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Good Friday Choral Service

MARCH 29, 2024 • 6:30 P.M.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Silent Meditation

Introit

“Hail, the True and Only Savior” Thomas Pavlechko
Hail the true and only Savior, of the virgin mother born; sacrificed for our salvation, enduring sorrow, suffering scorn. On the cross, this gentle Savior gave his life to ransom all. Perfect lamb and full atonement, redeeming us from Adam’s fall. Holy Jesus, blessed Jesus, Son of Mary, anointed one; Jesus, holy Jesus, come now, blessed Jesus. Amen.

***Call to Worship and Prayer**

One: *Blessed be the name of the Lord our God,*

All: *who redeems us from sin and death.*

One: *For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death, even on the cross.*

All: *Blessed be the name of the Lord.*

One: *Let us pray.*

All: *Merciful God, you gave your Son to suffer the shame of the cross.*

*Save us from hardness of heart, that, seeing him who died for us,
we may repent, confess our sin, and receive your overflowing love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord. 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.

Psalter Psalm 22

Scripture Reading John 18:1–19:42 (*selected portions*)

Cantata

“Stabat Mater” Francis Poulenc

- I. The mother was standing full of sorrow, weeping near the cross, while on it her Son was hanging.
- II. A sword pierced her sighing soul, saddened and suffering.
- III. O how sad and afflicted was that blessed one, the mother of the only begotten!
- IV. The virtuous mother was lamenting and grieving, while she saw the punishments of her glorious Son.
- V. Who is there who would not weep to see the mother of Christ in such torture?
Who cannot be saddened, to contemplate the mother of Christ grieving with her Son? For the sins of his people, she saw Jesus placed in torments and scourges.
- VI. She saw her sweet Son dying desolate while he sent forth his spirit.
- VII. Ah, mother, fountain of love, make me feel the force of your sorrow, so that I may mourn with you.
- VIII. Make my heart be on fire in loving Christ, my God, so that I may please him also.
- IX. Holy mother, do that, fix strongly on my heart the wounds of the crucified one.
Share with me the punishments of your wounded Son who so deigned to suffer for me. Make me truly weep with you, to suffer with the crucified one, as long as I shall live. I wish to stand near the cross with you, to share willingly in the lamentation.
Distinguished virgin of virgins, be not bitter to me now; let me grieve with you.
- X. Make me bear the death of Christ, make me be a sharer of his passion and recollect his blows. Make me wounded with the blows, to be by this cross because of love of the Son.
- XI. Kindled and inflamed for you, virgin, may I be defended on the day of judgment.
Christ, when I must go hence, let me come for the sake of your mother to the palm of victory.
- XII. When my body dies, grant that the glory of paradise be given to my soul. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Offering

Offertory Anthem

“O Crux” Mark Jennings

O cross, more radiant than the stars, celebrated throughout the earth, beloved of the people, holier than all things, which alone was found worthy to bear the light of the world. Blessed tree, blessed nails, blest the weight you bore. Save the flock which today is gathered to praise you.

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.*

***Hymn 224.** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down;
did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?
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.

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.*

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 form. 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 (*after exiting full-screen view*); a QR code is also displayed during the Offering 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 or 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. ✳️ If you would like to **talk to a pastor** or **notify pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email Gloria Fleming (gfleming@fourthchurch.org); if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✳️ Please email Gloria if you would like to **submit a prayer request** to our Deacon Prayer Ministries. ✳️ **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 counseling**, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260 or visit repluglecenter.org

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Tomorrow evening, on Saturday, March 30, 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 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 **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.



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/rhythmwordemail



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, to which you can subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc; for our news archive, see fourthchurch.org/news

Worship Leaders

Nanette Sawyer, Associate Pastor

The Morning Choir; Sarah van der Ploeg, Emily Mwila, and Laura Bumgardner, 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 MUSIC MINISTRY 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; all undesignated gifts given this evening will benefit the music program. ✨ Throughout Holy Week we also receive a One Great Hour of Sharing Offering. Gifts designated 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. Gifts to this special offering can be made using offering envelopes in the pew racks or by designating “OGHS” when giving online.

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