

# Good Friday



April 7, 2023 • 12:10 p.m.

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THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

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## Prelude

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross . . . . . *C. Hubert H. Parry*  
Ah! Holy Jesus. . . . . *Aaron David Miller*  
Were You There . . . . . *African American spiritual/arr. Calvin Taylor*

## \*Opening Sentences

Leader: *Blessed be the name of the Lord our God, who redeems us from death.*

People: Surely Christ has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows.

Leader: *Christ bore our sins in his body on the cross,*

People: so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.

## \*Prayer of the Day

**\*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.

## Prayer for Illumination

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 22:1–5, 25–32

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . John 18:1—19:42 (*selected portions*)

## Anthem

“Drop, Drop, Slow Tears” . . . . . Roland Martin

*Drop, drop, slow tears; and bathe those beauteous feet, which brought from heaven the news  
and Prince of Peace. Cease not, wet eyes, his mercies to entreat, to cry for vengeance, sin  
doth never cease. In your deep floods drown all my faults and fears, nor let his eye see sin,  
but through my tears. Amen.*

Homily . . . . . Lucy Forster-Smith

\*Hymn 216 . . . . . “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,  
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;  
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,  
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see  
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;  
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:  
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;  
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;  
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,  
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

## Offering and Prayer of Dedication

### Offertory Anthem

“We Adore You, O Christ” . . . . . Richard Proulx

*We adore you, O Christ, and we bless you, because by your cross you have redeemed the  
world. We glory in your cross, O Lord God; we praise and glorify your holy resurrection; by  
virtue of your cross joy has come. O Savior, by your holy cross, save us and help us, O Lord.  
By your holy cross, you have redeemed us all. Amen.*

## 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 228. . . . . “Were You There”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?) Were you there when  
they crucified my Lord? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?) Were you there when  
they nailed him to the tree? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?) Were you there  
when they pierced him in the side? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble. Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?) Were you there when  
the sun refused to shine? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?) Were you there when  
they laid him in the tomb? O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

*There is no benediction or postlude this day.*

*Our service and watch continues into the night and the empty tomb.*

*Please depart in silence.*

# News and Opportunities

Holy Week 2023



**We are glad to be worshiping 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.



Although wearing a mask is not required at Fourth Church, we as a community have made a commitment to be a **mask-welcoming campus**, encouraging the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one. As a mask-welcoming campus, we remain committed to **ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at Fourth Church.**

✳ 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 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 for this service.

✳ 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 those facing life's challenges**, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To talk with a Stephen Minister, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. ✳ To explore options for teletherapy or in-person conversations with a counselor, call our **Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260.

**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)

Later today we continue our **Good Friday** observance with a 5:30 p.m. **program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families** and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service**, which will conclude 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](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)).



Tomorrow (Saturday) evening we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (*in person only*). Beginning with kindling a fire in the courtyard, we will move into the Sanctuary, where we will hear readings that cover the story of salvation, from creation through redemption, and join in sacred song.



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 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed** on YouTube ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), with the prelude beginning at approximately 8:45 a.m. and the service available for viewing anytime after that. **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 9:00 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 be available** between 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m.



**For more about observing Holy Week and Easter** with Fourth Church, please see [fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](http://fourthchurch.org/lent-easter), where you can find links to our **Holy Week and Easter devotions** as well as our **Lenten and Holy Week "Rhythm and Word" videos**.



**For ways to connect with one another and Fourth Church**, whether in person or online, as well as for various resources, please visit our website ([www.fourthchurch.org](http://www.fourthchurch.org)). ✱ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at [fourthchurch.org/calendar](http://fourthchurch.org/calendar)





## Worship Leaders

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Nanette Sawyer, Lucy Forster-Smith

## The Music Today

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Members of the Morning Choir

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

## Worship Notes

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OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in an offering plate at the time of the offering or, after the service, in one of the offering boxes at the exits. Gifts also can be given at [www.fourthchurch.org/give](http://www.fourthchurch.org/give) ✨ Throughout Lent we are also receiving a One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. “One Great Hour of Sharing” gifts can be designated “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving online or by writing that designation on the memo line of a check payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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