

*The beginning of the prelude is a call to silent,
personal preparation for the worship of God.*

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

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| Fanfare | Antonio Soler |
| The Holy City | Stephen Adams; arr. Robert Nagel |
| A Stately Processional | Eric DeLamarter |
| O Radiant Dawn | James MacMillan arr. M. Fisher and A. Thompson |
| Hosanna | Jacques Nicolas Lemmens |
| Grand Entrance | Jean Baptiste Lully; arr. Jean Thilde |

Introit

“Sanna, Sannanina” (Hosanna) Traditional South African

*Doxology (*sung*). The Hymnal, 606

**Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
praise God, all creatures here below;
praise God above, ye heavenly host;
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

*Call to Worship

Minister: *Humble and riding on a colt,*

People: **we greet you.**

Minister: *Acclaimed by crowds and caroled by children,*

People: **we cheer you.**

Minister: *Moving from the peace of the countryside
to the corridors of power,*

People: **we salute you, Christ our Lord.**

Minister: *You are giving the beasts of burden a new dignity;
you are giving majesty a new face;
you are giving those who long for redemption a new song to sing.*

People: **With them, with heart and voice, we shout “Hosanna!”**

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

**Stand as you are able.*

Palm Sunday Children’s Message

Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, in the midst of energy and parades,
the laughter of children and the beautiful chaos of procession,
we pause. We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem
cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you to confess that
we are conscious of the way religious words and holy phrases
can slip so easily from our lips yet fall flat in our lives.
Forgive us when our faith is shallow, our following is timid,
and we have too many ready excuses for why we go our own way
but claim it as your way.

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit.
May your Spirit be active within us and among us.
May your Spirit open us anew to your faithfulness and to your freedom.
May your Spirit teach us to live new lives and to be
bearers of the seeds of your good news. Amen.

Declaration of Pardon

Minister: *Friends, believe the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

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. Hosanna. Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in excelsis Deo.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29. Old Testament, page 534

*Gloria Patri (*sung*). The Hymnal, 581

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

Mark 11:1-11. New Testament, page 44

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

We Were There: The Crowd. Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

*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.

Prayer Response

“Amen” Dale Wood

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“Ride On, King Jesus” African American spiritual
arr. Hall Johnson

*Ride on, King Jesus! No man can hinder me. For he is King of kings;
he is Lord of lords; Jesus Christ, the first and last, no man works like him.
King Jesus rides a milk-white horse; the River Jordon he did cross.
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air; he calls the saints from everywhere.
Yes, he is the King. Ride on, King Jesus.*

*Presentation of the Offering and Response

For the life that you have giv - en, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and la - bor, with these gifts that are your own:
here we of - fer, Lord, our prai - ses; heart and mind and strength we bring.
Give us grace to love and serve you, liv - ing what we pray and sing.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all good gifts,
we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.
May these gifts lead to good meals around our church tables
for those who usually have no banquets set before them.
May these gifts help find shelter and relief
for those who have no place to lay their heads.
May these gifts keep the lights on so that music students
and tutoring students have the chance to learn and grow.
May these gifts be used to proclaim your gospel
of welcome, justice, and peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God, in the name of the one
who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 197 “Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Concerto for Seven Trumpets and Timpani Johann Ernst Altenburg
Allegro arr. Erich Peterson

JOIN THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

Maundy 12:10 p.m. Communion Service
Thursday, *John W. Vest preaching*
April 2 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary
April 3 *Shannon J. Kershner preaching*
3:00 p.m. Good Friday Prayer Walk
Meet on the north side of Seward Park
(southwest corner of Division and Orleans)
5:30 p.m. Children’s Experience in Buchanan Chapel
7:30 p.m. Choral Service in the Sanctuary

Holy Saturday, 8:00 p.m. Easter Vigil beginning in the Garth
April 4 *John W. Vest preaching*

Easter Sunday, 6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach
April 5 *Hardy H. Kim preaching*
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service
Shannon J. Kershner preaching
9:30 a.m. Children’s Experience in Gratz, Fourth Floor
4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz Service with Communion
Hardy H. Kim preaching

*Please note that the last morning service on Easter begins at 11:30 a.m.
Also please keep in mind that Sanctuary seating for all services on Easter morning
fills quickly and early. Be prepared as well for possible delays in entering and
exiting parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.*

Worship Leaders

Judith L. Watt, Martha Brown, Hardy H. Kim, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tower Brass; The Children's Choir; The Youth Choir; The Cherub Choir (11:00);

The Morning Choir; Cole Seaton, soloist

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing-Huei Huang, pianist

John Doty, Director of the Drum Circle

Worship Notes

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, "WE WERE THERE," calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross: the anointing woman, the slave with a cut-off ear, Peter, High Priest Caiaphas, Judas, the crowd, the centurion, and the women at the tomb. Each Sunday's lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday has been added to the Communion Table.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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