

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

Adagio in G Minor Tommaso Albinoni; arr. S. Drummond Wolff

Vocalise Sergei Rachmaninoff; arr. Patricia Bird

Introit ♯ “Sing to the Lord of Harvest” German chorale; arr. Theodore Hoelty-Nickel

Sing to the Lord of harvest, sing songs of love and praise;

with joyful hearts and voices your alleluias raise.

By God the rolling seasons in fruitful order move;

sing to the Lord of harvest a song of happy love.

*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, when God created,*

God looked at the world and called it good.

People: **Even now, God is creating,**

calling us to join the work of making the world good.

Leader: *Earth and water and air, plants and animals and people,*

made from dirt and word and love.

People: **God gifts us all this and more,**

so that we can glorify and enjoy God forever.

Leader: *Come, let us worship God together.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 275 “A Mighty Fortress Is Our God”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, you are always speaking, giving us instructions,
directing our attention, and telling us your love.

We confess that sometimes we are not very good listeners.

We aren't sure what is your voice, what is ours, and what is just noise.

We are too easily distracted. We like our own ways.

But even when we claim we are too busy, you still call.

We beseech you to open our minds and hearts.

Tune our ears to your voice.

Help us to listen to what you have to say,
and then help us to follow wherever you lead.

Remind us of your love and forgiveness,
and give us strength to be faithful to you.

We pray in the name of Jesus. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem # "There Is a Balm in Gilead" . . . African American spiritual; arr. Larry L. Fleming

*There is a balm in Gilead to make the wounded whole; there is a balm in Gilead to heal
the sin-sick soul. Sometimes I feel discouraged and think my work's in vain, but then
the Holy Spirit revives my soul again. If you cannot sing like angels, if you cannot
preach like Paul, you can tell the love of Jesus and say, "He died for all."*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 42

Leader: *As the deer longs for the water-brooks, so longs my soul for you, O God.*

People: **I thirst for God, for the living God;
when shall I come to appear before the presence of God?**

Leader: *My tears have been my food day and night,
while all day long they say to me, "Where now is your God?"*

People: **I pour out my soul when I think on these things;
how I went with the multitude and led them into the house of God,
with shouts of thanksgiving, among those keeping festival.**

Leader: *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul, and why are you so
disquieted within me? Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks
to the one who is my help and my God.*

People: **My soul is heavy within me;
therefore I will remember you from the land of Jordan,
and from the peak of Mizar among the heights of Hermon.**

Leader: *One deep calls to another in the roar of your cascades;
all your rapids and floods have gone over me.*

People: **The Lord grants loving-kindness in the daytime;
in the night season the Lord's song is with me,
a prayer to the God of my life.**

Leader: *I will say to the God of my strength, "Why have you rejected me,
and why do I wander in such gloom while the enemy oppresses me?"*

People: **While my bones are being broken, my enemies mock me to my face;
all day long they mock me and say to me, "Where now is your God?"**

Leader: *Why are you so full of heaviness, O my soul,
and why are you so disquieted within me?
Put your trust in God, for I will yet give thanks
to the one who is my help and my 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.**

Scripture Lessons :: Genesis 3:1–13 Old Testament, page 2

Ephesians 6:10–18 New Testament, page 184

Sermon :: "Is Satan for Real?" Shannon J. Kershner

Part of the "Big Questions" sermon series

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 629 “Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee”

*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*) The Hymnal, page 35

Prayer Response :: “God Be Merciful” Eric DeLamarter

*God be merciful unto us and show us the light of his countenance, that thy way
may be known upon earth, thy saving health among all nations. Amen.*

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Guide Us, O Thou Great Jehovah” John Hughes
arr. Andrew Hawryluk

*Guide us, O thou great Jehovah, guide us to the promised land.
We are weak, but thou art able; hold us with thy powerful hand.
Holy Spirit, feed us ’til the Savior comes. Open, Jesus, Zion’s fortunes;
let her richest blessings come. Let the fiery, cloudy pillar guide us to this holy home.
Great redeemer, bring, O bring the welcome day.
When the earth begins to tremble, bid our fearful thoughts be still;
when thy judgments spread destruction, keep us safe on Zion’s hill.
Singing praises, songs of glory unto thee.*

*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*)

O God, send us out from this service of worship
to answer your summons into new life
and to follow your way of joy and gladness.
May our lives be signs of Jesus' life,
and may all we do show forth his love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 331 "God of the Ages, Whose Almighty Hand"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♯ Trumpet Tune David German

Worship Leaders

9:30 Rocky Supinger, Sally Scott, Jim Ford, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Rocky Supinger, Betsy Storm, Robin Moncrieff, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Men's Choir

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

Worship Notes

OUR “BIG QUESTIONS” SERMON SERIES, which concludes today, has invited us to explore the questions, topics, and biblical stories that members and friends told us they would like to hear addressed from the pulpit. Today's question is “Is Satan for real?” To read sermons exploring our earlier questions, go to www.fourthchurch.org/worship/big-questions.html

FOURTH CHURCH OFFERS A VARIETY of worship opportunities on Sundays, including an 8:00 a.m. Communion service and a jazz service with Communion at 4:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel. Next Sunday, July 7 our Jazz at Four service will take place outdoors in our Michigan Avenue courtyard. 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.

THE BULLETIN COVER depicts the Fourth Church steeple. The inscription around the steeple below the carved stone angel figures is from Ephesians 3:21: “Unto him be the glory in the church and in Christ Jesus throughout all ages, world without end.”

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