



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Maundy Thursday

April 14, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

Prelude

Ah, Holy Jesus Johannes Brahms

Méditation from *Suite Médiévale* Jean Langlais

The Celestial Banquet Olivier Messiaen

***Greeting**

Leader: Grace to you and peace from God our Father and the Lord Jesus Christ.

People: Amen.

Leader: Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,

People: who redeems us from sin and death.

Leader: For us and for our salvation,

Christ became obedient unto death, even death on a cross.

People: Blessed be the name of the Lord.

***Hymn 215** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul, what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss to bear the dreadful curse
for my soul, for my soul, to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down, sinking
down, when I was sinking down beneath God’s righteous frown, Christ laid aside his
crown for my soul, for my soul, Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am, while millions join the theme, I will sing,
I will sing; while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free,
I’ll sing on; and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be, and through eternity,
I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on; and through eternity I’ll sing on.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Eternal God, whose covenant with us is never broken:
we confess that we have failed to fulfill your will for us.
We betray our neighbors, desert those in need,
and run in fear when you call us to stand in love.
In Jesus Christ you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love and withhold ourselves from others.
Have mercy on us, O God. Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ,
who is the bread of life and the vine from where we grow in grace.
(Please hold silence.)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy.

The Shadow of Temptation Luke 22:1–6, 24–34

Anthem :: “Ubi Caritas” Maurice Duruflé

*Where charity and love are, God is there. The love of Christ has gathered us together,
let us rejoice and be glad in it. Let us revere and love the living God and from a sincere
heart let us love one another. Amen.*

The Shadow of Betrayal Luke 22:7–23

***Hymn 202** “An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare”

An upper room did our Lord prepare for those he loved until the end:
and his disciples still gather there to celebrate their risen friend.
A lasting gift Jesus gave his own: to share his bread, his loving cup.
Whatever burdens may bow us down, he by his cross shall lift us up.
And after supper he washed their feet, for service, too, is sacrament.
In Christ our joy shall be made complete: sent out to serve, as he was sent.
No end there is! We depart in peace. He loves beyond our uttermost:
in every room in our Father’s house Christ will be there, as Lord and Host.

Homily Shannon J. Kershner

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Row by row worshipers will be invited by the ushers to come forward to receive the Communion elements, which worshipers will then take back to their pew. (The ministers will use tongs to distribute the bread, and worshipers will take a cup from a tray.)

Once everyone has been served, the congregation will partake of the elements together at the minister's invitation.

For those unable to come forward, ushers will bring the elements to them.

Those worshiping at home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand as we share in this meal together.

Communion Anthem :: "Cantique de Jean Racine" Gabriel Fauré

Word of the highest, our only hope, eternal day of earth and the heavens, we break the silence of the peaceful night; Savior divine, cast your eyes upon us. Pour on us the fire of your powerful grace, that all hell may flee at the sound of your voice; banish the slumber of a weary soul that forgets your laws. O Christ, look with favor upon your faithful people now gathered here to praise you; receive their hymns offered to your immortal glory; may they go forth filled with your gifts.

Psalm 23 *(unison)*

The Lord is my shepherd; I shall not want;
he maketh me to lie down in green pastures;
he leadeth me beside the still waters; he restoreth my soul.
He leadeth me in paths of righteousness for his name's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death,
I will fear no evil; for thou art with me;
thy rod and thy staff, they comfort me.
Thou preparest a table before me in the presence of mine enemies;
thou anointest my head with oil; my cup runneth over.
Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

The Shadow of Weakness and Desertion Luke 22:31-53

***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.

The Shadow of Denial Luke 22:54–71

Anthem :: “Ave Verum” Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart

*Hail, true body, born of the virgin Mary, having suffered, was sacrificed on the cross for
all mankind, from whose pierced side water and blood flowed. Be for us a foretaste of the
heavenly banquet in the trial of death.*

The Shadow of Judgment Luke 23:1–25

***Hymn 209** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

My song is love unknown, my Savior's love to me, love to the loveless shown that they
might lovely be. O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven's throne salvation to bestow; the world that was his own would not
its Savior know. But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing, resounding all the day hosannas
to our King. Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away, a murderer to save, the prince of life
to slay. Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine: never was love, dear King, never was grief
like thine. This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

The Shadow of the Cross Luke 23:26–56

Solo “Were You There”

The Tenebrae service ends in darkness and silence; there will be no postlude.

You may leave whenever you wish after the solo “Were You There.”

Please observe the vigil of silence until you leave the building.

A NOTE ON HOLY WEEK 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 are glad to be worshipping with you today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church!

✳ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation. ✳ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks are welcome but not required**. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. ✳ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. ✳ Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. ✳ We are **singing during worship**. We invite those who are concerned about others singing unmasked to either worship with us, masked, in the socially distanced seating section or join us in worshipping online. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. *(Please note, however, that there will not be a socially distanced section on Easter Sunday.)*



Worship can be heard in the Sanctuary through the "T" or "T-coil" setting of hearing aids. ✳ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary. ✳ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✳ To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

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Maundy Thursday receives its name from the Latin *mandatum novum do vobis*, meaning “A new commandment I give you.” This new commandment, given by Jesus on the night he washed the disciples’ feet, was “to love one another just as I have loved you.” It is his example of—and our call to—love and service that we remember on Maundy Thursday. ✨ This evening our service follows the ancient **Office of Tenebrae** (*from the Latin for “shadows”*). The service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion. The service ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness.”



Tomorrow we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Théodore Dubois and concluding with the tolling of the bells thirty-three times, one for each year of Jesus’ life on earth. The 7:30 p.m. choral service will be **livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Holy Week and Easter devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions.



We hope you will join us on **Easter Sunday** for our joyous celebration of the resurrection! We will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. **The 11:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services will be only through the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✨ There will be **no socially distanced seating at any of the Easter services**. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 11:00 a.m. service. ✨ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter; **nursery care will not be available**. *For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter*

Worship Leaders

Shannon J. Kershner, *Pastor*
Lucy Forster-Smith, *Senior Associate Pastor*
Matt Helms, *Associate Pastor*
Joseph L. Morrow, *Associate Pastor*
Nanette Sawyer, *Associate Pastor*
Rocky Supinger, *Associate Pastor*
Jeffrey Doane, *Parish Associate*

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Carol Carpenter, Soloist
Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Holy Week. Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (*which is providing relief aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine*), Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center. To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the envelopes found in the pew racks, designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving via Venmo or at fourthchurch.org/give-online, or write OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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