

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Trio Sonata in E-flat Major Johann Sebastian Bach
Allegro Moderato–Adagio–Allegro
Adagio from *Flute Quartet*, K285 Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

Introit

“O Lord, Open Thou Our Lips” George Guest
O Lord, open thou our lips and our mouth shall show forth thy praise.
O God, make speed to save us; O Lord, make haste to help us.
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.
Praise ye the Lord; the Lord’s name be praised.

- *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: *The One who commands the clouds calls us to be poured out for others.*
People: **We can, by faith, be the waters of peace which quench the fires of hatred.**
Leader: *The One who creates mercy and hope longs for a world of fair play and grace.*
People: **We can, by faith, let righteousness and justice be our constant companions.**
Leader: *The One who is with us in every moment composes a love song for our hearts.*
People: **We can, by faith, teach this song to everyone we meet.**

*Prayer of Praise

- *Hymn 463 “How Firm a Foundation”

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

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

What more can we say, expectant God, that you don't know already?
You long for justice for all people, but it is washed away
by the flood of violence in our world.
You hope that righteousness will walk with us,
but you hear the clear cries of those we mistreat.
You ask us to speak up for those in need,
but we shut our mouths and turn away.
Forgive us, righteous God.
Have mercy when we do not bear the fruit we could.
Even though we have not lived our faith to the fullest,
may we receive the promises of hope and grace
you have given to us in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Concerns of the Church

Anthem :: "Laudamus te" from *Gloria* Antonio Vivaldi
We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, and we glorify you, O God.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

First Lesson :: Isaiah 5:1-7. Old Testament, page 596

Psalter Psalm 80:1-2, 8-19

Leader: *Hear, O Shepherd of Israel, leading Joseph like a flock;
shine forth, you that are enthroned upon the cherubim.*

People: **In the presence of Ephraim, Benjamin, and Manasseh,
stir up your strength and come to help us.**

Leader: *You have brought a vine out of Egypt;
you cast out the nations and planted it.*

People: **You cleared the ground for it; it took root and filled the land.**

Leader: *The mountains were covered by its shadow
and the towering cedar trees by its boughs.*

People: **You stretched out its tendrils to the sea
and its branches to the river.**

Leader: *Why have you broken down its wall,
so that all who pass by pluck off its grapes?*

People: **The wild boar of the forest has ravaged it,
and the beasts of the field have grazed upon it.**

Leader: *Turn now, O God of hosts, look down from heaven;*

People: **behold and tend this vine;
preserve what your right hand has planted.**

Leader: *They burn it with fire like rubbish;
at the rebuke of your countenance let them perish.*

People: **Let your hand be upon the one at your right hand,
the one you have made so strong for yourself.**

Leader: *And so will we never turn away from you;
give us life, that we may call upon your name.*

People: **Restore us, O Lord God of hosts;
let your face shine upon us, and we shall be saved.**

Leader: *Amen.*

*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 :: Luke 12:49–56 New Testament, page 71

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 39 “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”

*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 :: “Amen” Anonymous

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “Alleluia” from *Exsultate, Jubilate* Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*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*)

As you share your blessings with us, gracious God,
you show great faith that we will use them wisely
and offer them generously to others.

So, by faith, may our gifts bring healing to the broken,
hope to the despairing, and laughter to those who mourn.

This we pray, in Jesus' name. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 361 "O Christ, the Great Foundation"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude ♯ Carillon-Sortie Henri Mulet

Worship Leaders

9:30 Matt Helms, Anthony Hipp, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

11:00 Matt Helms, Janet Love, Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Women's Choir; Carol Carpenter, flutist

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

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. (On September 1 the 4:00 service will be held outdoors in the 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.

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