

APRIL 10, 2020

12:10 P.M.



Good Friday

Prelude :: Prelude in E Minor. Frederic Chopin

Welcome and Call to Worship

*Hymn 218 “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended,
that we to judge thee have in hate pretended?
By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!
Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee?
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee.
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.
Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered;
the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered;
for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.
For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,
thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation,
thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.
Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee,
I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee,
think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

Meditation on the First Word

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do”

Meditation on the Second Word

“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise”

Solo :: “Sing My Tongue the Glorious Battle” Plainsong chant

Meditation on the Third Word

“Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother”

Meditation on the Fourth Word

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Meditation on the Fifth Word

“I thirst.”

*Hymn 223 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Meditation on the Sixth Word

“It is finished.”

Meditation on the Seventh Word

“Father into your hands I commend my spirit.”

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

Offertory Voluntary :: “Christ, Thou Lamb of God” Sigfrid Karg-Elert

*Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Each of the eight “Reproaches” ends with the phrase

“You have prepared a cross for your Savior,”

to which the congregation responds,

“Lord, have mercy.”

*Hymn 221 “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners' gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! 'Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

*There is no benediction this day.
Our watch continues into the night and to the empty tomb.*

Tolling of the Bells

The bells toll thirty-three times, once for each year of Jesus' life on earth.

Solo :: “Were You There” African American spiritual

A NOTE ON GOOD FRIDAY AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.



We will gather online again at www.bit.ly/FPCworship on Saturday, April 11 for **Holy Saturday Easter Vigil with Communion** at 8:00 p.m. For details—including information on preparing for home communion and gathering other items for the vigil—see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter. Then on April 12 we will gather online for **Easter Sunday worship** at 11:00 a.m.

The video of our 11:00 a.m. Sunday service is available at www.bit.ly/FPCworship throughout the week. We also make that service and sermon available via **podcast: www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast** and 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.

If you are looking for a **resource for personal meditation and prayer**, we invite you to use our daily devotions. You can receive the devotions in your inbox (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).

As part of our commitment 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**.

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). * If you are able to help our Benevolent Guild **sew face masks** for health professionals and others providing essential services, please contact Nanette Sawyer (nsawyer@fourthchurch.org).

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/newsfromfpc

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.

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. * Holy Week and Easter **Sunday School lessons and crafts** to do at home are posted at www.bit.ly/fpcsundayschool. * Information about **online youth group** and **recently-home-from-college gatherings** is listed at fourthchurch.org/youth. * Details about connecting with various online **TwentiesThirties** opportunities are available from Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*). * Instructors in our **Center for Life and Learning** program for adults sixty and over are emailing assignments and leading some classes via Zoom. For details, email Susan Quaintance (*squaintance@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. * Opportunities to join in a virtual **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is offered by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Saturdays at 8:30 a.m. and Tuesdays at 7:45 a.m. online at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

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) for news, updates, and glimpses of our life together while apart.

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Worship Leaders

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Beena David, Soloist

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

TO NOTIFY PASTORAL STAFF of personal concerns, illness, hospitalization, or deaths or to request prayer, contact David Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org; 312.573.3360). (Please note: hospitals do not inform churches when a member is admitted.) Those experiencing difficult times are invited to consider meeting with a Stephen Minister: leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365.