

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

Gathering around the Word

Prelude :: Processional William Mathias

Introit :: “Lift Up Your Heads” Eric H. Thiman

Lift up your heads, O ye gates; even lift them up, ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.

*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 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Litany of Confession

Leader: *Judas, servant of jealousy, where are you?*

People: **I am here.**

Leader: *Peter, servant of fear, where are you?*

People: **I am here.**

Leader: *Thomas, servant of doubt, where are you?*

People: **I am here.**

Leader: *Disciples, whose devotion changed to desertion, where are you?*

People: **We are here.**

Leader: *People of Jerusalem, whose cries moved too quickly from “Hosanna” to “Crucify,” where are you?*

People: **We are here. Faithful God, it is true. We promise to be faithful, but we fall away. We betray you; we deny you; we forsake you; we desert you; we are afraid. But we are here. And so we ask you to take who we are and transform us by your grace.**

(Please hold silence.)

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

Responding to the Word

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*) from A Brief Statement of Faith (PCUSA)

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Offering

Offertory Voluntary :: Intermezzo in G Major Hermann Schroeder

*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, 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.

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The Lord's Prayer (*unison*) The Hymnal, page 35

The Communion

Communion Anthem :: "Christus Factus Est" Roland E. Martin

Christ became obedient unto death, even the death of the cross.

Wherefore God also hath highly exalted him and given him a name which is above every name.

Litany on Christ's Passion

Leader: *Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried, and rose again for our sake.
With love let us adore him, aware of our needs. Let us pray.
Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death.*

People: Teach us to obey God's will in all things.

Leader: *Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death.*

People: Enable us to die with you and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: *Christ our strength, you were despised and humiliated
as a condemned criminal.*

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: *Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.*

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: *Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms.*

People: Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Leader: *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

People: grant us peace.

Leader: *Indeed, O God, grant us peace. Amen.*

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 223 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*Benediction and Response

Postlude :: Voluntary in C Major Hermann Schroeder

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Rocky Supinger, Lucy Forster-Smith

Extinguishing the Lenten Candle

Roberta Dawson

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist; Justin Taylor, Organ Scholar

Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we have extinguished 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

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. 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.

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