

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

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## Gathering around the Word

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### Prelude

Prière from *Suite Gothique* . . . . . Léon Boëllmann

### Introit

“Behold, the Lamb of God” . . . . . Stephen Sturk  
*Behold, the Lamb of God that takest away the sins of the world.*

\*Doxology (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 606

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;  
praise God, all creatures here below;  
praise God above, ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Invocation

\*Call to Worship

One: *Goodness is stronger than evil;*  
Many: *love is stronger than hate.*  
One: *Light is stronger than darkness;*  
Many: *life is stronger than death.*  
All: *Victory is ours through God who loves us.*  
*Let us praise God’s glorious name!*

\*Hymn 775 . . . . . “I Want Jesus to Walk with Me”

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

We confess, O God,  
that we do not receive fully the forgiveness you offer,  
nor do we extend forgiveness to ourselves and others.  
Rather than let go of resentments, we nurse them;  
rather than respond with love, we react with rage;  
rather than confess our sins, we profess our blamelessness.  
Change us so that we truly embody the spirit of your divine love  
that frees us from lesser impulses. In Jesus’ name we pray. Amen.

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\*Stand as you are able.

## 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.

## Concerns of the Church

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# Listening for the Word

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## Prayer for Illumination

### Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalm 51:1–12 . . . . . Old Testament, page 492

### Anthem

“Come, My Way, My Truth, My Life” . . . . . John Erickson  
*Come, my way, my truth, my life; such a way as gives us breath, such a truth as  
ends all strife, such a life as killeth death. Come, my light, my feast, my strength;  
such a light as shows a feast, such a feast as mends in length, such a strength as  
makes his guest. Come, my joy, my love, my heart; such a joy as none can move,  
such a love as none can part, such a heart as joys in love.*

### First Lesson

Matthew 26:14–16, 20–28 . . . . . New Testament, page 28

\*Gloria Patri (*sung*). . . . . The Hymnal, 581

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost:  
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen. Amen.**

### Second Lesson

Matthew 26:47–50, 27:3–5 . . . . . New Testament, page 29

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: **Thanks be to God.**

### Sermon

The Real Tragedy . . . . . Victoria G. Curtiss

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## Responding to the Word

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\*Hymn 218 ..... “Ah, Holy Jesus”

\*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) ..... Apostles’ Creed

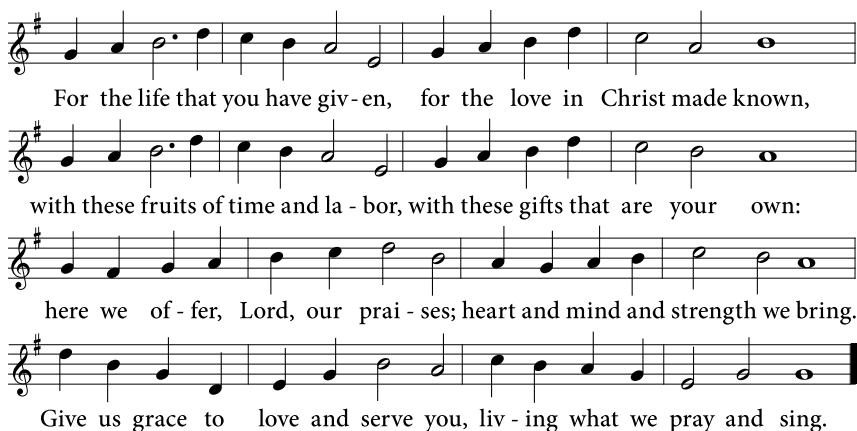
I believe in God the Father Almighty,  
Maker of heaven and earth,  
and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;  
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,  
suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
was crucified, dead, and buried;  
he descended into hell;  
the third day he rose again from 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

“The Lord’s Prayer” ..... Albert Hay Malotte

\*Offertory 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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# Sealing the Word

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## THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

### Invitation

### Great Thanksgiving

Minister: *The Lord be with you.*

People: **And also with you.**

Minister: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

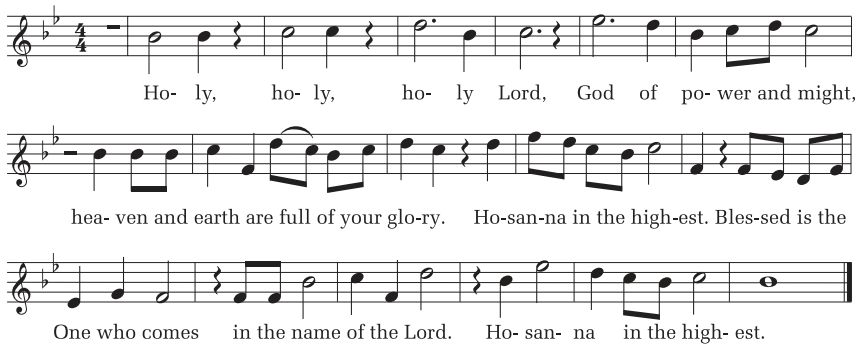
Minister: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

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

### Prayer

Minister: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . .*

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



Ho- ly, ho- ly, ho- ly Lord, God of po- wer and might,  
hea- ven and earth are full of your glo- ry. Ho- san- na in the high- est. Bles- sed is the  
One who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho- san- na in the high- est.

### The Lord's Prayer (*unison*)

**Our Father who art in heaven, hallowed by 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

#### Communion Anthem

“O Savior of the World” . . . . . John Goss

*O Savior of the world, who by thy cross and precious blood hast redeemed us,  
save us and help us we humbly beseech thee, O Lord. Amen.*

Prayer after Communion (*unison*)

Gracious God,  
you provide the true bread from heaven, your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Grant that we who have received the sacrament of his body and blood  
may abide in him and he in us, that we may be filled  
with the power of his endless love, now and forever. Amen.

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Bearing the Word into the World

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\*Hymn 445. . . . . “God, How Can We Forgive”

\*Benediction and Response

Postlude

If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee . . . . . Johann Sebastian Bach

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**This morning, Communion is served by intinction.**

The congregation comes forward by the center aisle to receive  
the bread, which they then dip into the chalice of grape juice.  
(Gluten-free bread is available in a small tumbler in each basket of bread.)

Worshippers return to their pews by the side aisles.

The invitation to the Lord’s Supper is not just for Presbyterians  
or “members of the church.” All who confess Jesus Christ as Savior  
and Lord are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

Even one who doubts or whose trust is wavering may receive  
the bread and grape juice (in place of wine) in order to be  
assured of God’s love and grace in Jesus Christ.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING  
is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the  
Fourth Church Meals Ministry; Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam  
Davies Social Service Center; and the work of Presbyterian Disaster  
Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs.  
To make a “One Great Hour of Sharing” gift, you can use the  
envelopes in the pew racks or write “Lenten Offering” on the memo  
line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

## Worship Leaders

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Joyce Shin, John R. Dallas Jr., Vicky Curtiss

## The Music Today

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The Chancel Choir; Laura Kubelka, soloist  
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music  
Thomas E. Gouwens, Associate Organist  
MJ Chen, Organ Scholar

## Worship Notes

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BAPTIZED THIS MORNING is Jack Thompson Mast, son of Darren Mast and Jennifer Thompson.

OUR LENTEN SERMON SERIES, “WE WERE THERE,” calls us to engage with biblical characters who encountered Christ in his final journey to the cross. Each Sunday’s lectern parament—created by Vicky Curtiss—evokes the theme of that day, and each week the parament from the previous Sunday is added to the Communion Table.

Sunday, February 22 “Anointing Woman”  
Sunday, March 1 “Slave with Cut-off Ear”  
Sunday, March 8 “Peter”  
Sunday, March 15 “High Priest Caiaphas”  
Sunday, March 22 “Judas”  
Palm Sunday, March 29 “The Crowd”  
Good Friday, April 3 “The Centurion”  
Easter Sunday, April 5 “The Women at the Tomb”

THE BULLETIN COVER image depicts the cross in Stone Chapel.

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