

March 2, 2008

Fourth Sunday in Lent

9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

“Yet not my will, but thy will be done.” Not surprisingly, Jesus would rather not go through with it. Yet he hands himself over. . . . It is important to add that this does not mean that Jesus’ death was the will of God. It was not God’s will that Jesus died, any more than it was God’s will that any of the martyrs before and after Jesus were killed. Yet we may imagine them handing themselves over in the way that Jesus did, from Peter and Paul to Thecla and Perpetua to Dietrich Bonhoeffer and the nuns in El Salvador. The prayer reflects not a fatalistic resignation to the will of God but a trusting in God in the midst of the most dire of circumstances.

Marcus J. Borg and John Dominic Crossan
The Last Week

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.

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

A church tour begins at 12:15 p.m., starting at the back of the sanctuary.

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, March 3 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, March 8 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, March 30, 2008 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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MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Prelude and Fugue in B Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*
Our Father, Who Art in Heaven *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “Upon the Mount of Olives” *Franz Schubert*
Upon the Mount of Olives he prayed to his Father:
“Father, my spirit is willing, but my mortal nature
is feeble. O, if it should be possible, let this cup
now pass from me. Thy will be done, O Father.”

***DOXOLOGY AND INVOCATION** (The Hymnal, 592)

***HYMN 308** “O Sing a Song of Bethlehem” *Tune: KINGSFOLD*

PRAYER OF CONFESSION
(*unison*)

**God of mercy,
you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.
We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.
We are misled by pride,
for we see ourselves pure when we are stained
and great when we are small.
We have failed in love,
neglected justice,
and ignored your truth.
Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.
Return us to paths of righteousness
through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.**

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news.

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

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

UNISON PRAYER

**Holy God, remind us of the promises given in our
own baptism and renew our trust in you. Make us
strong to obey your will and to serve you with joy;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

**Stand as you are able.*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

- ANTHEM** “Thy Will Be Done” *Craig 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.”
- PSALTER** Psalm 23 (*unison*) (page 474, O.T.)
- *GLORIA PATRI** (The Hymnal, 579)
- SCRIPTURE LESSON** Matthew 26:36–48 (page 29, N.T.)
Minister: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**
- SERMON** by John M. Buchanan
DISAPPOINTMENT
- *HYMN 170** “The Lord’s My Shepherd, I’ll Not Want” *Tune: CRIMOND*
- *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”

Vincent Persichetti

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Tristis est anima mea”

Francis Poulenc

Sad is my soul and sorrowful, even unto death. Tarry with me here; stay and watch with me awhile. Now you see the multitude come to lay hold on me. You arise and flee away. I go forth to die, suffer and die for you. See now, this is the appointed hour when the Son of Man must be betrayed into the hands of evil men.

***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 compassion,**

**we praise you that you look upon our frail lives
with love and understanding,
and that you desire for us all
new life in Jesus Christ.**

**We are overwhelmed by your love,
which goes to the cross for us,
endures the grave,
and leads us to new life.**

**By your Spirit, strengthen our souls to be
brave and bold in Christ's service.**

**Take our offerings
and use them and us for your purposes,
in the name of Jesus Christ, our crucified and risen Lord.
Amen.**

***HYMN 361**

“How Firm a Foundation”

Tune: FOUNDATION

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Te Deum (We Praise Thee, O God)

Jean Langlais

BAPTISM AT FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*“Let the little children come to me . . .
for it is to such as these that the kingdom of heaven belongs.”
Matthew 19:14 (NRSV)*

On the second Sunday of each month, Fourth Church includes the Sacrament of Baptism in morning worship. Baptism is the sign and seal of God’s grace and covenant in Christ. As *The Book of Order* of the Presbyterian Church (U.S.A.) explains, baptism signifies the faithfulness of God, the washing away of sin, rebirth, putting on the fresh garment of Christ, and adoption into the covenant family of the church.

The baptism of children witnesses to the truth that God’s love claims people before they are able to respond in faith. The congregation, on behalf of the whole church, assumes responsibility for nurturing the baptized children in the Christian life, and it is for this reason that the congregation makes such a promise during the service.

In the unison prayer we also remember that we too were baptized and as children of God are part of the worldwide family of faith.

The children being baptized at the 9:30 worship service are

*Wallace Roberts Lawrence, son of Rob and Margaret Lawrence
Blake Seabrook Lingenfelter, son of Carl Lingenfelter and Stacia Smith
Morrison Rose Luban, daughter of Jeff Luban and Melonie Collmann
Arthur James White, son of Daniel and Karen White*

The children being baptized at the 11:00 worship service are

*Vail Geller Bayly, son of Graham and Brook Bayly
Sydney Wilhelmina Boone, daughter of Jeff and Aimee Boone
Nathaniel Owens Eslinger, son of David Eslinger and Whitney Owens
Jacob Alan Kozlowski, son of Michael and Lindsey Kozlowski
Kendall Lynne Marquardt, daughter of Steven and Carrie Marquardt
Samuel William Tidmarsh, son of Lachlan and Beth Tidmarsh*

Worship Leaders

9:30 a.m. Martha Langford, John H. Boyle, John M. Buchanan
11:00 a.m. Martha Langford, Thomas C. Rook, John M. Buchanan

The Music Today

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir; Andrea Pokrefke, soprano soloist
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John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music
Thomas Gouwens, Associate Organist

Worship Notes

Today's offertory anthem is part of "Four Lenten Motets" written by Francis Poulenc (1899–1963) in 1938, although it was not published until after World War II.

These powerful works were among his first sacred pieces and express Poulenc's spiritual awakening along with his maturing ability as a composer. The Morning Choir will sing the "Four Lenten Motets" at the Good Friday Choral Service on Friday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the sanctuary.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the programs of Chicago Lights—specifically the Scholarship Program and the Elam Davies Social Service Center—as well as the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and the Interfaith Homes Initiative. Gifts to the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering can be made by using the envelopes in the pew racks or writing "Lenten Offering" on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Fourth Church offers a variety of worship opportunities in addition to Sunday morning services. A Vespers Communion service is held each Sunday evening at 6:30 p.m. Each weekday morning, Morning Prayer is held in Stone Chapel as a time to remember in prayer members of the Fourth Church congregation and those in need (9:30 a.m. on Monday, Wednesday, Thursday, Friday; 9:00 a.m. on Tuesday). The monthly Taizé service is held in Anderson Hall on the fourth Friday of each month and offers an opportunity to gather for a time of prayer, meditative singing, and silent reflection. Throughout Lent, a midweek service also is held each Wednesday evening at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel.

On the cover: The season of Lent points us toward the cross of Christ. This Latin cross, one of many integrated into the architecture of Fourth Church, is carved in the center of the minister's chair in the upper chancel.

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