

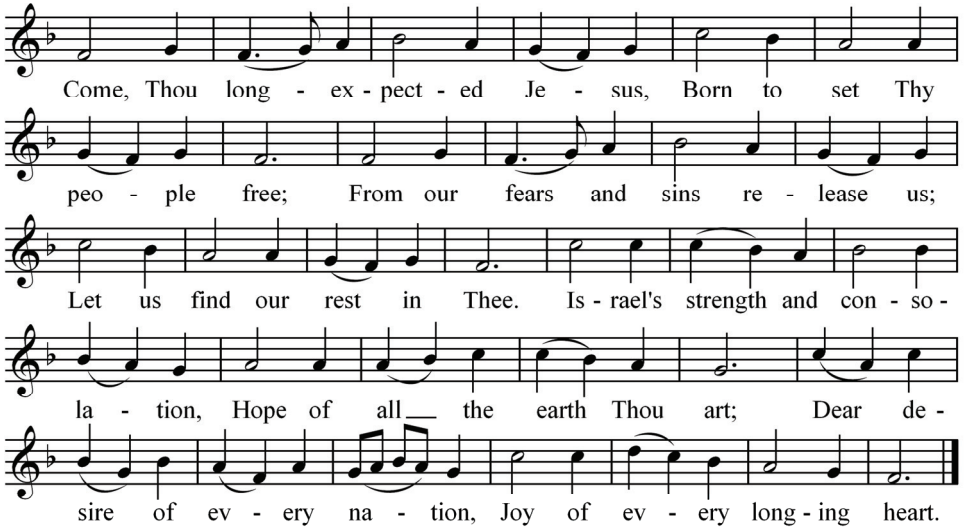
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Hyfrydol



Come, Thou long - ex - pect - ed Je - sus, Born to set Thy
peo - ple free; From our fears and sins re - lease us;
Let us find our rest in Thee. Is - rael's strength and con - so -
la - tion, Hope of all the earth Thou art; Dear de -
sire of ev - ery na - tion, Joy of ev - ery long - ing heart.

Text: Charles Wesley (1744)

Music: Rowland Hugh Prichard (1831)

*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

*John Weaver
(b. 1937)*

Fifth "O" Antiphon

O Morning Star, Splendor of eternal Light, Sun of justice: come, shine on those
who live in darkness and the shadow of death.

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 61:1-4, 8-11 (*nrsv*, page 650 OT)

Christina A. Cosby

*CANTICLE (Hymn 600)

Magnificat
(*Song of Mary*)

Morning Song

*(Following 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 & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

Dr. Springsted

*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.*

GRADUAL

Sixth "O" Antiphon

Weaver

O Ruler of the nations, monarch the peoples long for, you are a cornerstone uniting all humanity: come, save us all whom you formed out of clay.

THE GOSPEL

John 1:6-8, 19-28
(*nrsv*, page 86 NT)

Beverly A. Bartlett

SERMON

"Bearing Witness"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN (11:15 am)

Hark! A Thrilling Voice Is Calling

Merton



1. Hark! a thrill-ing voice is sound-ing: "Christ is nigh," it seems to say;
2. Wak - ened by the sol - emn warn-ing, let us all from sleep a - rise;
3. Lo! the Lamb, so long ex - pect-ed, comes with par - don down from heaven;
4. When our Sav - ior comes in glo - ry, though the world be wrapped in fear,
5. Hon - or, glo - ry, might and bless-ing to the Fa - ther and the Son,



"Cast a - way the dreams of dark-ness, O you chil-dren of the day!"
 Christ, our sun, all ill dis - pel-ling, shines up - on the morn-ing skies.
 let us haste, with tears of sor-row, one and all to be for - given.
 with his mer - cy he will shield us, and with words of love draw near.
 with the ev - er - last - ing Spir - it while e - ter - nal a - ges run.

Text: Latin, 6th Century, trans. Edward Caswall (1814-1848), alt.
 Music: William Henry Monk (1823-1889)

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM &

Elder Kate Baier

RECEPTION OF A NEW MEMBER (11:15 am)

Audrey Mallier, *daughter of Emanuela and Phillippe Mallier*

*THE APOSTLES' CREED

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; he descended into hell; the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

(11:15 am) Let us pray: **Holy God: Source, Goal and Guide, remind us of the promises given in our own baptisms and renew our trust in you. Bind us to your Word and fill us with your Spirit, that together we may love one another and serve you with joy, that others may see Christ in us and embrace him as Lord and Savior as well. Amen.**

AARONIC BENEDICTION (11:15 am)

John Weaver

The Lord bless you and keep you, the Lord make his face to
 shine up - on you and be gra-cious un - to you; — the Lord lift up — his
 coun - te - nance up - on you, and give you peace. A - men.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Dr. Springsted

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION “Christmas Joy Offering” Elder John T. Carr III

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

This is the Record of John

Orlando Gibbons
(1583-1621)

This is the record of John, when the Jews sent priests and Levites from Jerusalem to ask him, Who art thou? And he confessed, and denied not; and said plainly, I am not the Christ. And they asked him, What art thou then? Art thou Elias? And he said, I am not. Art thou the prophet? And he answered, No. Then said they unto him, What art thou? that we may give an answer unto them that sent us. What sayest thou of thyself? And he said, I am the voice of him that crieth in the wilderness, Make straight the way of the Lord. (John 1:19-23a)

Ryland Angel, countertenor

*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

Schubert

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of power and
 might, — Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord,
 God of power and might, — hea - ven and earth are
 full — full, — of your glo - ry. Ho -
 san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
 high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes —
 in the name of the Lord. — Ho - sa - na in the
 high - est. Ho - sa - na in the high - est.

(Communion Prayer continues) "... 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.

DURING COMMUNION

(9 am)

Panis Angelicus

*César Franck
(1822-1890)*

Christian Henderson & Katherine Wessinger, soloists

(11:15 am) Thou Shalt Know Him When He Comes (1995) *Mark Sirett*
(b. 1952)

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by any din of drums,
Nor his manners, nor his airs,
Nor by anything he wears.

Thou shalt know him when he comes,
Not by his crown or by his gown,
But his coming known shall be,
by holy harmony which his coming
makes in thee. Amen. (Anonymous)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**Prepare the way of the Lord.
Prepare the way of the Lord,
and all people will see the salvation of our God.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 6 Jesus Comes with Clouds Descending *Helmsley*
Descant: Andrew Henderson

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Weaver*



*POSTLUDE Nun komm der Heiden Heiland, BWV 661 *Bach*

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.

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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