



Good Friday Choral Service

APRIL 7, 2023 • 7:30 P.M.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Silent Meditation

*Call to Worship and Prayer

Leader: *God is light, in whom there is not gloom at all.*

People: Jesus Christ is the light of the world.

Leader: *And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world,*

People: and we loved the gloom rather than the light.

Leader: *Let us pray.*

People: Jesus, crucified and living Savior,

we are huddled together in doubt and fear like the disciples.

We do not want to be separated;

we do not want to be forsaken;

we do not want to follow you with a cross.

But even as we know you ask us to follow you,

we also know that you have gone before us.

As we remember the Good Friday events of long ago,

bring us closer to each other and to you.

Mold us into your image. Stay with us always. Amen.

*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

Anthem

“O Vos Omnes” Pablo Casals
All you who pass along this way, consider and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow.

Psalter Psalm 22

Anthem

“Miserere” Gregorio Allegri
Text: Psalm 51 (sung in Latin; English text is on page 492 in the Old Testament of the pew Bibles)

***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.

Anthem :: “The Gospel according to John” Plainsong; Craig Phillips

Text: John 19:1–37 (page 107 in the New Testament of the pew Bibles)

Spoken Word

Anthem :: “Crucifixus” Antonio Lotti

He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate; he suffered and was buried.

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“When David Heard” Eric Whitacre

When David heard that Absalom was slain he went up into his chamber over the gate and wept, and thus he said, “My son Absalom, O my son, would God I had died for thee!”

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

Benediction

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*

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; 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 ✳ **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.

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Tomorrow evening, on Saturday, April 8, we will hold an **Easter vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (*in person only*). An ancient tradition of the church, the Easter vigil invites us into the story of salvation as we mark the conclusion of Lent and the dawning of Easter. Beginning in the Michigan Avenue courtyard, we will process by candlelight into the darkened Sanctuary. There, together with our friends from First Presbyterian Church, we will hear readings from scripture that cover the story of salvation, from creation through redemption, and join together in sacred song. We will also reaffirm our baptism and celebrate Communion.



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), 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.



To receive our **Holy Week and Eastertide devotions** (fourthchurch.org/devotions) daily via email, subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions ☼ Another resource for your prayer and reflection in these seasons is our **“Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief videos (*approximately 10 minutes each*) are available on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), with a new one released each Wednesday at 6:00 p.m. To receive them by email, sign up at www.bit.ly/rhythmmandwordemail



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). ☼ Events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from our website’s home page and at fourthchurch.org/calendar

The Music Tonight

The Morning Choir

Melissa Arning, Bill McMurray, Laura Perkett, Brett Potts, Cole Seaton,
and Sarah van der Ploeg, soloists

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

Worship Notes

WE HAVE BEEN EXTINGUISHING A CANDLE each Sunday during Lent. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so our extinguishing of candles in this season has pointed to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. This evening we will extinguish the last candle: the Christ candle.

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 ✨ Throughout Holy Week 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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