MORNING WORSHIP

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

Prelude Elegy George Thalben-Ball

Litany Joel Martinson
Prelude Agustín Barrios Mangoré

INTROIT "Behold, the Lamb of God" Stephen Sturk

Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.

*DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION

(The Hymnal, 592)

*HYMN 83 "O Love, How Deep, How Broad, How High"

Tune: Deo Gracias

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (unison)

You asked for my hands

that you might use them for your purpose. I gave them for a moment, then withdrew them

for the work was hard.
You asked for my mouth
to cook out against injustice

to speak out against injustice.

I gave you a whisper that I might not be accused.

You asked for my eyes to see the pain of poverty.

I closed them for I did not want to see.

You asked for my life

that you might work through me.

I gave a small part that I would not get too involved.

Lord, forgive my calculated efforts to serve you only when it is convenient for me to do so, only in those places where it is safe to do so,

and only with those who make it easy to do so. $\,$

Lord, forgive me, renew me,

send me out as a usable instrument

that I might take seriously the meaning of the cross. Amen.

DECLARATION OF PARDON

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

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS

(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 126 (sung) (The Hymnal, 237)

ANTHEM "Ach, arme Welt, du trügest mich" *Johannes Brahms*

Alas, poor world, thou mockest me; that I do know most certainly, but still I must perceive thee. Thou faithless world, thou art not true; in pain and woe, I know that too. The fires of hell shall grieve thee. Thy goods, thy worth cannot prevail; in death, in need they all shall fail; thy wealth is but an empty tale. God, grant that I may find thee.

FIRST LESSON Deuteronomy 15:7–11 (page 165, O.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

SECOND LESSON John 12:1–8 (page 100, N.T.)

SERMON Love beyond Calculation Victoria G. Curtiss

*Hymn 391 "Take My Life" Tune: Hendon

*APOSTLES' CREED (unison)

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

"Out of the Depths"

S. Sturk

Out of the depths have I cried unto thee, O Lord; hear the voice of my supplications. Amen.

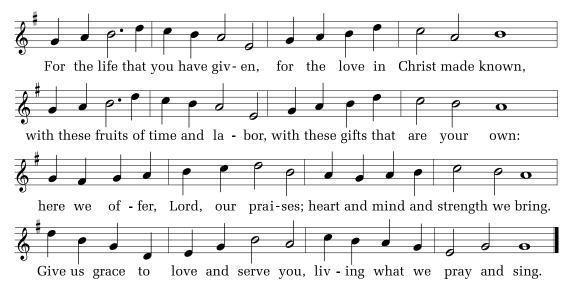
OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM "Wenn wir in höchsten Nöten sein"

J. Brahms

When we do suffer grief and woe and know not where our feet must go; and find no guide to show the way, though we do seek it all the day; Let this then be our only grace, that here together in this place we cry to thee, O God most dear, to save us from all pain and fear. Do not look on our grievous sin, but grant us thy grace; stand by us in our time of need, that from all grief we may be freed. Then from a grateful spirit we may offer joyful thanks to thee and serve thy word that we adore, that we may praise thee forever more.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



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*PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.

All: Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you.

Use them your holy purpose to fulfill; tokens of love and pledges brought anew, that our whole life is offered to your will.

 $Loving\ God,\ whose\ bounty\ all\ creation\ shows;$

Christ, by whose willing sacrifice we live; Spirit, from whom all life in fullness flows:

to you with grateful hearts ourselves we give. Amen.

*HYMN 101 "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" Tune: Hamburg

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE Voluntary Clarence Eddy

Join the Journey to Easter

Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Morning Services

March 24 Calum I. MacLeod preaching

4:00 p.m. Jazz Service with Communion

Adam H. Fronczek preaching

There are no Noonday servies on Monday, Tuesday, or Wednesday.

Maundy Thursday 12:10 p.m. Communion Service

March 28

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

March 29

2:30 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Walk

Meet at Wayman A.M.E. Church (509 W. Elm) 4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Buchanan Chapel

7:30 p.m. Choral Service in the Sanctuary

Saturday

8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil in the Sanctuary

March 30

John W. Vest preaching

March 31

Easter Sunday 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

Joyce Shin preaching

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service

Calum I. MacLeod preaching

9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Gratz, Fourth Floor

4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion

Adam H. Fronczek preaching

Please note that the last morning service on Palm Sunday and Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.

WORSHIP LEADERS

9:30 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss 11:00 a.m. Joyce Shin, Calum I. MacLeod, Victoria G. Curtiss

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Handbell Choir; The Morning Choir;11:00 a.m. The Handbell Choir; The Morning Choir;

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

The Fourth Church Handbell Choir, which is providing music during this morning's prelude, rehearses each Sunday at 8:00 a.m. in the Buchanan Chapel Choir Loft. Those interested in joining the Handbell Choir are invited to contact John Sherer (312.981.3592; jsherer@fourthchurch.org).

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The bulletin cover photo depicts an angel over the altar in Stone Chapel. The quote is from Mary Oliver's poem "Mysteries, Yes" in her book *Evidence*.

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