



# Fourth Presbyterian Church

*Palm/Passion Sunday*

April 2, 2023 • 10:00 a.m.



## ✧ *Liturgy of the Palms* ✧

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### Gathering around the Word

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#### **Prelude**

- Hosanna! . . . . . Hector Berlioz/arr. Craig Garner
- Fanfare . . . . . C. S. Lang
- The Royal Banners Go Forward. . . . . Anton Bruckner/arr. Erich Peterson
- Fanfare . . . . . Antonio Soler
- Procession of the Nobles . . . . . Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov/arr. Rich Mays

#### **Introit**

“Hosanna to the Son of David” . . . . . Jody W. Lindh  
*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Glory  
 be to God on high! The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem, riding on a colt,  
 palm branches spread before him. The disciples didn’t understand what was happening at  
 first, but when Jesus, the King, was glorified, then they remembered, it had all been written.*

**Opening Sentences.** . . . . . Zechariah 9:9

#### **Prayer**

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*\*Please rise in body or spirit. †Or “Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.”*

**Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem** . . . . . Matthew 21:1-11

**\*Processional Hymn 196** . . . . . “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

*Refrain:*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,  
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. (*Refrain*)

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. (*Refrain*)

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. (*Refrain*)

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! (*Refrain*)

### **Palm Sunday Children’s Message**

#### **Litany of Confession**

Leader: *O Holy One, we are too distressed to notice that you join us in the parade.*

*We are too deeply grieved to be aware that you sit beside us at the table.*

People: We are too busy sighing. We are too busy talking.

We have insisted upon our own answers.

Leader: *We proclaimed our own knowledge about why bad things happen,  
about why the rich get richer, about why the world feels so broken.*

People: We have assured ourselves that this is the way that things must be,  
but this life is in your hands.

All: Our lives are in your hands.

Leader: *O Holy One, speak to us. Fill our silences.*

People: Comfort us with your love so that we may find your understanding.

Leader: *Trust us to find your answers when we finally tire from our own.*

All: Save us, O Holy One, with your steadfast love. Amen.

**Kyrie** . . . . . Hymn 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

**Assurance of Pardon**

Leader: *Friends, believe the good news:*

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

**\*Exchange of Peace**

Leader: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

*We invite you to greet those around you, wishing them “peace” or “the peace of Christ,” and encourage those online to use this time to share your presence with us, using the online form.*

**Welcome and Announcements**

**Anthem**

“Hosanna to the Son of David” . . . . . Thomas Weelkes  
*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord.  
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens, hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

**✻ Liturgy of the Passion ✻**

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Listening for the Word

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**Prayer for Illumination**

**Psalter** . . . . . Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29

**\*Gloria Patri**

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:†  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be, world without end. Amen. Amen.

**Scripture Lesson** . . . . . John 19:1–10

Leader: *The Word of the Lord.*  
People: Thanks be to God.

**Sermon**

“I Believe . . . in Jesus Christ . . . who suffered under Pontius Pilate” . . . Shannon J. Kershner

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†Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

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## Responding to the Word

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**\*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.

**\*Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) . . . . . Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;  
    who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
    suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead;  
he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty;  
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.  
I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church;  
    the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins;  
    the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

**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.

**Call to Offering**

**Offertory Anthem**

"Crucifixus" . . . . . Antonio Lotti  
*He was crucified for us under Pontius Pilate, he suffered and was buried.*

**\*Offertory Response** . . . . . Hymn 224, verse 4

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.

**\*Prayer of Dedication** (*unison*)

You created all there is, O God, and with love formed us in your image.  
Even when our love failed, your love remained steadfast.  
In humility, may our gifts reflect our renewed commitment  
to you and your good news—giving back to you and your people  
in gratitude for the generosity, grace, and love shown to us  
through Jesus Christ, our Lord. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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**\*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.

**\*Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude**

Sonata Pian e Forte. . . . .Giovanni Gabrieli/arr. Robert King



**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.



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.



**For those who prefer to worship online** or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. (*On Easter Sunday, the livestream will begin with the prelude at 8:45 a.m. and will be available for viewing any time afterwards.*) ✳️ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the livestreamed service.



During the week we make the 10:00 a.m. Sunday **service and sermon available via podcast** on multiple podcast platforms and at [www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts](http://www.fourthchurch.org/podcasts) ✳️ You can also receive the previous Sunday’s **sermon text by email** by subscribing at [www.bit.ly/fpcsermons](http://www.bit.ly/fpcsermons) ✳️ Available by podcast as well is Matt Helms and Rocky Supinger’s **“Bible Top Ten,”** a lively, informative, and occasionally funny podcast about the Bible as explored through a rotating series of top ten lists.

**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)

We ask all who are worshipping with us to **let us know you are here by filling out an information form**, which also ensures we have current contact information. Those worshipping with us via livestream will find **a link to the online form—which takes only 20 seconds to complete!**—included in the descriptive text below the video (*if you are viewing full screen, you will need to briefly exit full-screen view to see the description and link*); a QR code is also displayed during the “Welcome and Announcements” that can be scanned with a phone camera to take you to the form. Those worshipping with us in person are asked to use the **information pads in the pews**, passing them down the pew so worshipers have opportunity to greet one another by name following the service.



If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday at 10:00 a.m. in the Sanctuary (*except on Easter Sunday, when we will instead gather at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.*) and at 4:00 p.m. for our Jazz at Four service (*with Communion*) in Buchanan Chapel. ✨ To receive our Jazz at Four email newsletter, with **information about that afternoon service**, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews](http://www.bit.ly/jazzatfournews) ✨ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. ✨ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (*and \$18 for up to 12 hours*) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. ✨ **Children** are always welcome in worship. **If you need to step out to comfort your child**, the Hospitality Suite, located on the second floor of the Gratz Center, is available as a quiet space for families where worship is livestreamed. During the morning service **nursery care** is also available on the fourth floor of the Gratz Center. ✨ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✨ Please silence **electronic devices** during worship.



Following worship, a **pipe organ tour** begins at 11:15 a.m. at the front of the Sanctuary. ✨ Also following worship, **Deacons are available in Stone Chapel** (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with individuals who would like to **offer prayers of praise or concern**. ✨ We gather on Wednesdays at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. For Zoom details, email Nancy Benson-Nicol ([nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org](mailto:nbenson-nicol@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ The Chapel is open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 1:00 and 3:00 p.m. on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. For details, 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 at [facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing](https://facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing) on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and also Saturdays (8:30 a.m.).



**Each Sunday during Lent we have been extinguishing a candle** at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion.



**Also during Lent our worship includes the Exchange of Peace.** In the Reformed tradition this follows the Declaration of Pardon and is a response to God's forgiveness. This exchange of signs and words of unity and of Christ's peace is an ancient greeting of siblings in Christ. It is a time when we extend to one another what we ourselves have received from God in Christ. You might simply say "The peace of Christ be with you" or "Peace be with you," the greeting of Jesus Christ to his disciples after his resurrection. By exchanging the Peace of Christ to one another, we witness to God's reconciling love.



**Today we continue the sermon series "I believe . . ."**—an opportunity for us to take a **closer look at the Apostles' Creed**, which we use as one of our Affirmations of Faith. If you have ever wondered why we often say this ancient creed in worship, have found yourself pausing after stating "I believe," or maybe have at times thought that perhaps you did not believe all of the phrases, we hope you will continue to join us in worship this Lent and Eastertide as we explore what we believe together.



Those worshipping in person are invited to **greet one another during Coffee Hour** in Anderson Hall and the Commons following the service. ✨ Those who enjoy expressing their faith through hospitality or are interested in being a **welcoming presence at Coffee Hour** are encouraged to sign up online at [app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour](http://app.vomo.org/project/coffeehour) to be a **Cookie Table Host, Server, or Hospitality Coordinator**. For details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)).



**The season of Lent and Holy Week** calls Christians to embrace the faith journey by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. We are invited to take up the gifts of faith—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Christ's journey to the cross. To receive our **Holy Week and Easter devotions** ([fourthchurch.org/devotions](http://fourthchurch.org/devotions)) daily via email, subscribe at [www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions](http://www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) ✨ Another resource is our **"Rhythm and Word" video series**. These brief videos (*approximately 10 minutes each*) are available on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://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/rhythmwordemail](http://www.bit.ly/rhythmwordemail)

On this Sunday when we wave palms and sing loud hosannas, those worshipping with us online are encouraged to download, print, and **color a palm** from our website ([www.bit.ly/coloringpalm](http://www.bit.ly/coloringpalm)). Today's Palm Sunday celebration will then lead us into Jesus' Passion and to **Holy Week**. We invite you to join us in pausing to observe those solemn days.



On Wednesday evening, April 5 we will release our **Holy Week "Rhythm and Word" video**. This 10-minute worship experience weaves together scripture, prayer, and music and can be found after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday on our YouTube channel ([www.bit.ly/fpcvideos](http://www.bit.ly/fpcvideos)) ✨ On April 6, **Maundy Thursday**, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service that will include optional footwashing and a 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service, also with Communion. This evening 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." The 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service will be livestreamed. ✨ On April 7 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 works including Allegri's *Miserere*; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. ✨ On Saturday we will hold an **Easter Vigil** at 7:00 p.m. (*in person only*), for which we will be joined by our friends from First Presbyterian Church. Beginning with kindling a fire in the Michigan Avenue 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.



On **Easter Sunday** we will gather for four services: 6:30 a.m. **Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach**, with Communion; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** in Buchanan Chapel, with Communion. ✨ **The 9:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed**, with the prelude beginning around 8:45 a.m., and will be available to watch anytime later that morning or afterwards. ✨ **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 Sunday; **nursery care** will be available between 8:30 a.m. and 12:15 p.m. ✨ See [www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter](http://www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter) for the complete schedule and details.

Following worship today, **LGBTQIA+ Widen Our Welcome** (WOW) invites you to gather with them in Borwell Dining Room to share pizza and hear stories about our connections to Fourth Church and each other. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets this Tuesday, April 4 at 10:00 a.m. in Room 5B. ✨ **Books by Women** meets in Room 5F and via Zoom on Tuesday, April 11 at 6:00 p.m. to discuss *When Women Ruled the World: Making the Renaissance in Europe* by Maureen Quilligan. For Zoom details, email Simon Crow ([scrow@fourthchurch.org](mailto:scrow@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ **Cornerstones**, a group for those fifty and older, meets on Friday, April 14 at 5:30 p.m. for dinner and a program by aquatic ecologist Timothy Hollein. Registration is required: [www.bit.ly/cornerstones423](http://www.bit.ly/cornerstones423) ✨ A new adult education class, **"Aging and Spirituality,"** taught by Annette Mileski and HD Mitchell, will begin Sunday, April 16 at 11:15 a.m. in person and via Zoom. ✨ For **additional ways to connect** with one another and Fourth Church, whether in person or online, as well as for various **resources**, watch 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)



Nancy Benson-Nicol and Lucy Forster-Smith will lead a **Ghost Ranch "Intersection of Spirituality and Creation" Pilgrimage** on May 15–19 in Abiquiu, New Mexico. To join in this time of learning, hiking, and worship, complete the **application**, which is due this weekend, at [www.bit.ly/ghostranch523](http://www.bit.ly/ghostranch523); you are also invited to an **information session today** at 11:15 a.m. in Room 5F. For more information, contact Jana Blazek ([jblazek@fourthchurch.org](mailto:jblazek@fourthchurch.org)).



**Applications are due this weekend for the Fourth Church Choir tour to India** in February 2024. Singers and nonsingers alike are invited to participate. See [www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf](http://www.fourthchurch.org/music/india.pdf) for details or email Emily Cox ([ecox@fourthchurch.org](mailto:ecox@fourthchurch.org)). ✨ The **Fourth Church Choral Society** will present a concert of coronation music written by Handel, Parry, and Vaughan Williams with singers from St. James Cathedral (65 E. Huron) on May 21. **All who enjoy singing** are invited to the first rehearsal on Thursday, April 13 at 7:00 p.m. in Buchanan Chapel.



To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email [caringministries@fourthchurch.org](mailto:caringministries@fourthchurch.org) ✨ 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 is an emergency or requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call.

## Worship Leaders

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Nancy Benson-Nicol, Laura Schwartz, Matt Helms, Shannon Kershner

## The Music Today

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Tower Brass; Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director

The Cherub, Children's and Youth Choirs; Katy Sinclair, Director; Hsing Huei Huang, Pianist

The Morning Choir

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

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

## Worship Notes

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THE TEXT OF THE OPENING HYMN was written around 820 C.E. and has been used in Palm Sunday processions ever since. The text was written by Theodolph of Orléans who was born around 760 and became Bishop of Orléans in 781. He was later imprisoned for conspiracy against King Louis the Pious and died in prison in 821. The music commonly associated with these words was written by another priest, Melchior Teschner, in 1614.

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 this season 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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