I SIMPLY ARGUE THAT THE CROSS BE RAISED at the center of the marketplace as well as the steeple of the church. . . . Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles but on a cross between two thieves, on the town garbage heap, at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write his name in Hebrew and Latin and Greek, . . . at the kind of place where cynics talk smut and thieves curse and soldiers gamble. Because that is where he died and that is what he died about, and that is where church people ought to be and what church people ought to be about.

George MacLeod, Founder of the Iona Community

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 12:45 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 for three hours 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 for 900 parking must be picked up during Coffee Hour or from the Chestnut Street reception desk. Hancock tickets must be validated in the Narthex, at the back of the sanctuary.
- Inquirers' Class explores Presbyterian history and beliefs. This one-session class is also a prerequisite for membership. Attend Monday, April 6 from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m.; Saturday, April 18 from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon; or Sunday, April 26 from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. For information about membership, contact Linda Loving, Minister for Evangelism, at 312.981.3399.

Fourth Church Cares

To notify pastoral staff of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths; to pass along a prayer request; or to arrange homebound Communion with a Deacon, contact Ali Trowbridge, Associate Pastor for Congregational Care, at 312.573.3360 (atrowbridge@fourthchurch.org).

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Fanfare Roger W. Lowther

> A Stately Processional Eric DeLamarter

> Procession Nicolai Rimsky-Korsakov

> > arr. Rich Mays

Hosanna Franz Liszt

The Holy City Stephen Adams

arr. Richard Nagel

Introit "Blessed Is He Who Comes" Tamara Makdad Albrecht

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

*Doxology and Invocation

*Hymn 88 "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

Tune: Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

ANTHEM Antiphonal Hosanna G. Alan Smith

Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!

PRAYER OF THE DAY (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. Amen.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

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.

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

Amen.

DECLARATION OF **P**ARDON

Minister: Friends, believe the good news. People: **In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.**

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Anthem Hosanna to the Son of David Thomas Weelkes

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that cometh in the name of the Lord, thou that sittest in the highest heavens.

Hosanna in excelsis Deo.

PSALTER Psalm 118:1–2, 19–29 (responsively) (page 534, O.T.)

*GLORIA PATRI (The Hymnal, 579)

Scripture Lessons Isaiah 50:5–7 (page 640, O.T.)

Mark 11:1–11 (page 44, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON by John M. Buchanan

FIERCE LOVE

"I have set my face like flint." Isaiah 50:7 (NRSV)

*Hymn 91 "Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!" Tune: St. Drostane

*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"

Anonymous

OFFERING

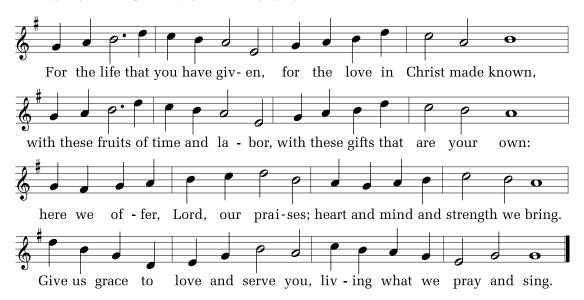
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

"Christus Factus Est"

Anton Bruckner

And being found in human form, he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name.

*Presentation of the Offering and Response



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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 Fanfare Paul Dukas

Join the Journey to Easter

Holy Week Noonday Services

Monday–Friday, April 6–10 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 8 at 6:30 p.m. in Blair Chapel

Maundy Thursday, April 9

12:10 p.m. Communion Service 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday, April 10

12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service 4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Blair Chapel 7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Saturday, April 11

Easter Vigil Confirmation of Confirmands 10:30 p.m. to midnight in the sanctuary John W. Vest preaching

Easter Sunday, April 12

6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service at Oak Street Beach Victoria G. Curtiss preaching

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

John M. Buchanan preaching

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 Linda C. Loving preaching

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

9:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan 11:30 a.m. Adam Fronczek, Joyce Shin, John M. Buchanan

THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Cherub Choir, the Children's Choir;

the Youth Choir; the Morning Choir

11:30 a.m. Tower Brass; the Cherub Choir, the Children's Choir;

the Youth Choir; the Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

Beverly Escuder, Children and Youth Music Director Matthew Comerford. Artistic Director of Tower Brass

WORSHIP NOTES

Tower Brass, Fourth Church's brass octet, assists in worship leadership this morning, as they also do on the third Sunday of each month, September through May.

The One Great Hour of Sharing Offering is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of the Chicago Lights Tutoring Program and Elam Davies Social Service Center, the Presbyterian Self-Development of People Program, Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, and the Presbyterian Hunger Program. 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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