



Palm/Passion Sunday

# We Approach God

**Gathering Music** 

The Entry into Jerusalem # Luke 19:28-40

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My soul cries out with a joyful shout that the God of my heart is great, and my spirit sings of the wondrous things that you bring to the ones who wait. You fixed your sight on your servant's plight, and my weakness you did not spurn, so from east to west shall my name be blest. Could the world be about to turn?

Refrain: My heart shall sing of the day you bring. Let the fires of your justice burn. Wipe away all tears, for the dawn draws near, and the world is about to turn.

Though I am small, my God, my all, you work great things in me, and your mercy will last from the depths of the past to the end of the age to be. Your very name puts the proud to shame, and to those who would for you yearn, you will show your might, put the strong to flight, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

From the halls of power to the fortress tower, not a stone will be left on stone.

Let the king beware for your justice tears every tyrant from his throne.

The hungry poor shall weep no more, for the food they can never earn; there are tables spread; every mouth be fed, for the world is about to turn. (*Refrain*)

Though the nations rage from age to age, we remember who holds us fast:

God's mercy must deliver us from the conqueror's crushing grasp.

This saving word that our forebears heard is the promise which holds us bound, till the spear and rod can be crushed by God, who is turning the world around. (*Refrain*)

#### **Welcome and Announcements**

# We Tell the Truth about Ourselves

## **Prayer of Confession**

The Lenten journey reminds us that we are so lowly;

we have fallen so short. We pray for forgiveness.

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

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

We pray for forgiveness.

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

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

We pray for forgiveness.

We promise to uphold others in prayer,

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

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

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

We deny you as Peter did.

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

We confess our sins.

Create in us a clean heart, Lord,

and renew us with your abiding grace.

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

prepare a place for us and welcome us

into the paradise of your heavenly realm. Amen.

## **God Forgives and Blesses Us**

Friends, believe the good news!

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

# We Proclaim the Story

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**Musical Reflection** 

# We Feast Together

## The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

## The Great Thanksgiving

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise!

#### Sanctus

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.

### **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** 

# Liturgy of the Passion

 Scripture Lesson
 Luke 22:39–71

 Song
 "What Wondrous Love Is This"

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

what wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,

to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,

when I was sinking down, sinking down, when I was sinking down

beneath God's righteous frown,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,

Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;

to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,

while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

while millions join the theme, I will sing!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on;

and when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be,

and through eternity, I'll sing on, I'll sing on;

and through eternity I'll sing on.

Scripture Lesson	Luke 23:1–4
Closing Song	"Were You There
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?	
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	
Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?	
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they pierced him in the side?	
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	
Were you there when they pierced him in the side? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when the sun refused to shine?	
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	
Were you there when the sun refused to shine? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)	
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?	
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.	
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)	

# Depart in silence.

## **Worship Leaders**

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## **Worship Notes**

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 (which is providing relief aid to those affected by the war in Ukraine), Hunger, and Self-Development of People programs. To make a "One Great Hour of Sharing" gift, you can use the special offering envelopes located near the offering box; 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.

**Incorporating ancient and contemporary traditions in this service,** God is named corporately in a variety of ways that are gender neutral. This allows for your personal expressions as you are led to name the Holy in ways meaningful to you.

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# News and Opportunities

We are glad to have you with us today and hope you will explore the many opportunities for learning, serving, and community building at Fourth Presbyterian 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 for 10:00 a.m. worship or join us online for that service.



If you would like to join us for in-person worship, we gather on Sundays for a 10:00 a.m. service in the Sanctuary (except Easter Sunday; see the next page for Easter times) and the 4:00 p.m. Jazz at Four service in Buchanan Chapel. \* Worship in the Chapel can be heard through hearing aids' "T" or "T-coil" setting. \* Please silence electronic devices when in the Chapel. \* The doors open for worship on Sundays a half hour before the service. For the 4:00 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). Validation tickets for the garage must be picked up from an usher. \* For those who prefer to worship online or are unable to join us in person, we livestream our morning worship service at 10:00 a.m. on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos).



Fourth Church offers a variety of ways to **connect with one another.** Online and in-person events are posted on **our church calendar**, accessible from our website's home page and at www.fourthchurch.org/calendar \* For **resources** as well as additional ways to connect with the church and one another, watch our website (www.fourthchurch.org) and Facebook (facebook.com/fourthchurch). \* To **learn more about Fourth Church** or **become a member** contact Joe Morrow (*jmorrow@fourthchurch.org*).

Today's Palm Sunday celebration leads us into Jesus' Passion and **Holy Week.** We hope you will join us this week as we pause to observe those solemn days. \* On April 14, Maundy Thursday, 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; the 7:30 p.m. service will be livestreamed. \* 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. service will be livestreamed. \* On Easter Sunday 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 Sunday; nursery care will not be available. For more about observing Holy Week and Easter with Fourth Church, please see www.fourthchurch.org/lent-easter



We invite you to use our **Holy Week and Easter devotions as a resource for meditation and reflection**. Subscribe at www.bit.ly/fpcdevotions to receive the meditations daily via email. \* Also available for your reflection will be our **Holy Week "Rhythm and Word" video**, a brief worship experience that weaves together scripture, prayer, and blues music. It will be released on our YouTube channel (www.bit.ly/fpcvideos) on Wednesday, April 14 at 6:00 p.m. To receive it 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 Tuesday mornings (7:45 a.m.) and Saturday mornings (8:30 a.m. ) at facebook.com/ reploglecenterforcounselingandwellbeing \* On Wednesdays we gather for **Morning Prayer via Zoom** at 9:30 a.m. and for **in-person Morning Prayer** at 10:00 a.m. 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).



For those facing life's challenges, Stephen Ministers provide a listening presence. To arrange for a conversation with a Stephen Minister, leave a confidential message at 312.573.3365. \* To explore options for teletherapy, call our Replogle Center for Counseling and Well-Being at 312.787.2729, ext. 2260. \* If you would like 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. \* If you would like to submit a prayer request to our Morning Prayer or Deacon Prayer Ministries, please email caringministries@fourthchurch.org.