

It often takes distance to discern the hand of God in the patterns of the world. The scriptural account of Holy Week challenges us to find our places next to these people, there on the edge of things and to take in, with them, all of the events in this story, as the powers and principalities deliver the worst they can summon upon the cross of Jesus Christ. The challenge is to stand far enough away from the canvas to overcome the numbing familiarity that attends our knowing this story, backward and forward. The challenge is to see it—in both its terror and redemption—as if for the first time; and then observe that at the end of it all, God is still in charge. God’s ongoing drama with history and human life is still unfolding. Hallelujah.

Theodore J. Wardlaw, “At a Distance”
The Christian Century, March 20, 2007

WELCOME TO WORSHIP AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

We are grateful for your presence and invite you to participate in the worship, program, and service life of Fourth Church.

During Today's Worship

Large-print bulletins, Bibles, and hymnals and individual listening devices for improved sound are available in the back of the sanctuary. Worship also can be heard through the "T" setting of hearing aids.

If your infant or small child needs care during the worship service, you may leave the sanctuary and return as you wish. The worship service audio can be heard in Stone Chapel, where you and your child are also welcome. Child care for infants and toddlers is provided in Westminster 14, through the south transept doors and to the right. See an usher for directions.

Worship bags, containing quiet activities and a bulletin designed for children, are available outside the south transept doors, between the sanctuary and Anderson Hall. Children who are attending worship in the sanctuary are invited to borrow one of these bags.

During the Concerns of the Church, please pass the pew information pads, so that all worshipers have an opportunity to provide updated information and to greet one another by name following the service.

Please turn off all cell phones when in the sanctuary.

If You Are New to Fourth Church

Please wear a lapel pin, found in the pew racks, so we might greet you after worship.

A church tour begins at 12:45 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

We invite you to stop by Coffee Hour after worship for fellowship, conversation, and information about church programs and volunteer opportunities.

Parking is available Sundays at the John Hancock Center, 875 North Michigan Avenue (access Chestnut Street), at the rate of \$7.00 until 2:00 p.m. and at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$7.75 to 4:00 p.m. and \$6.00 after 5:00 p.m. Validation tickets must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk.

Inquirers' Class offers an opportunity to explore Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, April 2 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 21 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 29 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Calum MacLeod, Associate Pastor, at the church at 312.981.4025 (cmacleod@fourthchurch.org).

Fourth Church Cares

For pastoral care; to notify the church of illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request to be remembered in Morning Prayer; or to arrange homebound Communion, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

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PRAYERS OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

(unison)

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever.

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week, we confess all the ways we have failed to be faithful and strong. We confess all the ways we have failed to love you and our neighbors. We confess all the times we have been silent when we should have spoken, passive when we should have acted. Forgive us and renew our faith. Heal us and make us whole, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

**Lord, have mercy.
Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

ANTHEM
(8:00)

“Hosanna to the Son of David” *Malcolm Archer*
Hosanna to the son of David. Hosanna to the King of Israel. Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:30)

“Hosanna to the Son of David” *Orlando Gibbons*
Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Blessed be the King of Israel. Blessed be the kingdom that cometh, that cometh in the name of the Lord. Peace in heaven and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

PSALTER

Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 *(responsively)* (page 534, O.T.)
(for those sitting in Anderson Hall, page 565, O.T.)

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON Luke 19:28–40, 45–48 (page 78, N.T.)
(for those sitting in Anderson Hall, page 83, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan
SPELLBOUND

“All the people were spellbound by what they heard.”

Luke 19:48 (NRSV)

***HYMN 101** “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” *Tune: HAMBURG*

***APOSTLES CREED** *(unison)*

**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” *Philip Baker*

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
(8:00)

“The Palms”

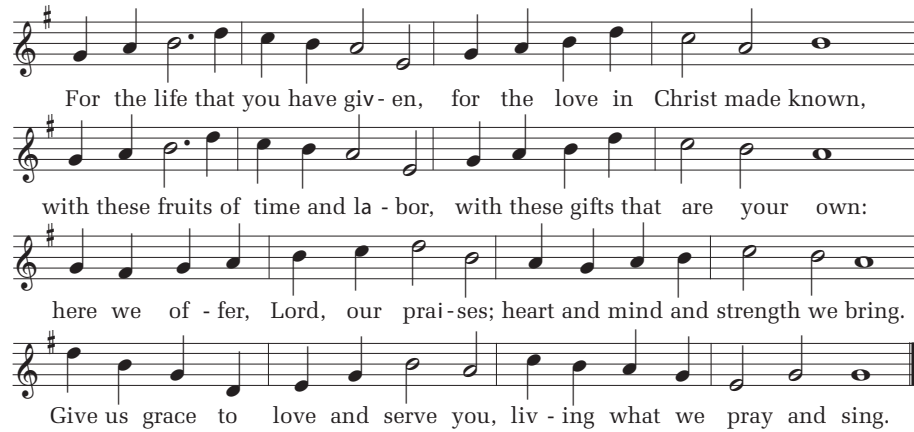
Jean-Baptiste Faure

OFFERTORY ANTHEM
(9:30 and 11:30)

“Lift up Your Heads” from *Messiah*

G. F. Handel

***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.

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***PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

People: **We lift them to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

People: **It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

All: **God of us all, you gave your Son to take the form of**

a servant and to suffer death on the cross.

How can we thank you for this amazing gift?

Strengthen us to follow him, to take up our cross,

to love the world, and to serve you in word and deed.

Receive these gifts and use them for the work of

your kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

***HYMN 89**

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Tune: ELLACOMBE

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE
(8:00)

Intermezzo in C Major

Hermann Schroeder

POSTLUDE
(9:30 and 11:30)

Music for Brass Octet
Movement I

Anthony Plogg

Join the Journey to Easter

Holy Week Noonday Services

Monday–Friday, April 2–6 at 12:10 p.m.

Lunch will be served immediately following the service each day.

Tickets can be purchased at the door.

Midweek Lenten Service

Wednesday, April 4

7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 5

12:10 p.m. Communion Service

7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, April 6

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service

4:00 p.m. Near North Ministry Alliance Good Friday Walk for Justice
(beginning at Larrabee and Hobbie)

4:00 p.m. Children's Experience in Anderson Hall

5:15 p.m. Silent Retreat begins

7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Easter Sunday, April 8

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach

8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Service

*Easter Brunch will follow the 11:30 a.m. service. Tickets are available
in Coffee Hour and at the reception desk.*

9:30 a.m. Children's Service in Westminster House

6:30 p.m. Jazz Vespers Service

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 and be prepared for possible delays in entering and exiting parking garages as a result of increased traffic volume.

Worship Leaders

8:00 a.m.	Joyce Shin, John W. Vest, John M. Buchanan
9:30 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, Adam Fronczek, John M. Buchanan
11:30 a.m.	Alice M. Trowbridge, John W. Vest, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

8:00 a.m.	The Chancel Choir; Alexia Kruger, soprano soloist
9:30 a.m.	The Cherub Choir; The Children's and Youth Choir; The Morning Choir; Tower Brass
11:30 a.m.	The Cherub Choir; The Children's and Youth Choir; The Morning Choir; Tower Brass

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist
Beverly Escuder, Children's Choir Director
Matthew Comerford, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Worship Notes

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning. Tower Brass participates in the second and third worship services each third Sunday of the month during the academic year.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative as well as the Chicago Lights Partners in Education program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, use the envelopes in the pew racks or write "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

The unfolding flower growing out of a crown of thorns, shown on this week's bulletin cover, provides an apt metaphor for the new life arising from Christ's death and resurrection. It is carved into the underside of the octagonal sounding board over the Fourth Church pulpit.

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