grant to us
to be made members of your holy body.

4. Veni, Sancte Spiritus

Come, Holy Spirit, send forth from heaven the ray of thy light. Come, Father of the poor; come, giver of gifts; come, light of hearts. Thou best of consolers, sweet guest of the soul, sweet refreshment. In labor, thou art rest; in heat, the tempering; in grief, the consolation. O Light most blessed, fill the inmost heart of all thy faithful. Without your grace, there is nothing in us, nothing that is not harmful. Cleanse what is sordid, moisten what is arid, heal what is hurt. Flex what is rigid, fire what is frigid, correct what is gone astray. Grant to thy faithful, those trusting in thee, thy sacred sevenfold gifts. Grant the reward of virtue, grant the deliverance of salvation, grant everlasting joy.

5. Agnus Dei – Lux Aeterna

Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them rest. Lamb of God, who takest away the sins of the world, grant them everlasting rest. May light eternal shine upon them, O Lord, in the company of thy saints forever and ever, for thou art merciful. Rest eternal grant to them, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them. Alleluia, amen.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“And I Saw a New Heaven” Edgar L. Bainton

And I saw a new heaven and a new earth, for the first heaven and the first earth were passed away; and there was no more sea. And I, John, saw the holy city, new Jerusalem, coming down from God out of heaven, prepared as a bride adorned for her husband. And I heard a great voice out of heaven saying, behold, the tabernacle of God is with all, and he will dwell with them and they shall be his people, and God himself shall be with them and be their God. And God shall wipe away all tears from their eyes, and there shall be no more death, neither sorrow nor crying, neither shall there be any more pain, for the former things are passed away.

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.

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

“They Are All Gone into the World of Light” John Tavener

They are all gone into the world of light! And I alone sit lingering here;
I see them walking in an air of glory, whose light doth trample on my
days, which are at best but dull and hoary, mere glimmering and decays.
Dear beautiful death, the jewel of the just, shining nowhere but in the
dark, could man outlook that mark and into glory peep. Either disperse
these mists which blot and fill my perspective still as they pass, or else
remove me hence unto that hill, where I shall need no glass.

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Almighty God, we thank you that in your great love
you have fed us with the spiritual food and drink
of the body and blood of your Son Jesus Christ
and have given us a foretaste
of the heavenly banquet.
Grant that this sacrament
may be to us a comfort in affliction
and a pledge of our inheritance in that kingdom
where there is no death,
neither sorrow nor crying,
but the fullness of joy with all your saints,
through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

*Hymn 676 “Day Is Done”

*Commendation

*You only are immortal, the creator and maker of all.
We are mortal, formed of the earth, and to earth we shall return.
This you ordained when you created us, saying,
“You are dust, and to dust you shall return.”*
**All of us go down to the dust;
yet even at the grave we make our song:
Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia.**
*Give rest, O Christ, to your servants with all your stains,
where there is neither pain nor sorrow nor sighing,
but life everlasting. Amen.*

*Tolling of the Bells

All Saints' Sunday

On All Saints' Sunday, we both remember the faithful who have gone before us and honor departed loved ones. As part of that observance, the names of Fourth Church members who have entered the Church Triumphant in the past year are read during worship.

Richard G. Anderson

Charles Nay

Laura Jean Barrows

John Parsons

Helen R. Beiser

Alice Perry

Betty H. Bergstrom

Irene Puckett

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Emma R. Talen

Sue S. Felty

Sammie L. Turner

Jeanette Krenek

Robert Walker

Jean Lerner

Robert R. Williams

Miriam Littell

Martha C. Wiltsie

Gary J. Low

Worship Leaders

Shawn Fiedler, Shannon Kershner

The Music Tonight

The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Lux Aeterna was composed in 1997 by American composer Morten Lauridsen, who in 2007 received the National Medal of Arts.

This evening, 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.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Victoria G. Curtiss Mission

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

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Judith L. Watt Pastoral Care

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