



Fourth Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10, 2022 • 10:00 a.m.

Gathering around the Word

Prelude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor Alexandre Guilmant
In the Name of the Father Orlando Gibbons; arr. Charles Schuchat
March on Handel's "Lift Up Your Heads" A. Guilmant
Ceremonial Entry Richard Strauss; arr. Erich Peterson

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

Hosanna to the Son of David. Blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Glory be to God on high! The people heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem riding on a colt; palm branches spread before him. The disciples didn't understand what was happening at first, but when Jesus the King was glorified then they remembered it had all been written.

Opening Sentences

Leader: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

People: Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

Leader: Lo, your king comes to you;

People: triumphant and victorious is he,

Leader: humble and riding on a donkey,

People: on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

Prayer

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem Luke 19:28–40

*Procession into the Church



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

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!

Thou art the King of Israel, thou David’s royal Son,
who in the Lord’s name comest, the King and blessed One. *(Refrain)*

The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present. *(Refrain)*

To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise. *(Refrain)*

Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King! *(Refrain)*

Palm Sunday Children’s Message

Litany of Confession

Leader: The Lenten journey reminds us that we are so lowly;

People: we have fallen so short. We pray for forgiveness .

Leader: Even as we cast our cloaks, with joy, along the road into Jerusalem,

People: we forget those in our midst who have no coat at all.

We pray for forgiveness.

*Leader: Our hearts would join the very stones of the earth,
singing praises for the Redeemer,*

People: but we fear judgment from our peers—and remain silent.

We pray for forgiveness.

Leader: We promise to uphold others in prayer,

People: yet we fall short, lose focus, grow weary, and forget. We confess our sins.

Leader: We bow before you, seeking forgiveness for our manifold sins,

People: but we betray you as Judas did. We confess our sins.

**Please rise in body or spirit.*

Leader: We deny you as Peter did.

People: Have mercy on us, Lord; forgive our failures and shortcomings.

We confess our sins.

Leader: Create in us a clean heart, Lord,

People: and renew us with your abiding grace.

*Leader: Task us to carry the cross as Simon of Cyrene did;
remember us at the time of our death;*

People: prepare a place for us and welcome us
into the paradise of your heavenly realm. Amen.

Kyrie The Hymnal, 551

Lord, have mercy; Christ, have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Declaration of Pardon

Leader: Friends, believe the good news:

All: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven.

Welcome and Announcements

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 that cometh in the name of the Lord.

Peace in heaven and glory in the highest places. Hosanna in the highest heavens.

Listening for the Word

Prayer for Illumination

Psalter Psalm 31:9–16

***Gloria Patri**

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.

[†]Or “to the Creator, and to the Christ, and to the Holy Ghost.”

Scripture Lesson Luke 23:26–43

Sermon Shannon J. Kershner

Responding to the Word

***Hymn 209** “My Song Is Love Unknown”

My song is love unknown, my Savior’s love to me,
love to the loveless shown that they might lovely be.
O who am I that for my sake my Lord should take frail flesh, and die?

He came from heaven’s throne salvation to bestow;
the world that was his own would not its Savior know.
But O my Friend, my Friend indeed, who at my need his life did spend!

Sometimes we strew his way, and his sweet praises sing,
resounding all the day hosannas to our King.
Then “Crucify!” is all our breath, and for his death we thirst and cry.

Unheeding, we will have our dear Lord made away,
a murderer to save, the prince of life to slay.
Yet steadfast he to suffering goes, that he his foes from thence might free.

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
never was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise I all my days could gladly spend.

***Affirmation of Faith** (*unison*) from *A Brief Statement of Faith* (PCUSA)

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God. Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:
preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives, teaching by word and
deed and blessing the children, healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners, and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.
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.

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.

Call to Offering

Offertory Anthem

“We Shall Walk through the Valley in Peace” African American spiritual
arr. Moses Hogan

*We shall walk through the valley in peace, for Jesus himself will be our leader.
We shall walk through the valley in peace, we will meet our loved ones there,
for Jesus himself will be our leader. We shall walk through the valley in peace,
there will be no more trials there, for Jesus himself will be our leader.*

*Offertory Response The Hymnal, 224 *(verse 4)*

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

*Prayer of Dedication *(unison)*

In the name and in the spirit of Jesus, we offer up these gifts to you, O God—
and with this offering, we present ourselves:
all that we have been, all that we are, all that we shall become,
living lives that are guided by Christ’s self-giving love. Amen.

Bearing the Word into the World

***Hymn 216** “Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
the shadow of a mighty rock within a weary land;
a home within the wilderness, a rest upon the way,
from the burning of the noontide heat, and the burden of the day.

Upon the cross of Jesus mine eye at times can see
the very dying form of One who suffered there for me;
and from my stricken heart with tears two wonders I confess:
the wonders of redeeming love and my unworthiness.

I take, O cross, thy shadow for my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than the sunshine of his face;
content to let the world go by, to know no gain or loss,
my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

***Charge and Benediction**

*Worshippers who wish to do so are invited to sing along
with the choir during the Benediction responses.*

Postlude :: The Holy City Stephen Adams; arr. Robert Nagel

*We invite you to enjoy the postlude. If you need to leave prior to the end of the postlude,
please do so quietly out of respect for those who choose to stay.*



We are glad to be worshipping with you today 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.



On the Fourth Church campus, **masks are welcome but not required**. As a mask-welcoming campus we affirm that mask wearing continues to be an effective preventative measure for individuals. Thus we not only encourage the wearing of masks by anyone who wants or needs to wear one, but we are also committed to ensuring no one will feel out of place should they choose to wear a mask while at the church. ✳ Since some populations are more vulnerable to COVID-19 than others, some programs on our campus may still choose to require masks. ✳ Additionally, we are continuing our practice of not checking vaccination status, but **anyone coming on site certifies** by doing so that (a) they do not currently have COVID-19; (b) they are not experiencing COVID symptoms; (c) they have no reason to quarantine; and (d) they will wear a mask and practice social distancing if they are not vaccinated against COVID-19. ✳ We are **singing during worship**. We invite those who are concerned about others singing unmasked to either worship with us, masked, in the socially distanced seating section or join us in worshipping online. ✳ In the Sanctuary, the **front section on the pulpit side is for those required to or choosing to practice social distancing, and everyone sitting in that section is required to wear a mask**. The remainder of the Sanctuary is open seating. Seating for Jazz at Four is all socially distanced.



For those who prefer to worship online or who are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos), where the service is also available for viewing afterwards. ✳ **Those without Internet access** are invited to listen to the morning service via phone by calling 888.916.9166 at the time of the service. ✳ During the week we make the **service and sermon available via podcast** on iTunes as well as Spotify (www.bit.ly/FPCpodcast).

Ensure you receive the latest updates from Fourth Church by adding your email address to our distribution list. Simply sign up at www.bit.ly/newsfromfpc

If you would like to join us for **in-person worship**, we gather each Sunday for a **10:00 a.m. service** in the Sanctuary (*except for Easter Sunday, when we will gather at 9:00 and 11:00 a.m.*) and a **4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service** in Buchanan Chapel. ✱ On Sundays the **doors open for worship** a half hour prior to the service. For the Jazz at Four service, access is only by the Delaware doors to the Gratz Center. ✱ **Sunday parking** is available at 900 N. Michigan (*access from Rush or Walton*) at the rate of \$9 for 6 hours between 7:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m. (and \$18 for up to 12 hours) and at the Hancock garage (*875 N. Michigan, enter from Delaware or Chestnut*) at the rate of \$10 between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 2:00 p.m. Validation tickets for the garages must be picked up from an usher. ✱ **Nursery care** is not available at this time. ✱ **Worship can be heard** in the Sanctuary and Chapel through the “T” or “T-coil” setting of hearing aids. ✱ Please silence **electronic devices** when in the Sanctuary or Chapel.



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 the shadows of Good Friday and the crucifixion. ✱ **The season of Lent** calls Christians to embrace the **faith journey** by reflecting upon and deepening their relationship with God and by acting upon their Christian beliefs. During this season, we are invited to thoughtfully take up the **gifts of faith**—worship, study, prayer, and service—in preparation for Holy Week and Christ’s journey to the cross. ✱ In this season of self-reflection and prayer, we invite you to use our **Holy Week and Easter devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. To receive the meditations daily via email, simply subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions. ✱ Also available for your reflection is our **Lenten “Rhythm and Word” video series**. These brief worship experiences weaving together scripture, prayer, and blues music can be found on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Following worship, Deacons are available in Stone Chapel (*through the door to the right of the pulpit*) to pray with **individuals who would like to offer prayers** of praise or concern. ✱ 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 open for **opportunity to walk the labyrinth** between 9:00 and 9:45 a.m. on Wednesdays and between 9:00 and 10:00 a.m. on Thursdays. For Zoom details, email Rocky Supinger (rsupinger@fourthchurch.org). ✱ 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/repluglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing

On this Sunday when we wave palms and sing loud hosannas, those worshipping with us online are encouraged to download, print, and **color a palm** from our website (www.bit.ly/palmcolor). Today's Palm Sunday celebration will then lead us into Jesus' Passion and to **Holy Week**. We invite you to join us in pausing to observe those solemn days.



On Wednesday evening, April 13 we will release our **Holy Week “Rhythm and Word” video**. This brief worship experience weaves together scripture, prayer, and blues music and can be found after 6:00 p.m. Wednesday on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos). ✱ On **Maundy Thursday**, April 14, we will gather in the Sanctuary for a 12:10 p.m. Communion service and a 7:30 p.m. **Tenebrae** service, also with Communion. This evening service follows the ancient Office of Tenebrae (from the Latin for “shadows”). The service portrays the progression from light to darkness in the passion of Jesus, beginning with his abandonment on Thursday and concluding with his crucifixion. The service ends with the Sanctuary in complete darkness.” The 7:30 p.m. Tenebrae service will be livestreamed on our YouTube channel. ✱ On April 15 we will observe **Good Friday** with a Good Friday service at 12:10 p.m. in the Sanctuary; a 5:30 p.m. program in Buchanan Chapel for children and families; and a 7:30 p.m. **Choral Service** featuring the Morning Choir singing “The Seven Last Words of Christ” by Théodore Dubois; the 7:30 p.m. choral service will be livestreamed on YouTube.



We hope you will join us on **Easter Sunday** for our joyous celebration of the resurrection! We will gather for four services: **6:30 a.m. Sunrise Service** with Communion at Oak Street Beach; **9:00 and 11:00 a.m. Easter services** in the Sanctuary; and **4:00 p.m. Easter Jazz at Four** with Communion in Buchanan Chapel. **The 11:00 a.m. Easter service will be livestreamed.** ✱ **Entrance for the 9:00 and 11:00 a.m. services** will be via the glass Loggia doors on Michigan Avenue, next to the courtyard. **Seating will begin a half hour prior** to each of those two services. ✱ There will be **no socially distanced seating at any of the Easter services**. We invite those who prefer to practice social distancing to join us in worship outdoors for the sunrise service or online for the 11:00 a.m. service. ✱ An **Easter program for children** will be held in the Gratz Center at 9:00 a.m. on Easter; **nursery care will not be available**. For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter

Men's Bible Study meets online on Tuesdays at 7:30 a.m., and **Horizons Bible Study for women** will host two online sessions this Wednesday, April 13, one at 12:00 p.m. and one at 6:30 p.m. ✨ This Tuesday, April 12 at 6:00 p.m. **Books by Women** will discuss **Isabel Allende's *A Long Petal of the Sea*** via Zoom. ✨ **Knitting and Crocheting** meets via Zoom on Tuesday afternoon, April 26 at 4:00 p.m. ✨ Again this year we will be joining with our interfaith partners to participate in an **Interfaith Iftar Dinner**, which will be held in person at the Turkish American Society of Chicago (501 Midway Dr., Mt Prospect) and also livestreamed on Saturday, April 23 at 7:00 p.m. For Iftar information or Zoom details for the above events, email Simon Crow (scrow@fourthchurch.org). ✨ **Women at Fourth** will gather online for a program by **Debbie Frisch of HelloBaby** on Thursday, April 21 at 6:00 p.m. For Zoom details, register at www.bit.ly/waf422



For those facing life's challenges, **Stephen Ministers** provide a listening presence. 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. ✨ To explore options for teletherapy, call our **Reprogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being** at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. ✨ To **talk to a pastor** or **notify the pastoral staff** of personal concerns, illnesses, hospitalizations, or deaths, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org; if the situation requires immediate attention, please call the church at 312.787.4570 to be connected to the Minister on Call. ✨ To **submit a prayer request** to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.



Those interested in **volunteering with our Jail Ministry** are asked to attend an information meeting on Sunday, April 24 at 12:30 p.m. via Zoom. The Zoom link is www.bit.ly/jailministryspring22; for additional details, email jailministry@fourthchurch.org ✨ Those who would like to serve as a **chaperone for a youth mission trip**—for Junior Highs (St. Louis, June 26–July 1) or Senior Highs (Memphis, July 9–15)—are asked to fill out the application at www.bit.ly/youthtripleaders22



Fourth Church Shower Ministry is in need of hygiene items, specifically unused travel-size toothpaste, toothbrushes, deodorant, shampoo, bandages, and combs. Donations can be dropped off at the church reception desk, to the attention of “Shower Ministry.”

Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to connect with one another, whether in person or online.

Those worshiping with us in person are invited to **greet one another in Anderson Hall or the Commons** following worship. ✨ **For resources and ways to connect** with Fourth Church and one another, watch our **website** (www.fourthchurch.org) and **Facebook** (facebook.com/fourthchurch).

✨ Online events are posted on our **church calendar**, which is accessible from the home page of our website and at fourthchurch.org/calendar ✨ To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member**, contact Joe Morrow (jmorrow@fourthchurch.org).



Shannon Kershner will begin her three-month **sabbatical** on Sunday, May 8. While she is away, we look forward to welcoming three guest preachers: **Barbara Lundblad** on Sunday morning, May 15; **Amantha Barbee** on Sunday morning, June 5; and **Patrick Daymond** (*whom many will remember as serving Fourth Church as a Pastoral Resident*) on Sunday morning, July 10. During Shannon's time away, Lucy Forster-Smith, Senior Associate Pastor, will serve as Head of Staff. For more information about this sabbatical time, see www.fourthchurch.org/about/sabbatical.html

Worship Leaders

Rocky Supinger, Teddy Chong, Matt Helms, Shannon J. Kershner

The Music Today

Tower Brass; Members of the Cherub, Children's, and Youth Choirs; Morning Choir

Charles Schuchat, Artistic Director of Tower Brass

Katy Sinclair, Associate Director of Music for Children and Youth

Hsing Huei-Huang, Pianist

Michael Rees, Organ Scholar

John W. W. Sherer, Organist and Director of Music

Worship Notes

WE ARE RECEIVING THE ONE GREAT HOUR OF SHARING OFFERING throughout Holy Week. Gifts to this offering support the work of Presbyterian Disaster Assistance (which is providing relief aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine), Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs; Fourth Church Meals Ministry; and Chicago Lights Tutoring and Social Service Center. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the envelopes found in the pew racks; designate "One Great Hour of Sharing" (OGHS) when giving via Venmo or at fourthchurch.org/give-online; or write OGHS on the memo line of a check made payable to Fourth Presbyterian Church.

Shannon J. Kershner Pastor

Lucy Forster-Smith Senior Associate Pastor

Associate Pastors

Matt Helms Children and Family Ministry

Joseph L. Morrow Evangelism and Community Engagement

Nanette Sawyer Discipleship and Small Group Ministry

Rocky Supinger Youth Ministry and Worship

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