

Ash Wednesday



March 2, 2022

7:30 p.m.

THE FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH OF CHICAGO

Prelude

I Stand at the Threshold Johann Sebastian Bach; arr. E. Power Biggs
Adagio Samuel Barber; arr. William Strickland

Introit :: “Turn unto the Lord” Eric H. Thiman
Turn unto the Lord, the Lord your God, for he is gracious and merciful.

Call to Worship from Psalm 51:15–17

Leader: *O Lord, open my lips*

People: **and my mouth will declare your praise.**

Leader: *For you have no delight in sacrifice;*

People: **if I were to bring a burnt offering, you would not be pleased.**

Leader: *The sacrifice acceptable to God is a broken spirit;*

People: **a broken and contrite heart, O God, you will not despise.**

Prayer for the Day

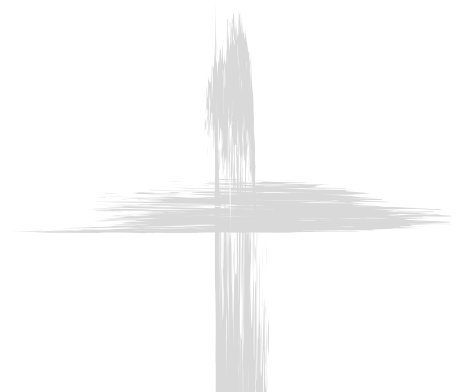
Hymn 165 (*congregation sings while masked*) “The Glory of These Forty Days”

The glory of these forty days we celebrate with songs of praise;
for Christ, by whom all things were made, himself has fasted and has prayed.

Alone and fasting Moses saw the loving God who gave the law;
and to Elijah, fasting, came the steeds and chariots of flame.

So Daniel trained his mystic sight, delivered from the lions’ might;
and John, the Bridegroom’s friend, became the herald of Messiah’s name.

Then grant that we like them be true, consumed in fast and prayer with you;
our spirits strengthen with your grace, and give us joy to see your face.



Prayer for Illumination

Scripture Lesson Matthew 6:1–6, 16–21

Anthem :: “Lord, Who Throughout These Forty Days” Erik Meyer

*Lord, who throughout these forty days for us didst fast and pray,
teach us with thee to mourn our sins and close by thee to stay.
As thou with Satan didst contend and didst the victory win,
O give us strength in thee to fight, in thee to conquer sin.
As thou didst hunger bear, and thirst, so teach us, gracious Lord,
to die to self and chiefly live by thy most holy word.
And through these days of penitence and through thy Passiontide,
yea, evermore, in life and death, Jesus, with us abide.
Abide with us, that so, this life of suffering over past,
an Easter of unending joy we may attain at last!*

Homily Rocky Supinger

Hymn 649 (*congregation sings while masked*) “Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound”

Amazing grace, how sweet the sound, that saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now am found, was blind, but now I see.

'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear, and grace my fears relieved.
How precious did that grace appear the hour I first believed!

Through many dangers, toils, and snares, I have already come.
'Tis grace has brought me safe thus far, and grace will lead me home.

The Lord has promised good to me; his word my hope secures.
He will my shield and portion be as long as life endures.

When we've been there ten thousand years, bright shining as the sun,
we've no less days to sing God's praise than when we'd first begun.

An Invitation to Observe a Holy Lent

Psalter Psalm 51

Litany of Penitence (*silence is kept after each petition*)

Leader: *For failing to love others as you have loved us . . . God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For wasting your gifts and hoarding our goods . . . God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For plundering the earth and abusing the planet . . . God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For fearing those who are strange to us and ignoring those in need . . .*

God of grace,

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For losing heart and abandoning hope . . . God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *For all the ways we turn from you . . . God of grace,*

People: **forgive us.**

Leader: *We offer our prayers in the name of the One who saves us, Jesus Christ.*

People: **Amen.**

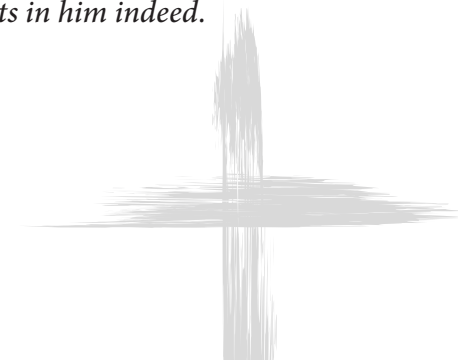
The Imposition of Ashes

Offering

Offertory Anthem :: “If Thou but Suffer God to Guide Thee” Georg Neumark

arr. Jody W. Lindh

If thou but suffer God to guide thee and hope in him through all thy ways, he'll give thee strength, whatever betide thee, and bear thee through the evil days. Who trusts in God's unchanging love builds on the rock that naught can move. Only be still and wait his leisure in cheerful hope, with heart content to take whatever thy Father's pleasure and all discerning love hath sent; nor doubt our inmost wants, our wants are known to him who chose us for his own. Sing, pray, and keep his ways unswerving; in all thy labor faithful be, and trust his word, though undeserving, thou yet shalt find it true for thee; God never yet forsook in need the soul that trusts in him indeed.



The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

Invitation

Great Thanksgiving

Leader: *The Lord be with you.*

People: *And also with you.*

Leader: *Lift up your hearts.*

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

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

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

Prayer

Leader: *It is truly right and our greatest joy . . . forever singing to the glory of your name:*

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.

Leader: . . . *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

Prayer after Communion

Hymn 167 (*congregation sings while masked*) “Forty Days and Forty Nights”

Forty days and forty nights you were fasting in the wild;
forty days and forty nights tempted, and yet undefiled.

Shall not we your sorrow share and from worldly joys abstain,
fasting with unceasing prayer, strong with you to suffer pain?

Then if Satan on us press, flesh or spirit to assail,
victor in the wilderness, grant that we not faint nor fail!

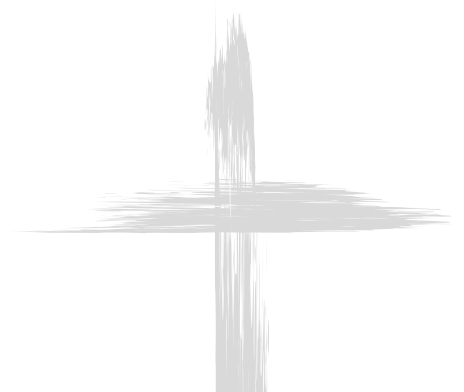
So shall we have peace divine: holier gladness ours shall be;
round us, too, shall angels shine, such as served you faithfully.

Keep, O keep us, Savior dear, ever constant by your side,
that with you we may appear at the eternal Eastertide.

Charge and Benediction

—Depart in silence—

WE WILL BE CELEBRATING THE LORD’S SUPPER during worship this evening. Those worshiping in the Sanctuary who did not receive individually prepackaged Communion elements upon entering the Sanctuary can request those elements from an usher prior to Communion; after the service, please drop off the recyclable cup and packaging at the exit. Those worshiping at home are encouraged to have bread and juice on hand as we share in this meal together.



We are grateful to be worshipping with you on this solemn day on the church calendar and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Church. ✨ Inspired by the radical hospitality of Jesus Christ, we welcome everyone, without exception, into the life of this congregation ✨ We invite you to join us at this intersection of faith and life as we share God's grace with one another and the world through worship and ministries of healing, reconciliation, and justice.



In this Lenten season of self-reflection and nurturing our spiritual growth, we invite you to use our daily **Lenten devotions as a resource for prayer and reflection**. To receive those meditations daily via email, **simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions** ✨ Also available for your reflection during the season is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences, which weave together scripture, prayer, and music, are released on **our YouTube channel** (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesdays at 6:00 p.m. To **receive them by email**, sign up online at www.bit.ly/rhythmandwordemail ✨ A **Sacred Pause time of meditation** is hosted virtually by our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being on Tuesdays (7:45 a.m.) and Saturdays (8:30 a.m.) at facebook.com/reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing ✨ On Wednesdays we gather at 9:30 a.m. for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** and at 10:00 a.m. for **in-person Morning Prayer** in Buchanan Chapel. The chapel is also open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Wednesdays and Thursdays. For Zoom details or information about walking the labyrinth, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✨ On Sundays we gather for worship in a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary (*livestreamed at www.bit.ly/fpcvideos*) and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel.



For resources and additional ways to connect with Fourth Church and one another, see our **weekly email newsletter** (if you do not already receive it, you can subscribe at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc) and watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org). ✨ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, accessible from the home page of our website and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar



The front section of the Sanctuary is for those practicing social distancing. ✨ On the Fourth Church campus, **everyone is required to wear a mask**. Anyone not wearing a mask fully covering their nose and mouth will be asked to leave, as we know some people make the decision to worship with us in person based on the knowledge that everyone will be fully masked. We have not yet lifted our mask mandate, as the wide range of programs, activities, and participants that are part of our Fourth Church and Chicago Lights community make how we move forward around masking complex, particularly given the number of vulnerable populations we serve—from preschoolers to older adults to those with insufficient access to health care—and given the range of staff and volunteers who work with them. Please know though that we are hard at work determining what our life together will look like around masks, in-person programs, and more!.

Worship Leaders

Jeffrey Doane, Rocky Supinger

The Music Today

Chancel Choir; Michael Rees, Organ Scholar
John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

IT IS ESTIMATED THAT THE HYMN FOLLOWING TODAY'S HOMILY, "Amazing Grace, How Sweet the Sound," is sung more than 10 million times each year, making it one of the most popular Christian hymns. The text was written in 1772 by John Newton (1725–1807), who grew up without any religious conviction and became a ship's captain involved in the Atlantic trade of enslaved people. In 1748, during a storm at sea, he called out to God for help and, in this moment of redemption, had a spiritual conversion. In 1764 he was ordained an Anglican priest and wrote the text of "Amazing Grace" to illustrate a sermon on New Year's Day 1773. In 1835 the text became associated with tune "New Britain," with which it is most frequently sung today.

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Lent. Gifts to this offering support Chicago Lights Tutoring and Elam Davies Social Service Center; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; 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 offering envelopes found in the pew racks, designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving at fourthchurch.org/give-online, or write that designation on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

DAILY LENTEN DEVOTIONS are available via email (*sign up at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions or send email addresses to devotions@fourthchurch.org*), online (www.fourthchurch.org/devotions), and via Facebook (www.facebook.com/fourthchurch) and Twitter (@FourthChicago).

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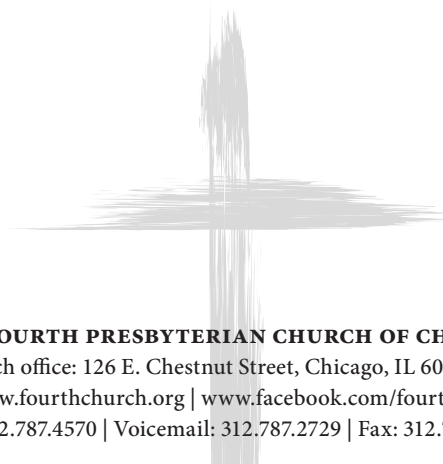
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