

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Sonata in G Major . . . . . Carl Philipp Emanuel Bach  
Allegretto—Rondo

Introit ☩ “Hail, the True and Only Savior” . . . . . Thomas Pavlechko

\*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: *From Bethlehem to Nazareth, from Jordan to Jericho,  
from Bethany to Jerusalem, from then to now,*

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: *To heal the sick, to mend the brokenhearted,  
to comfort the disturbed, to disturb the comfortable,  
to cleanse the temple, to liberate faith from convention,*

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: *To carry the cross, to lead the way,  
to shoulder the sin of the world and take it away,*

People: come, Lord Jesus.

Leader: *Today, to this place, to us,*

People: come, Lord Jesus.

### \*Prayer of Praise

\*Hymn 757 . . . . . “Today We All Are Called to Be Disciples”

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

## Litany of Confession

Leader: *Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We have lived for ourselves and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors and refused to bear the burdens of others. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We have ignored the pain of the world and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy, forgive our sins and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments. God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *Most merciful God, you alone know our hearts and hopes. Draw near and hear us as we come before you and call out to you in silence . . . (Please hold silence.)*

## Extinguishing the Fifth Lenten Candle

Kyrie . . . . . The Hymnal, 551  
Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

### \*Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

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

## Concerns of the Church

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## Listening for the Word

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### Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*sung*) :: “When God Restored Our Common Life” (Psalm 126) . . . . The Hymnal, 74

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:<sup>†</sup> as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

Scripture Lesson :: Matthew 25:31–46. . . . . New Testament, page 27

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<sup>†</sup>Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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### Silent Reflection

*Throughout the season of Lent we are practicing silence as a way to grow closer to God and one another.*

### \*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 Anthem :: "O Salutaris Hostia" ..... Ēriks Ešenvalds

*O saving Victim, opening wide the gate of heaven to us below; our foes press hard on every side; thine aid supply, thy strength bestow. To thy great name be endless praise, immortal Godhead, One in Three. O grant us endless length of days, in our true native land with thee. Amen.*

### \*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.

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## Sealing the Word

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### 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, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and 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, 553

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 Anthems

“Sanctus” ..... Ola Gjeilo  
*Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of hosts. Heaven and earth are full of thy glory. Hosanna in the highest. Blessed is the One that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.*

“Agneau de Dieu” ..... Rupert Lang  
*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy on us.  
Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us peace.*

Psalm 23 (*recited in unison after all have received the cup*)

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.

\*Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Eternal God, as you fed your people in the wilderness with unexpected food,  
so you feed us at this table with a simple loaf and cup.  
Here you transform us, by the working of your wondrous love.  
Now send us out to be Christ's body in your broken and beautiful world,  
to bear your good news of hope and grace for all. Amen.

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## Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 727 ..... “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

\*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude ..... William Mathias

## Worship Leaders

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Judith L. Watt, Fourth Church Youth, Jeff Doane, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Suzanne Gillen, flute; Morning Choir

Rachael Holzhausen, Laura Perkett, and Cole Seaton, soloists

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

## Worship Notes

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EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE LENTEN ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING SUPPORTS Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church. Gifts can also be made online at [www.fourthchurch.org/give-online](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give-online)

TODAY FOURTH CHURCH CELEBRATES THE SACRAMENT of the Lord’s Supper. The congregation is served in the pews by Fourth Church elders and deacons. The congregation also takes on the role of serving: worshipers take the bread (which is gluten-free) and grape juice from the plate held by their neighbor, and then they take the plate and serve the neighbor on their other side. Empty glasses are placed in the ringed holes in the pew racks.

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