

APRIL 2, 2021

7:30 P.M.



Good Friday

Prelude

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Johannes Brahms

Ah, Holy Jesus Sigfrid Karg-Elert

Introit :: “The Crucifixion” Samuel Barber

At the cry of the first bird they began to crucify thee, O Swan! Never shall lament cease because of that. It was like the parting of day from night. Ah, sore was the suffering borne by the body of Mary’s Son, but sorer still to him was the grief which for his sake came upon his mother.

Welcome and Call to Worship

Hymn “O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis I deserve thy place;
look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

What language shall I borrow to thank thee, dearest friend,
for this thy dying sorrow, thy pity without end?
O make me thine forever; and should I fainting be,
Lord, let me never, never outlive my love to thee.

Meditation on the First Word

“Father, forgive them for they know not what they do.”

Meditation on the Second Word

“Truly I say to you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Meditation on the Third Word

“Woman, behold your son! Behold your mother.”

Solo :: “Were You There” African American spiritual; arr. Harry T. Burleigh

*Were you there when they crucified my Lord? O sometimes it causes me to tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? Were you there when they laid him in the grave?
O sometimes it causes me to tremble. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?*

Meditation on the Fourth Word

“My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?”

Meditation on the Fifth Word

“I thirst.”

Solo :: “The Wise Thief” Maia Aprahamian

*The wise thief didst thou make worthy of paradise in a single moment, O Lord;
by the wood of the cross illumine me as well and save me.*

Meditation on the Sixth Word

“It is finished.”

Meditation on the Seventh Word

“Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.”

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.

Offering

Offertory Solo :: “Watchful’s Song” from *The Pilgrim’s Progress* . . Ralph Vaughan Williams

Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. Except the Lord keep the house the watchman waketh but in vain. The Lord hath poured out upon you the spirit of deep peace: the whole earth is at rest and is quiet. Into thy hands, O Lord, I commend my spirit. I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills, from whence cometh my help. My help cometh even from the Lord, who hath made heaven and earth. He will not suffer thy foot to be moved. He that keepeth thee shall not sleep. Behold, he that keepeth thee shall neither slumber nor sleep. The Lord himself is my keeper, he shall preserve thee from all evil: yea, it is even he that shall keep thy soul from this time forth for evermore. Into thy hands I commend my spirit, O Lord.

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Each of the eleven “Reproaches” ends with the phrase “*Holy God,*” to which the congregation responds, “**have mercy upon us.**”

Hymn “Ah, Holy Jesus”

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast thou offended, that we to judge thee have in hate pretended? By foes derided, by thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon thee? Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone thee. ’Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied thee; I crucified thee.

Lo, the Good Shepherd for the sheep is offered; the slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered; for our atonement, while we nothing heeded, God interceded.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation, thy mortal sorrow, and thy life’s oblation, thy death of anguish and thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay thee, I do adore thee, and will ever pray thee, think on thy pity and thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

*There is no benediction this day.
Our watch continues into the night and to the empty tomb.*

Tolling of the Bells

The bells toll thirty-three times, once for each year of Jesus’ life on earth.

A NOTE ON GOOD FRIDAY AND ANTI-SEMITISM

The Passion texts can pose problems for Christian-Jewish relations. For centuries, many Christians blamed “The Jews” for Christ’s death. This interpretation is incorrect, misguided, and dangerous. In fact, crucifixion was solely a Roman form of punishment, one used to frighten subjugated peoples into obeying Roman authority. Tragically, Christians have misused the reading of the Passion to foment violent anti-Semitic pogroms. Anti-Semitism still plagues the world. We read these texts with sensitivity and caution, remembering the cruelties and failures of our past.



Tomorrow's **Easter Vigil** on Saturday, April 3 will take place via Zoom at 8:00 p.m. and will include the celebration of Communion. For the vigil we invite you to have on hand a candle, a noisemaker, a small bowl of water, and bread and juice (for details, see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter). **The vigil will take place only via Zoom;** for the link, sign up at www.bit.ly/eastervigil21

Our **festive Easter service online** will include Communion as well as the joyous music of brass and organ, handbells and jazz, and the hymns of Easter. This online celebration of the resurrection takes place this Sunday, April 4 at 11:00 a.m. online at [www.bit.ly/FPC worship](http://www.bit.ly/FPC_worship), **Facebook Live** (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) and by phone (for those without Internet access) by **calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*).

Holy Week and Easter devotions written by Fourth Church members and staff are available as a **resource for personal meditation and prayer in this season;** brief devotional reflections are also available year-round. You can receive them in your inbox (sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions) or read them online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch), or on Twitter (www.twitter.com/fourthchicago).

On Wednesday mornings at 9:30 a.m. we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom**. Email Carol Allerton (callerton@fourthchurch.org) for Zoom details. * **If you have a prayer request**, Dave Handley (dhandley@fourthchurch.org) is receiving these requests as part of our Morning Prayer and Deacon Prayer Ministries.

If you are interested in learning about **becoming a member of Fourth Church**, we invite you to join us online for a one-session Inquirers' Class next Sunday, April 11 at 9:00 a.m. To register for this class (*required for membership*) and discover more about Fourth Church and the Presbyterian Church (USA), sign up online at www.bit.ly/inquirer0421 to receive Zoom details.

Watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and follow us on **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **Instagram** (instagram.com/fourthchurch) for resources and ways to connect. Online events—from **Bible studies** to **Sunday School** to **youth groups** to **adult education classes** to **concerts** to **book groups**, and more—are posted on the church calendar at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar

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For the foreseeable future we are gathering online for **livestream-only worship**. In addition to streaming our weekly online Sunday morning service at 11:00 a.m. at www.bit.ly/FPCworship (*where the service is available throughout the week*), our Sunday service is available via **Facebook Live** (facebook.com/fourthchurch) and **YouTube** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) at 11:00 a.m. on Sundays. * Those without Internet access are invited to **listen to the service live via phone by calling 888.916.9166** (*toll-free*) at the time of the service (*the prelude begins around 10:45 a.m.*). * During the week we make the service and sermon available via **podcast on iTunes and Spotify** (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast); you can also receive our sermons **by email** (www.bit.ly/fpcsermons).

Those looking for personal support who would like to explore options for teletherapy are encouraged to call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. * If you would like to have a **one-time phone conversation with a Stephen Minister or arrange for ongoing talks**, please leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. * **If you would like to talk to a pastor**, please call the church (312.787.4570).

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Worship Notes

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THROUGHOUT HOLY WEEK we also receive the One Great Hour of Sharing offering. This special offering supports the work of 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, use the designation “OGHS Lenten Offering” when giving at www.fourthchurch.org/give-online or write it on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

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