

MORNING WORSHIP

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

PRELUDE Cantabile *Joseph Clokey*
Fantasy and Fugue in G Minor *Johann Sebastian Bach*
When in the Hour of Deepest Need *J. S. Bach*

INTROIT “When in the Hour of Deepest Need” *Louis Bourgeois*
When in the hour of deepest need we know not where to look
for aid, when days and nights of anxious thought no help or
counsel yet have brought. Thus have we come, O God, today,
and all our woes before you lay; for sorely tried, cast down,
we stand, perplexed by fears on every hand.

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

***HYMN 223** “O My Soul, Bless Your Redeemer” *Tune: STUTTGART*

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.**

RECEPTION OF NEW MEMBERS
(11:00)

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

**Stand as you are able.*

ANTHEM

“Ach, Arme Welt, du Trügest Mich” *Johannes Brahms*

Alas, poor world, thou mockest me; that I do know most certainly, but still I must perceive thee. Thou faithless world, thou art not true; in pain and woe, I know that too, the fires of hell shall grieve thee. Thy goods, thy worth cannot prevail; in death, in need they all shall fail; thy wealth is but an empty tale. God grant that I may leave thee.

PSALTER

Psalm 126 (*the congregation sings the refrain*)



When the Lord brought the captives home to Zion,
it seemed like a dream; our mouths were filled with laughter;
our lips sang songs of joy.

Refrain:

The Lord has done great things, and we are glad indeed.

The pagans then said among themselves,
“What marvels we see.” The Lord has done great things
and we are glad indeed. **(Refrain)**

O Lord, bring the captives home again as streams in dry land.
Yes, they who sow in tears will reap with joyful hearts.
(Refrain)

They go out with tears to sow the land;
the seeds they scatter forth; they come again with singing;
they bring the fruitful sheaves. **(Refrain)**

***GLORIA PATRI**

(The Hymnal, 579)

SCRIPTURE LESSON John 13, 14, 17 (*selections*)

(page 101, N.T.)

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

JOHN BUCHANAN

New Commandment

“I give you a new commandment, that you love one another. Just as I have loved you, you also should love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you have love for one another.” John 13:34–35 (NRSV)

***HYMN 85**

“What Wondrous Love Is This”

Tune: WONDROUS LOVE

***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”

J. S. Bach

OFFERING

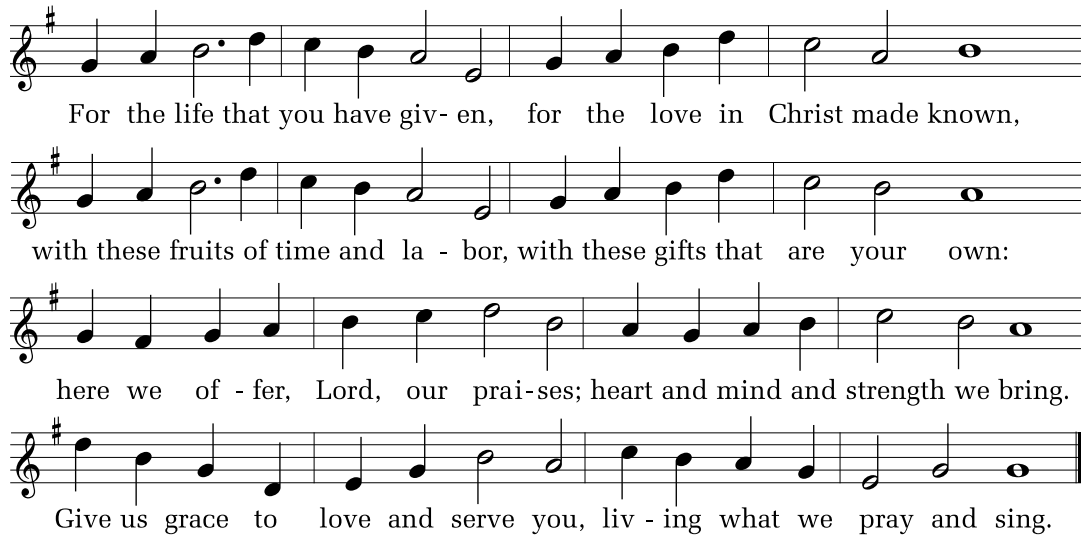
OFFERTORY ANTHEM

“Wenn Wir in Höchsten Nöten Sein”

J. Brahms

When we do suffer grief and woe, and know not where our feet
must go, and find no guide to show the way, though we do seek it
all the day; let this then be our only grace, that here together in
this place we cry to thee, O God most dear, to save us all from pain
and fear. O look not on our grievous sin, but grant that we thy grace
may win; stand by us in our time of need, that from all grief we may
be freed; that from a grateful spirit we may offer joyful thanks to thee
and serve thy word that we adore, that we may praise thee evermore.

***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 376**

“Love Divine, All Loves Excelling”

Tune: HYFRYDOL

BENEDICTION AND RESPONSE

POSTLUDE

Toccatà in E Minor

Johann Pachelbel

JOIN THE JOURNEY TO EASTER

Palm Sunday 8:00, 9:30, and 11:30 a.m. Morning Services

March 28 John Buchanan preaching
4:00 p.m. Communion Service
John Vest Preaching

Holy Week Monday–Friday, March 29–April 2 at 12:10 p.m.
Noonday Services *Lunch will be served immediately following the service each day. Tickets can be purchased at the door.*

Maundy Thursday 12:10 p.m. Communion Service

April 1 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae Communion Service

Good Friday 12:10 p.m. Good Friday Service

April 2 4:00 p.m. Children's Service in Blair Chapel
7:30 p.m. Choral Service

Saturday Easter Vigil

April 3 10:30 p.m. to midnight in the sanctuary
John W. Vest preaching

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

April 4 Calum I. MacLeod preaching
8:00, 9:30, 11:30 a.m. Easter Services
John Buchanan preaching
9:30 a.m. Children's Service
in Westminster House
4:00 p.m. Easter Service
Adam Fronczek preaching

*Please note that the last morning service
on Palm Sunday and 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. Thomas C. Rook, Joyce Shin, John Buchanan

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THE MUSIC TODAY

9:30 a.m. The Morning Choir

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

Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist

WORSHIP NOTES

This morning's prelude features music by Johann Sebastian Bach, who was born on this day in 1685. The Fantasy in G Minor is a bold piece with unusual harmonic progressions and chromatic writing. The Fugue that follows is known for its architectural unity and form.

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

John Buchanan's current sermon series is based on incidents in the life of Jesus as recorded in the Gospel of John and inspired by Frances Taylor Gench's book *Encounters with Jesus* (copies of which are available during Coffee Hour). Previous sermons in the series are available in the literature racks and in both audio and transcript formats at www.fourthchurch.org/sermons.html.

March 28: On Trial: Who Is Your King?

April 4: A New World at First Light

The bulletin cover photograph depicts the crown of thorns on the underside of the pulpit sounding board (*background*) as viewed over the rim of the pulpit (*foreground*). The Walter Brueggemann prayer that appears on the cover is reprinted from *Awed to Heaven, Rooted in Earth*.

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