
Moving from Palms to Passion

Prelude ♫ Prelude in C Major Johann Sebastian Bach

Welcome and Invitation to Worship

Hymn “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Refrain

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. *Refrain*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *Refrain*

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem Matthew 21:1–11

Solo ♫ “Ride on, King Jesus” African American spiritual

Liturgy of Our Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, just when we think we know you,
just when we’re sure where it is you’re sending us,
just then is when you do something new and entirely unexpected.

O Expected One, you are never the one we expect.

Have mercy on us, for we confess we have been afraid of where you might lead us.

We confess we make excuses for not following you into
broken hearts, broken lives, broken bonds, broken homes,
broken communities, broken nations, this broken world.

O God, we confess the brokenness of your church.

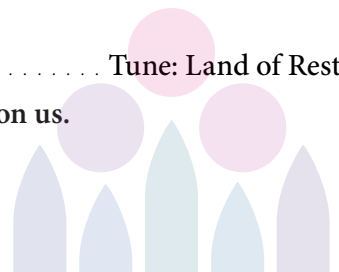
Give us life once more in the light of your Word!

We pray in Jesus’ name. Amen.

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*unison*) Tune: Land of Rest

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.



Declaration of Pardon

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

Let Israel now declare, “God’s mercy endures forever.”

Open for me the gates of righteousness;

I will enter them and give thanks to the Lord.

“This is the gate of the Lord; here the righteous may enter.”

I give thanks to you, for you have answered me and you have become my salvation.

The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief cornerstone.

By the Lord has this been done; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the Lord has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Hosanna! O Lord, save us! We pray to you, Lord, prosper our days!

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord;

we bless you from the house of the Lord.

The Lord is God and has given us light.

Form a procession with branches up to the corners of the altar.

You are my God, and I will thank you; you are my God, and I will exalt you.

Give thanks to the Lord, for the Lord is good; God’s mercy endures forever.

Gloria Patri (*unison*)

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 Matthew 27:39–50

Lenten Sermon Series: Questions Jesus Asked

“My God, My God, Why Have You Forsaken Me?” Shannon J. Kershner

†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Responding to the Word

Solo :: “Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley” American spiritual

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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Solo :: “Wayfaring Stranger” American folk hymn; arr. Phillip Keveren

Bearing the Word into the World

Charge and Benediction

Hymn “God Be with You Till We Meet Again”

God be with you till we meet again; loving counsels guide, uphold you,
with a shepherd’s care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again.

Postlude :: Swing Low, Sweet Chariot. African American spiritual; arr. Phillip Keveren



EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT WE HAVE EXTINGUISHED A CANDLE. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath leading up to Christmas 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.





On this Palm/Passion Sunday, as we celebrate with loud hosannas, we invite you to **download, print, and color a palm** from our website (www.bit.ly/palmcolor).

Then take a photo of your palm or of you and your palm and **share it on social media, tagging @FourthChurch**. Together we can create a virtual crowd welcoming Jesus into Jerusalem!

In addition to livestreaming our 11:00 a.m. service at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where the service is available throughout the week, we make the service and sermon available via **podcast: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast**; we also invite you to sign up to receive our sermons **by email: www.bit.ly/fpcsermons**

On Wednesday mornings we gather online at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. If you would like to join staff in this time of praying for Fourth Church members and those in need, please email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for the Zoom information.

Our Holy Week services will be livestreamed at www.bit.ly/FPCworship, where we will gather online on April 9 for **Maundy Thursday Tenebrae with Communion** at 7:30 p.m.; on April 10 for **Good Friday Meditations on the Seven Last Words of Christ** at 12:10 p.m. and on April 11 for **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Communion** at 8:00 p.m. For details—including information on preparing for home communion—see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter. Then on April 12 we will gather online for **Easter Sunday worship** at 11:00 a.m.

If you are looking for a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**, we invite you to use our Holy Week devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox daily (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

We remain committed to caring for the most vulnerable. * Fourth Church **Meals Ministry** is providing “to go” packaged meals for Sunday Night Supper and “to go” bag lunches for the Tuesday-through-Thursday Bag Lunch program. These are being served outside in the Cloister, so as to limit lines and in-person gatherings. * The Chicago Lights **Social Service Center** is providing essential services on Tuesdays (9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) and Wednesdays through Fridays (10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m.) by offering “curbside” pickup of emergency clothing; hygiene items; and pre-assembled bags for scheduled Food Pantry appointments. See www.fourthchurch.org for ways you can order and ship items needed for these ministries.

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfrompfc

As a connectional community committed to living out our care for one another and remaining together while apart, **we very much we want to hear from you!** Our pastors, Deacons, Stephen Ministers, and other volunteers are available to connect with you by phone and email. Please let us know by contacting our Pastoral Care Office (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*)—

- ▶ **if you are—or someone you know is—feeling isolated, lonely, anxious, or sick**
- ▶ **if you are a medical professional or are a provider of essential services**, as we want to care for you as well in what we know are difficult days for you and your colleagues
- ▶ **if you have a prayer request**; Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*), our Interim Minister for Pastoral Care, is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries
- ▶ **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570) and your request will be forwarded to someone on the pastoral staff. If you would like to be **in phone contact with a Stephen Minister**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365 or contact Dave Handley (*dhandley@fourthchurch.org*).
- ▶ **If you would like to explore options for tele-therapy** with our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being, the Center invites you to call them at 312.787.2729, ext 2260.

Our commitment to caring for those in need and remaining connected while apart depends on all of us. How can you help? **If you are available to reach out via phone or email** to those in our community who might be feeling isolated or lonely, please let our Pastoral Care Office know by contacting Carol Allerton (*callerton@fourthchurch.org*).

In this time while we are not in the same place, we continue to explore new opportunities for all of us to be community and church. * Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are sending out links to exercise and music, emailing assignments, and leading some classes via Zoom. Email Susan Quaintance (*squaintance@fourthchurch.org*) for details. * Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at www.fourthchurch.org/youth. * **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. * Details about connecting with various online **TwentiesThirties** opportunities are available from Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*). * **Chicago Lights Tutoring** staff are facilitating virtual relationships between mentors and students, supplying educational and engagement tools, and creating content for e-learning.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) for additional resources and ways to connect. We also encourage you to follow us on **Facebook** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (www.instagram.com/fourthchurch).

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Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, Pastor
Bill McMurray, Soloist
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

YOUR GIFTS TO FOURTH CHURCH MATTER NOW MORE THAN EVER! When we do not pass a plate, it is easy for our offering to decrease. But our expenses continue as we remain committed to feeding our hungry neighbors and to paying our staff. Your generosity in this time makes a big difference! You can **give online** at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online (or via the **“To Make a Gift”** button on our website: www.fourthchurch.org); **via Venmo** (@Fourth-Church); or via a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church and mailed to 126 E. Chestnut, Chicago, IL 60611.2014.

THROUGHOUT LENT WE ALSO RECEIVE GIFTS FOR THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING offering. This annual offering supports Fourth Church Meals and Shower Ministries, Chicago Lights Social Service Center and Tutoring, as well as the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. Gifts to this offering can be designated online at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online

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