



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

Good Friday

April 15, 2022 • 7:30 p.m.

## Silent Meditation

**Introit** :: “Hail, the True and Only Savior” . . . . . Thomas Pavlechko

*Hail, the true and only Savior, of the virgin mother born; sacrificed for our salvation, enduring sorrow, suffering scorn. On the cross, this gentle Savior gave his life to ransom all. Perfect lamb and full atonement, redeeming us from Adam’s fall. Holy Jesus, blessed Jesus, Son of Mary, anointed one; Jesus, Holy Jesus, come now, blessed Jesus. Amen.*

## Psalm 51 and Prayer

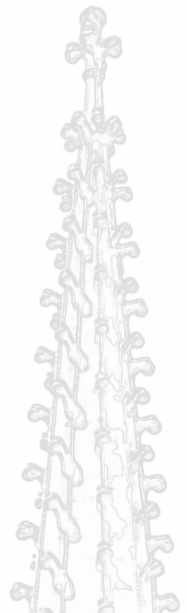
**\*Hymn 221.** . . . . . “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

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.

## Spoken Word



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*\*Please rise in body or spirit.*

**Cantata ::** “The Seven Last Words of Christ” . . . . . Théodore Dubois

*O all ye who travel upon the highway, hearken to me, and behold me; was e’er sorrow like unto my sorrow? For the Lord almighty hath dealt bitterly with me. Call me now no more Naomi, from today call me Mara.*

**First Word ::** “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And the people clamored, “He is death guilty, take him, let us crucify him. Be his blood on us and on our children.” Then they did crucify Jesus, and the two thieves, one at his right hand, the other at his left hand.

**Second Word ::** “Today, thou shalt be with me in paradise. Amen, so I tell thee.” Hear me, O Lord, and remember me, when thou comest into thy kingdom.

**Third Word ::** “See, O woman, here behold thy beloved Son.” See the mother, bowed in anguish, who beside the cross doth languish, where on high her Son is borne; is there mortal, who not feeleth to behold her where she kneeleth, so woeful and all forlorn?

**Fourth Word ::** “God, my Father, why hast thou forsaken me?” All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me; and they that hate me do now prevail against me, and he whom I have cherished hath betrayed me. Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted; wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness that I by thee am crucified?

**Fifth Word ::** “I am athirst.” And the men then passing by him, all did rail upon him, and wagging their heads at him, they said unto him, “Ah, thou wouldst fain destroy the temple; if thou be Jesus, Son of the Father, now descend from the cross, that we behold it, and believe on thee when we behold it. If thou art king over Israel, save thyself then!”

**Sixth Word ::** “Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit.” For thou art my God and Father, thou art my Savior. Into thy hands I commit my spirit.

**Seventh Word ::** And with a loud voice Jesus cried, “It is finished.” And he did bow his head and rendered up his spirit. And it was about the sixth hour, and the sun was darkened, and darkness covered the earth until about the ninth hour; and the veil of the temple was rent, and all the earth did quake, the rocks were rent, and all the graves were opened wide.

**Prayer ::** Christ, we do all adore thee and we do praise thee forever, for on the holy cross hast thou the world redeemed from sin.

**Spoken Word**

**Offering**

**Offertory Anthem :: “O Crux” . . . . . Mark Jennings**

*O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout the earth, beloved of the people,  
holier than all things, which alone was found worthy to bear the light of the world; blessed tree,  
blessed nails, blest the weight you bore. Save the flock which today is gathered to praise you.*

**Litany for Good Friday**

*Leader: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit,  
born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,*

**People: we worship you.**

*Leader: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High,  
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,*

**People: we worship you.**

*Leader: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love,  
full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,*

**People: we worship you.**

*Leader: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom  
and knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,*

**People: we worship you.**

*Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,*

**People: have mercy on us.**

*Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

**People: have mercy on us.**

*Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

**People: grant us peace.**

*Leader: Almighty God, look with mercy on your family  
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ was willing  
to be betrayed and to be given over to the hands  
of sinners and to suffer death on the cross;  
who now lives and reigns with you and  
the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen*

## Silent Meditation

**\*Hymn 224** . . . . . “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.

## Tolling of the Bells

*The bells toll thirty-three times, once for each year of Jesus’ life on earth.  
When the bells cease, the congregation departs in silence.*

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

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### 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.

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**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.

**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](http://www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc)

In this week of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Holy Week and Easter devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection.** The devotions can be found at [www.fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://www.fourthchurch.org/devotions); to receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions).  
✱ Also available for your reflection is our **Lenten and Holy Week “Rhythm and Word” video series.** These brief worship experiences weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues music are available on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



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](http://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](http://www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter)*

On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth or in-person Morning Prayer, email Rocky Supinger ([rsupinger@fourthchurch.org](mailto:rsupinger@fourthchurch.org)). ✱ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesday (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday (8:30 a.m.) at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing)



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. To have a one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✱ To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✱ To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto: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. ✱ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org).



**For resources and ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)) and **Facebook** ([facebook.com/fourthchurch](https://facebook.com/fourthchurch)). ✱ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at [www.fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://www.fourthchurch.org/calendar) ✱ To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, please contact Joe Morrow ([jmorrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jmorrow@fourthchurch.org)), Associate Pastor for Evangelism and Community Engagement.

## Worship Leaders

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Lucy Forster-Smith, Shannon J. Kershner

## The Music Today

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Morning Choir

Gretchen Adams, Brett Potts, and Sean Stanton, soloists

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

## Worship Notes

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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](http://fourthchurch.org/give-online), or write OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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**Shannon J. Kershner** Pastor

**Lucy Forster-Smith** Senior Associate Pastor

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**Matt Helms** Children and Family Ministry

**Joseph L. Morrow** Evangelism and Community Engagement

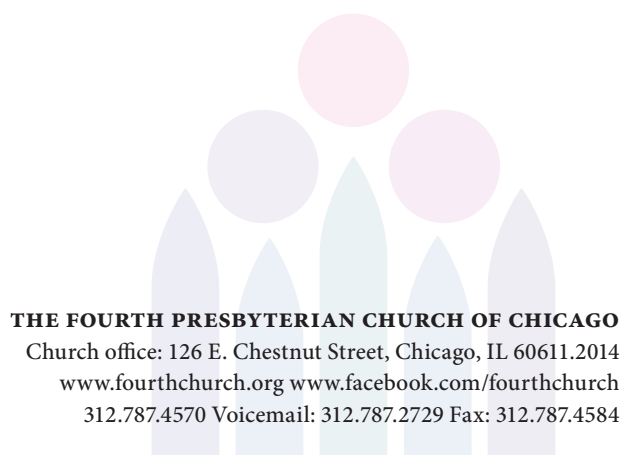
**Nanette Sawyer** Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

**Rocky Supinger** Youth Ministry and Worship

**Jeffrey Doane** Parish Associate for Caring Ministries  
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