



The Liturgy of the Palms

Palm/Passion Sunday

Gathering Music "Very Early" *Bill Evans*
 "The Old Rugged Cross" *George Bennard*

Welcome

Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, Fourth Presbyterian Church welcomes all of God's children into the life of the church regardless of sex, gender, sexual orientation, age, race, ethnicity, physical or mental ability, mental health, educational background, economic situation, religious background, or documentation status.

We invite you to complete the prayer card found in this worship bulletin and to place it in the plate during the sharing of gifts. Information about the prayer cards is printed on the back cover.

Opening Responses *(please remain seated)*

Leader: Jesus is coming.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: He's riding on a donkey.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Open the gates.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Don't be afraid.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Wave the branches.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Spread out your coats.

People: Shout Hosanna!

* Stand as you are able

Leader: Peace in heaven.

People: Shout Hosanna!

Leader: Glory in highest heaven.

People: Shout Hosanna!

■ **The Entrance into Jerusalem** *Based on John 12:12–19*

***Hymn** "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Please note

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The Liturgy of the Passion

■ **Jesus Washes Their Feet** *Based on John 13:1–20*

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Initiation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

Words of Institution

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

Hymn “Will You Let Me Be Your Servant”

■ **Announcement of the Betrayal** *Based on John 13:21–30*

Hymn "Go to Dark Gethsemane"

Litany of Confession

Leader: Judas, slave of jealousy, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Peter, slave of fear, where are you?

People: I am here.

Leader: Thomas, slave of doubt, where are you?

People: I am here.

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

People: We are here.

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

People: We are here.

(Please hold silence.)

**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 to transform us by your grace. Amen.**

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

■ **The Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus** *Based on John 18:1–13*

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

■ **Pilate and the Crowd** *Based on John 18:33–19:6, 16*

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Sharing of Gifts *(Please place gifts and prayer cards in the plate as it is passed.)*

Offertory Music "I'll Fly Away" *Albert E. Brumley*

■ **The Crucifixion of Jesus** *Based on John 19:16b–30*

***Hymn** "What Wondrous Love Is This"

***Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: Friends, hear this good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven, blessed, and sent into the world!**

■ **The Burial of Jesus** *John 19:38–42*

Musical Reflection “Were You There”

***Hymn** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

***Benediction**

Sending Music

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner	Pastor
Hardy H. Kim	Associate Pastor
Abbi Heimach-Snipes	Pastoral Resident
Samme Orwig	Lay Liturgist
Jonathan Kent	Lay Liturgist
Clark Costen	Lay Liturgist
Lucy Smith Quartet	Lucy Smith, vocals Bryan Doherty, bass Marcus Evans, drums Amr Fahmy, piano

A note on inclusive language

Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service, God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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News and Opportunities

Holy Week and Easter

Daily Holy Week devotions are available via email (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions). They are also posted on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), Twitter (@FourthChicago), and the church website (www.fourthchurch.org) and are available in printed booklets in the literature racks.

Maundy Thursday Communion services on April 13 will be held at 12:10 p.m. (Hardy Kim preaching) and 7:30 p.m. (Tenebrae) in the Sanctuary. The Tenebrae service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus.

On Good Friday, April 14, Rocky Supinger will preach at the 12:10 p.m. service. The 7:30 p.m. choral service will feature works by Allegri, Barber, and Whitacre sung by the Morning Choir.

A Good Friday program for children will be held on April 14 at 5:30 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

A Saturday Easter Vigil will be held on April 15 beginning at 8:00 p.m. in the Michigan Avenue courtyard with the kindling of a fire to provide candlelight to carry into the darkened Sanctuary. Once inside there will be readings from scripture, a reaffirmation of baptismal vows, and the celebration of Communion. Those attending are encouraged to bring bells to make a joyful noise in celebration of the resurrection.

Easter Sunday services on April 16 will include a Sunrise Service at 6:30 a.m. at Oak Street Beach; 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. worship; and a 4:00 p.m. jazz service. An Easter program for children will take place at 9:30 a.m. on Gratz Floor 4.

Our Easter Brunch of ham, bacon, waffles, scrambled eggs, hash browns, fresh fruit, Danish, orange juice, and hot coffee and tea will be served Easter Sunday, April 16 at 12:30 p.m. in Borwell Dining Room. Tickets, which are required, are available online at www.bit.ly/fpcbrunch17

News and Resources

A memorial service for David Donovan, Associate Pastor Emeritus, will be held on Friday, April 21 at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary.

Chicago Lights needs your votes to win a \$64,000 "Building Community" grant! Our nonprofit community outreach arm is in second place; please help us move into first place by voting online at www.bit.ly/GRBCA by 3:00 p.m. Friday, April 14.

John M. Buchanan will lead a two-session discussion of Dietrich Bonhoeffer's book *Life Together* on Wednesdays, April 12 and 19 at 6:30 p.m. in Anderson Hall.

The Choral Society will begin weekly rehearsals on Thursday, April 20 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel in preparation for their Friday evening, May 19 concert featuring French music. All are invited to join in singing.

South Africa will be the destination of the Fourth Church choir tour in summer 2018. Singers and fellow travelers interested in learning more about the trip are encouraged to attend a gathering on Thursday, April 27 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.

Adult volunteers are needed to join youth on retreats or youth group gatherings in 2017–2018. Read about the opportunities online at www.bit.ly/2oapRbZ; sign up by April 30.

Volunteers are needed to pass out cider to waiting worshipers prior to the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter Sunday services. To sign up, call Anne Ellis at 312.573.3369.

Hosts and servers are needed Easter Sunday from 11:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. for the congregational Easter Brunch.

Fourth Church Meals Ministry is in need of Sunday Night Supper volunteers to cook (2:00–6:00 p.m.) and serve (3:30–6:00 p.m.) on Easter, April 16.

During Today's Worship

All are encouraged to use the prayer card, found in this worship bulletin, to offer joys and/or concerns. The cards will be collected during the Sharing of Gifts (simply place the card in the offering plate as it is passed). The prayers will then be read aloud during this afternoon's Prayers of the People.

If you have a prayer you would rather not share during worship, you are invited to complete a prayer card found by one of the prayer boxes in the Narthex, at the back of the Sanctuary, and it will be passed on to Judith Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care.

All, including children, are invited to the Lord's Table to receive Communion, which is served by intinction. The congregation will come forward by the center aisle to receive the bread (gluten-free bread is available in the paper "cup" within the basket of bread), which they will then dip into the chalice of nonalcoholic grape juice. Worshipers will return to their pews by the side aisles.

The large banners hanging in the middle of the Sanctuary were created by liturgical artist Shawna Bowman during the 4:00 worship service and are artistic representations of our worship experience.

Please silence all electronic devices when in the Sanctuary.

Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the Sanctuary and return as you wish. There is also an area in the left-side aisle where your child can play quietly.

Worship folders, containing quiet activities and a bulletin for children, are available from a greeter.

Printed copies of sermons recently preached at Fourth Church are available in the literature racks. They are also available at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons/index.html.

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Judy Watt, Associate Pastor for Pastoral Care, at 312.573.3360 (jwatt@fourthchurch.org).

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership and includes a light meal. Attend Monday, May 1 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, May 20 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Monday, June 5 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. For membership information, contact Hardy Kim, Associate Pastor for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399 (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or go to www.fourthchurch.org

Information about opportunities and resources available to you here at Fourth Church is available in the literature racks as you're leaving the church. You can also find information on our website (www.fourthchurch.org), our page on Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch), and in our weekly email newsletter (send addresses to news@fourthchurch.org).

If you are interested in considering baptism or membership at the 4:00 p.m. service at Fourth Church, please contact Hardy Kim (hkim@fourthchurch.org) or any pastor involved in the service. Information is available about the Baptism Seminar and Inquirers' Class, which are necessary for preparation. A monthly opportunity to be baptized or join the church at the 4:00 service is available on April 23 or May 28.

Sunday parking is available at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$8 between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the 900 garage must be picked up from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

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