



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday

March 20, 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

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, that, sharing in his humility, we may come to be with him in his glory, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Pièce Heroïque
(from *Trois Pièces*, 1878)

César Franck
(1822-1890)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: Lift up your heads, you mighty gates.

People: And be lifted up, you everlasting doors.

Pastor: Who is this King of glory?

People: The Lord, strong and mighty; he is the King of glory!

Pastor: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

People: Hosanna in the highest!

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 88

All Glory, Laud, and Honor *Valet will ich dir geben*

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

Almighty and merciful God, we have erred and strayed from your ways like lost sheep. We have followed too much the devices and desires of our own hearts. We have offended against your holy laws. We have left undone those things which we ought to have done; and we have done those things which we ought not to have done. Lord, have mercy upon us. Spare those who confess their faults. Restore those who are penitent, according to your promises declared to us in Jesus Christ our Lord. And grant, O merciful Savior, for his sake, that we may live a holy, just, and humble life to the glory of your holy name.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Service in G*)

John Weaver



ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

Choir
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Congregation
Glo - ry to God in the high - est, and peace to God's peo - ple on earth.

Lord God, heav - en - ly King, al - might - y God and Fa - ther, we
wor - ship You, we give You thanks, we praise You for Your glo - ry. Lord Je - sus
Christ, on - ly Son of the Fa - ther, Lord God, Lamb of God,
You take a - way the sin of the world: have mer - cy on us; You are
seat - ed at the right hand of the Fa - ther: re - ceive our prayer. For
You a - lone are the Ho - ly One, You a - lone are the Lord, You a - lone are the
Most High, Je - sus Christ, with the Ho - ly
Spir - it in the glo - ry of God the Fa - ther.

*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

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

(nrsv, page 640 OT)

*PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

Please See Insert

Narnia

*(During the last 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

Dr. Springsted

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.

EPISTLE LESSON Philippians 2:5-11 **David A. Kling**
(nrsv, page 186 NT)

GRADUAL (11:15 am) May the Words of My Mouth *Andrew Henderson*
May the words of my mouth and the meditation of my heart be acceptable unto you, O Lord, my rock and my redeemer. *(Psalm 19:14)*

THE GOSPEL Luke 19:28-40 **Ms. Bartlett**
(nrsv, page 81 NT)

SERMON **“No Easy Way Out”** **Dr. Springsted**

*HYMN 89 (11:15 am) Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

*THE NICENE CREED **Mr. Kling**

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 **Dr. Springsted**
...Lord, in your mercy, hear our prayer.

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION **“Offering of Letters
& Disaster Relief Kits”** **Andrew D. Smothers**

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates (1973) *William Mathias*
(1934-1992)

Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up ye everlasting doors, and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. *(Psalm 24:7-10)*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all bless - ings flow; Praise God, all crea - tures
 here be - low; Praise God a - bove, 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, heaven and earth are
 full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est. Bless - ed, bless - ed is
 He who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est.

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

ACCLAMATION

Weaver

Christ has died, Christ is ri - sen, Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa - ther in heav - en hal - lowed be Your name, Your king - dom come, Your will be done, on
 earth as in heav - en. Give us to - day our dai - ly bread. For - give us our sins as we for - give those
 who sin a gainst us. Save us from the time of tri - al and de - liv - er us from e - vil. For the
 king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are Yours now and for ev - er. A - men.

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)

Wondrous Love (1960)

arr. Alice Parker
(b. 1925)

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!

When I was sinking down, O my soul!
When I was sinking down beneath God's righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul.

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!

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!

— Traditional American Folk Hymn (c. 1811)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

Je - sus, re - mem - ber me when You come in - to Your king - dom.

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Jacques Berthier, 1981

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 90 Ride On! Ride On in Majesty! *The King's Majesty*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Danish Amen*

A - men, a - men, a - men.

POSTLUDE

Valet will ich dir geben, BWV 735

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

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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