

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

✧ *Liturgy of the Palms* ✧

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Alexandre Guilmant
Earle of Oxford's Marche William Byrd
arr. Erich Peterson
March on a Theme by Handel. A. Guilmant
Solemn Entry Richard Strauss
arr. E. Peterson

Introit

"Hosanna to the Son of David" Jody W. Lindh

*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.

*Call to Worship

Leader: *Jesus is coming.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *He's riding on a donkey.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *Open the gates.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *Don't be afraid.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *Wave the branches.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *Spread out your coats.*
People: Shout hosanna!

**Stand as you are able.*

Leader: *Peace in heaven.*
People: Shout hosanna!
Leader: *Glory in highest heaven.*
People: Shout hosanna!

*Prayer of Praise

*Hymn 196 “All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Children’s Message

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, in the midst of energy and parades, the laughter of children and the beautiful chaos of procession, we pause. We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. So we come before you to confess. We confess the ways that religious words and holy phrases can slip so easily from our lips yet fall flat in our lives. We confess that our faith can be shallow; our following can be timid; and we can have too many ready excuses for why we go our own way but claim it as your way.

(please hold silence)

Turn us round again, we pray, by your Holy Spirit. May your Spirit be active within us and among us. May your Spirit open us anew to your faithfulness and to your freedom. May your Spirit teach us to live new lives and to be bearers of the seeds of your good news. Amen.

Extinguishing the Sixth Lenten Candle

Kyrie (*sung*) The Hymnal, 576

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy.
Lord, have mercy on us.

Declaration of Pardon

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

Reception of New Members (11:30)

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Hosanna to the Son of David” Orlando Gibbons
Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be he that cometh in the name of the Lord.
Blessed be the King of Israel; blessed be the kingdom.
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest places.
Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)

Psalms 118:1–2, 19–29 Old Testament, page 534

*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.

Scripture Lesson

Luke 19:28–40. New Testament, page 78

Minister: *The Word of the Lord.*

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

✱ *Liturgy of the Passion* ✱

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

*Affirmation of Faith (*unison*) Brief Statement of Faith

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Responsive Prayer on Christ’s Passion

Leader: *Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried,
and rose again for our sake. With love let us adore him,
aware of our needs. Let us pray: Christ our teacher,
for us you were obedient, even to death.*

People: Teach us to obey God’s will in all things.

Leader: *Christ our life, by dying on the cross
you destroyed the power of evil and death.*

People: Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.

Leader: *Christ our strength, you were despised
and humiliated as a condemned criminal.*

People: Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.

Leader: *Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us.*

People: Help us to love one another.

Leader: *Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time
with your outstretched arms.*

People: Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.

Leader: *Jesus, Lamb of God,*

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: *Jesus, bearer of our sins,*

People: have mercy on us.

Leader: *Jesus, redeemer of the world,*

People: grant us peace.

Leader: *Indeed, O God, grant us peace . . .*

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

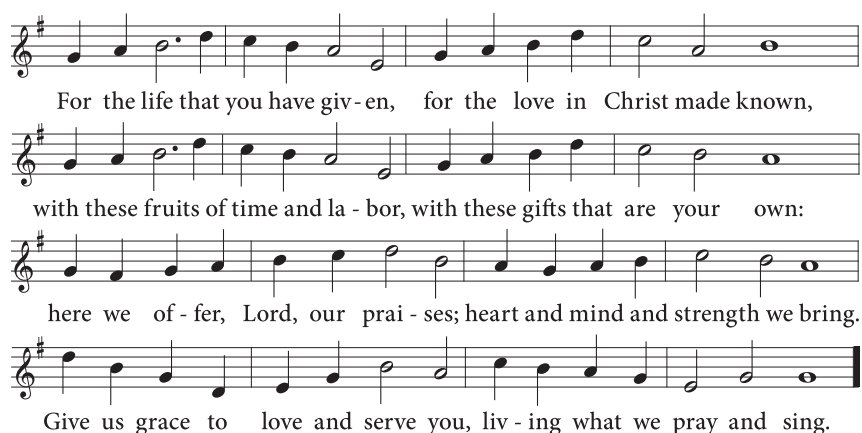
"Amen" Thomas Tallis

Offertory Anthem

"Vexilla regis" Anton Bruckner

*The royal banners forward go, the cross shines forth in mystic glow,
where he, as man, who gave man breath, now bows beneath the yoke of death.
O cross, our one reliance, hail! Still may thy power with us avail more good
for righteous souls to win and save the sinner from his sin.
To thee, eternal three in one, let homage meet by all be done;
as by the cross thou dost restore, so rule and guide us evermore. Amen.*

*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.

*Prayer of Dedication (*unison*)

God of all good gifts,
we thank you for the gift of generosity and life.
May these gifts lead to good meals around our church tables
for any who are hungry.
May these gifts help to find shelter and relief
for those who have no place to rest.
May these gifts keep the lights on
so that music students and tutoring students
have the chance to learn and grow.
May these gifts be used to proclaim your gospel
of welcome, justice, and peace.
Give us grateful hearts, O God,
and teach us to respond. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Voluntary on Psalm 37 Thomas Stöltzer
arr. Doug Ordunio

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The Music Today

Tower Brass; The Morning Choir

The Youth Choir; The Children's Choir; The Cherub Choir

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Worship Notes

EACH SUNDAY DURING LENT we are extinguishing a candle at the front of the Sanctuary. Just as we lit candles on the Advent wreath to symbolize the light coming into the world through the birth of Christ, so now our extinguishing of candles points to the Lenten progression from light to darkness as we make our way to Good Friday and the crucifixion.

THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING is being received throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, Hunger, and Self-Development of People Programs as well as Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center. 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.

THE BULLETIN COVER IMAGE of palm branches evokes the tension present in Palm/Passion Sunday, as we encounter both joyous celebration and the unraveling of expectation—and as we witness heads both bowed in adoration and bent low in lament. The cover quote by Kathleen Norris is from *God for Us: Rediscovering the Meaning of Lent and Easter*.

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