

Good Friday



March 29, 2024 • 12:10 p.m.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Prelude

Christ, Thou Lamb of God Sigfrid Karg-Elert
Ah, Holy Jesus Johannes Brahms
O People, Bewail Your Grievous Sin. Johann Sebastian Bach

***Opening Sentences**

One: *We enter into a holy place*
All: through the new and living way Jesus Christ has opened for us.
One: *We come as a holy people—born of the grace of Jesus Christ,*
All: delivered through his life, death, and resurrection.

***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

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. Nanette Sawyer

***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.

Offering and Prayer of Dedication

Offertory Anthem

“And God Looked Down”. Thomas Strickland
*My God, my God, look upon me. And God looked down at God that day; and God looked
up and tried to pray. He prayed to nothing he could see. “Father,” he said, “look down at
me.” My God, my God, look upon me. It was the strangest of his days. He could not see the
Father’s gaze. He could not hear the Father speak. He felt his own lips growing weak. My
God, my God, look upon me. He saw the brightness drain from the sky. He saw the noon
darken and die. He saw the soldiers playing dice. He told a thief of paradise. He gave a
mother to a son. He knew and said the day is done. My God, my God, look upon me. He
drank the darkness, and he said, “Into thy hands,” and he was dead.*

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.*

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.

You are invited . . .

Holy Week 2024



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.



Please let us know you are here by filling out an information pad in the pews or by using the QR codes in the Narthex as you leave the Sanctuary. **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. ✧ During the week the Sunday morning **service and sermon is available via podcast** on multiple platforms and at fourthchurch.org/podcasts ✧ You can also receive the previous Sunday morning's **sermon text** (fourthchurch.org/sermons) **by email** by subscribing at www.bit.ly/fpcsermons.



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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 ✧ Look for information, updates, and **snapshots of life at Fourth Church** in our weekly email newsletter; for our news archive, see fourthchurch.org/news

Later today we continue our **Good Friday** observance with 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).



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 **Easter Sunday** for our joyous celebration of the resurrection! We 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. Easter "The Gathering: Communion at 2:00."** (*Note that the second morning service in the Sanctuary begins a half hour later than usual to accommodate the number of worshipers*). The 9:30 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. services will be **livestreamed** on YouTube (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), with the morning 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 live via phone to the 9:30 service by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service.



Entrance for the 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Easter services will be through the glass Loggia doors on next to the courtyard on Michigan Avenue. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✨ 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 with Fourth Church, please see 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**.

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Worship Leaders

Nancy Benson-Nicol, Nanette Sawyer

The Music Today

Members of the Morning Choir

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

Worship Notes

OFFERING GIFTS TO SUPPORT THE MINISTRY AND MISSION of Fourth Church can be placed in one of the offering boxes at the Sanctuary exits or given at 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 made using one of the special envelopes available in the pew racks or by designating “OGHS” when giving online or via Venmo.

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