

*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

March on a Theme by Handel Alexandre Guilmant

Introit

“Benedictus Qui Venit” Leo Sowerby

Blessed is he that cometh in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

*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

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

Prayer of Lenten Confession (*unison*)

Loving God, we pause on this day. We pause to remember that going up to Jerusalem cost Jesus his very life. And as we remember, we must 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 the good news.*
People: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Concerns of the Church

Anthem

“Lift Up Your Heads” from *Messiah* George Frideric Handel
*Lift up your heads, O ye gates,
and be ye lifted up, ye everlasting doors,
and the King of glory shall come in.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord strong and mighty,
the Lord mighty in battle.
Who is this King of glory?
The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory.*

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter (*responsively*)
Psalm 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

Responding to the Word

*Hymn 209 “My Song Is Love Unknown”

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

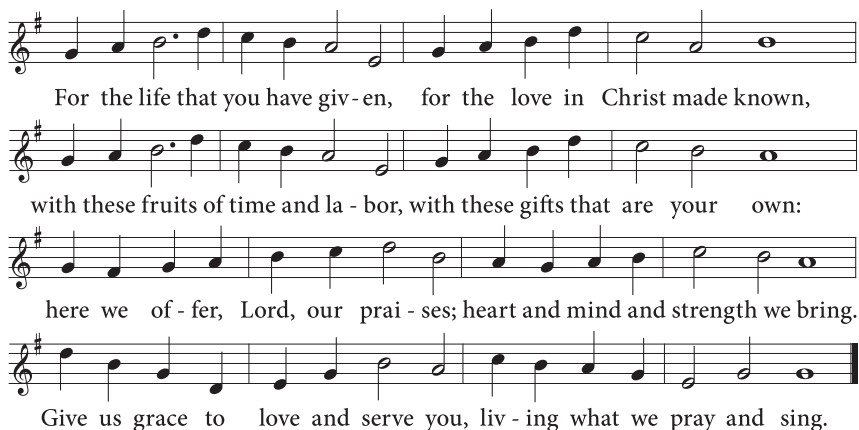
I believe in God the Father Almighty,
 Maker of heaven and earth,
 and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord;
 who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary,
 suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried;
 he descended into hell;
 the third day he rose again from the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

“Zerfliesse mein Herze” from *St. John Passion* Johann Sebastian Bach
*Release, O my spirit, thy torrents of crying; the highest is dying.
 Through heaven and earth these dark tidings be spread, thy Jesus is dead!*

*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.

Sealing the Word

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: . . . *Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with choirs
of angels and with the faithful of every time and place saying:*

Sanctus (*sung*) The Hymnal, 552

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

Minister: *You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ . . .
. . . Great is the mystery of faith:*

Memorial Acclamation (*sung*) The Hymnal, 553

Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.
Christ has died; Christ is risen; Christ will come again.

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

Communion Anthem

“Jesus, Remember Me” Jacques Berthier
Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.

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: *Amen.*

Bearing the Word into the World

*Hymn 224 “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction and Response

Postlude

Ah Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended Helmut Walcha

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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.

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