



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 17, 2016 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

Please silence your cellular telephones.

We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.

Prayer of Preparation

Jesus, Good Shepherd of the sheep, by whom the lost are sought and guided into the fold; feed us and we shall be satisfied, help us and we shall be whole, and lead us that we may be with you, with the Father and the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude on "Brother James' Air" (1958)

*M. Searle Wright
(1918-2004)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Beverly A. Bartlett

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.

People: Worship the Lord with gladness;

Come into God's presence with singing.

Pastor: Know that the Lord is God. It is he that made us, and we are his;

People: We are his people, and the sheep of his pasture.

Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 487

When Morning Gilds the Skies

Laudes Domini

CONFession OF SIN (*unison*)

Christopher N. De La Cruz

Almighty God, by your power you have raised Jesus Christ from the grave to rule this world in love. We confess that we have not believed in him but have remained captive to doubt and fear, bound by the ways that lead to death. Forgive our dread of dying, our hopelessness, our constant desire to live for ourselves alone. Set us free in the victory of Jesus Christ, to live our lives in joy and service, that we may share his good news to all in need, and live as your glad and faithful people.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in F*)

John Weaver

The musical notation consists of a single staff in common time, starting with a sharp sign indicating F major. It features a series of eighth notes and sixteenth notes. The lyrics are written below the staff: "Lord, have mer-cy. Christ, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer - cy."

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: ... Friends, believe the good news of the gospel:

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Festival Canticle

This is the feast ____ of vic-to-ry for our God. Al-le - lu - ia, al-le-
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia! Bless - ing, hon - or, glo - ry, and
might be to God and the Lamb for - ev - er. A - men.
This is the feast ____ of vic-to-ry for our God. Al - le -
lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia!

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*SUMMARY OF THE LAW

*PASSING THE PEACE

Pastor: Since we have been reconciled to God in Jesus Christ,
let us be reconciled to one another.

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Greet one another with signs of Christ's peace.

*Please greet those around you with: "The peace of Christ be with you,"
responding, "And also with you."*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Mr. De La Cruz

FIRST LESSON

Acts 9:36-43

(nrsv, page 120 NT)

PSALM 23 (Hymn 172)

Resignation

(During the final stanza of the psalm, children and young people are invited to come forward, gathering around the Baptismal Font for the Lesson for Young Christians.)

LESSON FOR YOUNG CHRISTIANS

Ms. Bartlett

DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S AND YOUTH WORSHIP

Children's Worship – Children preschool through 3rd grade may exit to the Phillips Lounge

Youth Worship – Young people 4th grade to 8th grade may exit to the Dana Chapel.

The Children & Youth return to the Sanctuary at the Doxology to participate in the rest of the service.

SECOND LESSON

Revelation 7:9-17

(nrsv, page 235 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

Tommy Wazelle, tenor

GOSPEL LESSON John 10:22-30
(nrsv, page 98 NT)

SERMON "*The Testimony of Works*" Ms. Bartlett

“The Testimony of Works”

Ms. Bartlett

*HYMN 380 O Christ, the Healer *Erhalt uns, Herr*
(11:15 am)

O Christ, the Heale

Erhalt uns, Herr

*THE NICENE CREED

Mr. Smothers

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We believe in one God, the Father, the Almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all that is, seen and unseen.

We believe in one Lord, Jesus Christ, the only Son of God, eternally begotten of the Father, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, of one Being with the Father; through him all things were made. For us and for our salvation he came down from heaven, was incarnate of the Holy Spirit and the Virgin Mary and became truly human. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate; he suffered death and was buried. On the third day he rose again in accordance with the Scriptures; he ascended into heaven and is seated on the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead, and his kingdom will have no end.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is worshiped and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. We believe in one holy catholic and apostolic Church. We acknowledge one baptism for the forgiveness of sins. We look for the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Mr. Smothers

Mr. Smothers

...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

Ms. Bartlett

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Jubilate

(1902-1985)

Sing joyful in the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness, and come before his presence with a song. Be ye sure that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us and not we ourselves; we are his people and the sheep of his pasture. O go your way into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise. Be thankful unto him and speak good of his name. For the Lord is gracious, his mercy everlasting, and his truth endureth from generation to generation. *(Psalm 100)*

(Psalm 100)

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.

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures here below; Praise God above, ye heav'n-ly host; Praise Fa-ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

(The table of our Lord Jesus Christ is open to all who are baptized. Those who do not wish to take Communion are invited to remain seated in prayer. You are asked to join in the responses as indicated.)

INVITATION

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your hearts.

People: We lift them to the Lord.

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

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

COMMUNION PRAYER

“...who forever sing to the glory of your name.”

SANCTUS

Weaver

Ho-ly, ho-ly, ho-ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho-san-na in the high-est. Bless-ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho-san-na in the high-est, Ho-san-na in the high-est.

(Communion Prayer continues) “...therefore we proclaim the mystery of faith:”

ACCLAMATION

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

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

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.

BREAKING BREAD & SHARING THE CUP

Pastor: Gifts of God for the people of God.

People: Let us keep the feast.

DISTRIBUTION

When the pastors take their serving places, please come forward, using the center aisle, beginning with the front row. The white bread is made from wheat; darker bread in the center is gluten-free rice bread. The bronze chalices contain wine; the glass chalices contain grape juice. Hold out your hands, one open palm placed on the other, and bread will be placed in your hand. For rice bread, please take it yourself, exercising care not to touch other pieces. You may eat the bread and move to the cup of wine to drink or dip your bread before eating, or move to the cup of juice and dip your bread, exercising care not to touch the liquid or cup with your fingers. Those unable to come forward will be served in their pews. If not communing, please remain in your pew in prayer.

COMMUNION ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Brother James' Air (1934)

James Leith Bain

arr. Gordon Jacob (1895-1984)

The Lord's my Shepherd, I'll not want.
He makes me down to lie
In pastures green; He leadeth me
The quiet waters by.

My soul He doth restore again;
And me to walk doth make
Within the Paths of Blessedness,
E'en for His own Name's sake.

Yea, though I pass through shadowed vale,
Yet will I fear no ill;
For Thou art with me; and Thy rod
And staff me comfort still.

My table Thou hast furnished
In presence of my foes;
My head with oil Thou dost anoint,
And my cup overflows.

Goodness and mercy all my days
Will surely follow me;
And in my Father's heart alway
My dwelling place shall be.
And in my heart forevermore,
Thy dwelling place shall be.

— Scottish Psalter (1650)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Raise a song of gladness, peoples of the earth.
Christ has come, bringing peace, joy to ev-'ry heart.
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!
Alleluia, alleluia, joy to ev-'ry heart!**

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 477 Ye Servants of God, Your Master Proclaim *Hanover*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *Ms. Bartlett*

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*



*POSTLUDE Processional, Op. 96 (1964) *William Mathias
(1934-1992)*

Today's flowers are given to the glory of God
in loving memory of
Julia Maxwell Gordon and Robert Bruce Gordon.

Welcome!

We're glad you've joined us for worship today. We pray that you experience Christ in our midst, and that his presence will sustain you in the week ahead. We invite you to place your name and contact information on one of the pew pads. If our pastors can assist you in some special way, indicate this in the space provided and they will be in touch with you. If you are considering becoming Christian or looking for a church home, our pastors would be delighted to talk with you about it. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

Have children? Children and families are always welcome in the Sanctuary to worship. Children three and under may be taken to the Nursery on the 4th Floor or remain with their parents. The Narthex or the Children's Library, adjacent to the Sanctuary, are also available for families and have speakers that provide audio of the service.

MAPC Mission Statement

The mission of the Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church is to bring people into the transforming presence of Jesus Christ through worship, teaching the Word, Christian nurture, and ministry in and to the world. As Christ's ministers, our members are striving to build a community of God's love, justice and mercy, trusting God to lead us into faithfulness.

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