

WORSHIP LEADERS

John H. Boyle Parish Associate

Martha Langford Pastoral Resident

John W. W. Sherer Organist and Director of Music

The Andy Tecson Jazz Ensemble

Fourth Church welcomes Andy Tecson and his jazz ensemble to Vespers this evening. Andy has composed or arranged all the music in this evening's service.

A prayer service in the style of Taizé is held the fourth Friday of the month at 7:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel. The next service is this Friday, March 28.

Daily devotions, written by Fourth Church staff, are available in the literature racks and by e-mail from devotions@fourthchurch.org.

Parking is available Sundays at 900 North Michigan (access from Rush or Walton Street) at the rate of \$6.25 after 5:00 p.m.

The Fourth Presbyterian Church of Chicago

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Fourth Presbyterian Church
Easter Sunday, March 23, 2008
6:30 p.m.

vespers

PRELUDE Jesus Christ Is Risen Today *Lyra Davidica*
Because You Live, O Christ *Dutch melody*
Christ the Lord Is Risen Today! *Robert Williams*

CALL TO WORSHIP AND INVOCATION

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen!

People: **Christ is risen indeed!**

Leader: Because he rose from the grave, we too are alive in Christ.

People: **Glory be to God, who gives us victory over sin and death.**

*HYMN 123 "Jesus Christ Is Risen Today" *Tune: EASTER HYMN*

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION

(unison)

Mighty God, by your power Christ is raised from death to rule this world in love. We give you thanks for the hope we have in him and for his presence with us and for the promise that nothing, not even death, can separate us from your love. Forgive us for being dead to the needs of others, deaf to their cries of mercy, and driven by doubt and fear. Help us to trust the power of the risen Christ to change our lives and make us new. In his name we pray. Amen.

KYRIE *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

DECLARATION OF PARDON

Leader: Friends, believe the good news.

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

GLORIA *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PSALTER Psalm 118:1 14–24 *(page 534, O.T.)*

SOLO "Sing Unto the Lord" *Andy Tecson*

SCRIPTURE LESSON

Colossians 3:1-17 (page 190, N.T.)
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: **Thanks be to God.**

COMMUNION MEDITATION by John H. Boyle
COME UP HIGHER

***HYMN 108** "Christ Is Alive!" *Tune: TRURO*

***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.**

OFFERING

OFFERTORY SOLO
"What Shall I Render to the Lord?" *Andy Tecson*

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

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

Minister: The Lord be with you.
People: **And also with you.**
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.**

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Minister: . . . who forever sing to the glory of your name:

SANCTUS *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

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.**

THE COMMUNION

AGNUS DEI *(sung)* *(please see insert)*

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(unison) **Eternal God,
we praise you that your glory has dawned on us and
brought us to this Day of Resurrection.
We rejoice that the grave could not hold Jesus,
and in him you have conquered death and
raised him to rule over all powers of this earth.
By your spirit, lift us from doubt and despair,
and set our feet in Christ's holy way,
that our lives may be signs of his life and
all we have may show forth his love.
Praise, glory, and thanksgiving to you,
our God, forever and ever. Amen.**

***HYMN 113** "Christ the Lord Is Risen Today!" *Tune: LLANFAIR*

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE Improvisation