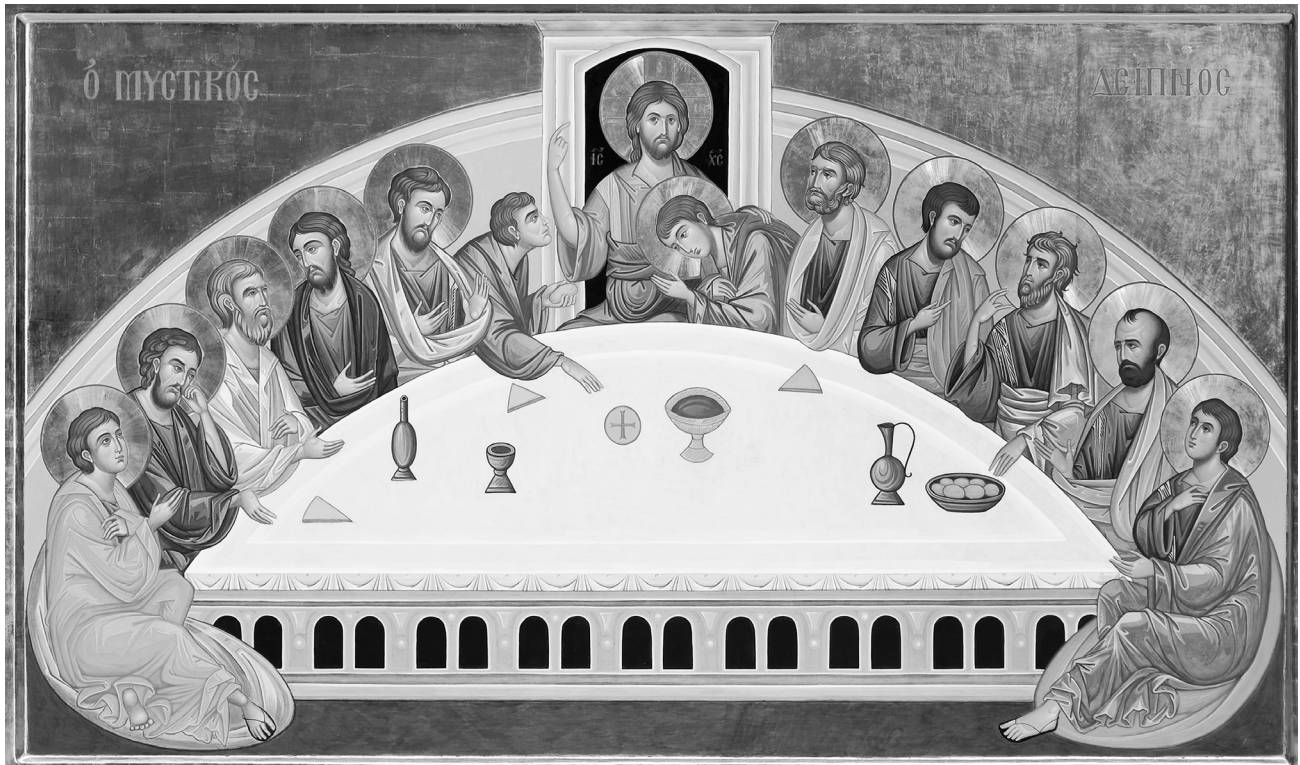


Maundy Thursday Tenebrae Service

MARCH 28, 2024

6:30 P.M.



THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

This service is an adaptation of the ancient office of Tenebrae (from the Latin word for “shadows”), which included a solemn observance of Holy Communion.

The office is a portrayal of the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion on Friday.

Prelude

O Lamb of God Johann Sebastian Bach
Ah, Holy Jesus Sigfrid Karg-Elert
O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms

Call to Worship

One: On this dark night, the prayers of earth are lifted from the silent and sometimes secret places of our hearts;

All: the prayers of earth confess the deep sadness that our sin has made this night necessary.

One: On this dark night, we remember that his heart was broken for us,

All: and in his body he bore our sin and shame.

One: On this dark night, our hearts are filled with few words but many prayers, as we remember that God took all the evil we could muster.

***Hymn 215.** “What Wondrous Love Is This”

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I AM,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing on;
and when from death I’m free, I’ll sing and joyful be,
and through eternity, I’ll sing on, I’ll sing on;
and through eternity I’ll sing on.

The Shadow of Betrayal. Luke 22:1-12

The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper

Communion Anthem

“None Other Lamb” Craig Courtney

None other lamb, none other name; none other hope in heaven or earth or sea. None other hiding place from guilt and shame, none beside thee. My faith burns low, my hope burns low; only my heart’s desire cries out in me, by the deep thunder of its want and woe, cries out to thee. Lord, thou art life, though I be dead; love’s fire thou art, however cold I be; nor heaven have I, nor place to lay my head, nor home, but thee. None other lamb.

*Please rise in body or spirit.

***Hymn 518.** “Your Only Son”

Your only Son, no sin to hide, but you have sent him from your side
to walk upon this guilty sod, and to become the Lamb of God.

Refrain: O Lamb of God, sweet Lamb of God, I love the holy Lamb of God!
O wash me in his precious blood, my Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God.

Your gift of love, we crucified; we laughed and scorned him as he died;
the humble King we named a fraud and sacrificed the Lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

I was so lost, I should have died, but you have brought me to your side
to be led by your staff and rod, and to be called a lamb of God. (*Refrain*)

The Shadow of Agony of the Spirit. Matthew 26:36–44

Anthem “Thy Will Be Done” C. Courtney

Our cup was filled with darkness. Our cup was filled with death. Christ took our cup and drank it, and gave us life, and gave us hope, gave us himself. My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. In blackest night we hear him in dark Gethsemane, pleading with the Father for one more way, for one more hope, for one more day. My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done. Then they took our Savior and led him to a tree; and there they broke his body, poured out his life, put him to death to rise again! My Father, let this cup pass from me; yet not my will, O Lord, but thine be done.

The Shadow of Arrest. Mark 14:43–49

***Hymn 206** “This Is the Night”

This is the night, dear friends, the night for weeping, when powers of darkness overcome the day,
the night the faithful mourn the weight of evil whereby our sins the Son of Man betray.

This night the traitor, wolf within the sheepfold, betrays himself into his victim’s will,
the Lamb of God for sacrifice preparing: sin brings about the cure for sin’s own ill.

This night Christ institutes his holy supper, blest food and drink for heart and soul and mind;
this night injustice joins its hand to treason’s, and buys the ransom-price of humankind.

This night the Lord by slaves shall be arrested, he who destroys our slavery to sin;
accused of crime, to criminals be given, that judgment on the righteous Judge begin.

O make us sharers, Savior, of your Passion, that we may share your glory that shall be;
let us pass through these three dark nights of sorrow to Easter’s laughter and its liberty.

The Shadow of Desertion Mark 14:50, 66–72

***Hymn 816.** “If Thou but Trust in God to Guide Thee”

If thou but trust in God to guide thee, with hopeful heart through all thy ways,
God will give strength, whate’er betide thee, to bear thee through the evil days.
Who trusts in God’s unchanging love builds on the rock that nought can move.

Only be still, and wait God’s leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content
to take whate’er thy Keeper’s pleasure and all-discerning love hath sent.
No doubt our inmost wants are clear to One who holds us always dear.

Sing, pray, and swerve not from God’s ways, but do thine own part faithfully.
Trust the rich promises of grace; so shall they be fulfilled in thee.
God never yet forsook at need the soul secured by trust indeed.

The Shadow of Accusation Matthew 27:11–18, 21–26

***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.

The Shadow of Crucifixion Matthew 27:27–37

Anthem

“He Was Wounded” C. Courtney

He was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities. The punishment that brought us peace was upon him. And with his wounds we are healed. He was despised, he was rejected, one from whom men hide their faces. Man of sorrows, with grief acquainted, we esteemed him not. All we like sheep have gone astray, each of us turned to his own way, and the Lord has laid on him all of our sin. Surely he took up all of our suffering, surely he carried our sorrows, yet we considered him afflicted, smitten, stricken by God.

The Shadow of Death Matthew 27:45–54

Homily. Tom Are Jr.

The Shadow of the Tomb Luke 23:50–53

Solo

“Were You There” African American spiritual

*There is no benediction this day.
Our watch continues into the night to the cross of Good Friday,
the limbo of Holy Saturday, and the miracle of the empty tomb.
Please depart in silence.*

A NOTE ON HOLY WEEK AND ANTISEMITISM

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 antisemitic pogroms. Antisemitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.

We are grateful to be worshipping with this evening 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. ✨ **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: fourthchurch.org



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Tomorrow 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 6:30 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 6:30 p.m. choral service will be livestreamed on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✨ **On Saturday 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; **9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **2:00 p.m. "The Gathering"** with Communion. **The 9:30 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), with the prelude beginning at approximately 9:15 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. ✨ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:30 a.m. on Easter; nursery care will be available between 9:00 a.m. and 12:45 p.m. ✨ **For more about observing Holy Week and Easter,** see fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

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Worship Notes

MAUNDY THURSDAY RECEIVES ITS NAME from the Latin *mandatum novum do vobis*, meaning “A new commandment I give you.” This new commandment, given by Jesus on the night he washed the disciples’ feet, was “to love one another just as I have loved you.” It is his example of—and our call to—love and service that we remember on Maundy Thursday.

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Holy Week. Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, 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 (*and then place the envelope in one of the offering boxes at the exits*), designate “One Great Hour of Sharing” (OGHS) when giving via Venmo or at fourthchurch.org/give, or write OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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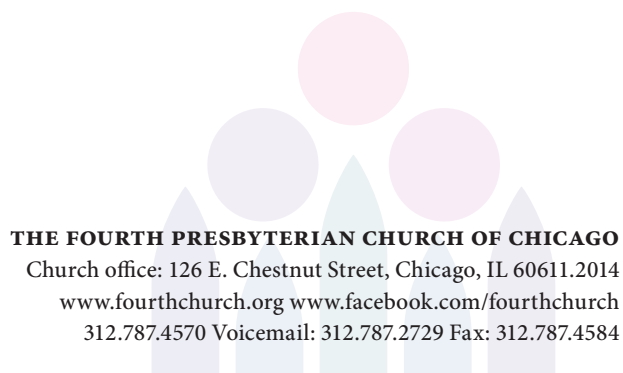
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