

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

✱ *Liturgy of the Palms* ✱

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

- Processional Fanfare No. 1 Elgar Howarth
Prelude and Fugue in C Major “Fanfare” Johann Sebastian Bach
Procession of the Nobles Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov
arr. Rich Mays
Fanfare Paul Dukas
arr. Robert Gower
Allegro from *Concerto for Seven Trumpets*. Johann Ernst Altenburg
arr. Erich Peterson

Introit

“Antiphonal Hosanna” G. Alan Smith

*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 next day the great crowd that had come to the festival
heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem.
So they took branches of palm trees
and went out to meet him, shouting,*

People: “Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name
of the Lord—the King of Israel!”

Leader: *Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written:
“Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion.
Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey’s colt!”*

People: Hosanna! Blessed be God forever.

**Stand as you are able.*

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Palm Sunday Children’s Message

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, in the midst of energy and parades, the laughter
of children, and the beautiful chaos of procession, we pause.
We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life.
So we come before you to confess.
We confess the ways that religious words and holy phrases
can slip so easily from our lips yet fall flat in our lives.
We confess that our faith can be shallow and our following can be timid.
Forgive us.
Forgive us and set us free
to see the ways your Spirit is active within us and among us.
Open us once more to your faithfulness and your grace.
We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

Kyrie. Franz Schubert

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Reception of New Members (11:30)

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Hosanna to the Son of David” Robert W. Lehman
*Hosanna to the Son! Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Peace in heaven and glory in the highest.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 24 Old Testament, page 475

*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 Lesson

John 19:16b–30 New Testament, page 107
Minister: *The Word of the Lord*.
People: Thanks be to God.

Lenten Sermon Series: Following Jesus in the Gospel of John
“Final Things” Shannon J. Kershner

✻ *Liturgy of the Passion* ✻

Responding to the Word

Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) 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.

Responsive Prayer 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 . . .*

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" Florence Worthington

Offertory Anthem

"Christus factus est" Anton Bruckner

*Christ, being found in human form, humbled himself and became obedient
to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted
him and gave him the name that is above every name.*

*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*)

God of all good gifts, we thank you for the gift of generosity and life. May these gifts lead to good meals around our church tables for any who are hungry. May these gifts help to find shelter and relief for those who have no place to rest. May these gifts keep the lights on so that music students and Tutoring students have the chance to learn and grow. May these gifts be used to proclaim your gospel of welcome, justice, and peace. Give us grateful hearts, O God. And teach us to respond. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 216 “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

*Benediction and Response

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

Postlude

The Holy City Stephen Adams
arr. Robert Nagel

JOIN US ON THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

Maundy 12:10 p.m. Communion Service
Thursday, *Hardy H. Kim*
April 13 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service
April 14 *Rocky Supinger preaching*
5:30 p.m. Children’s Program in Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil, beginning in the Garth
April 15 *Nanette Sawyer*

Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
April 16 *Hardy H. Kim preaching*
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service
Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 a.m. Children’s Program in Gratz, Fourth Floor
4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion
Nanette Sawyer preaching

Worship Leaders

Abbi Heimach-Snipes, Rob Koon, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

The Cherub Choir; The Children's Choir; The Youth Choir

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

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Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, Pianist

Worship Notes

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 darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

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