



# Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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## Third Sunday in Lent

March 4, 2018 at 9 and 11:15 am

### SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

#### Word and Sacrament

*Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.  
We encourage you to begin this time of worship in silent prayer.*

#### Prayer of Preparation

Eternal God, you are the power behind all things: behind the energy of the storm, behind the heat of a million suns. Eternal God, you are the power behind all minds: behind the ability to think and reason, behind all understanding of the truth. Eternal God, you are the power behind the cross of Christ: behind the weakness, the torture and the death, behind unconquerable love. Eternal God, we worship and adore you. **Amen.**

#### PRELUDE

Prelude in C major, BWV 545

*J. S. Bach  
(1685-1750)*

#### CALL TO WORSHIP

**Eric O. Springsted**

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

**People: And also with you.**

Pastor: The heavens declare the glory of God!

**People: The firmament displays God's handiwork.**

Pastor: The law of the Lord is perfect, restoring the soul.

**People: The precepts of the Lord are right, rejoicing the heart.**

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

**People: Let us worship God.**

\*Let all who are able stand.

#### \*HYMN 371

Lift High the Cross

*Crucifer*

#### CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

**Beverly A. Bartlett**

**God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.**

*(Silence for personal confession)*

#### LORD, HAVE MERCY (*Deutsche Messe*)

*Franz Schubert*

Lord, have mer - cy. Lord, have mer - cy.  
Christ, have mer - cy. Christ, have mer - cy.  
Lord, have mer - cy, have mer - cy.

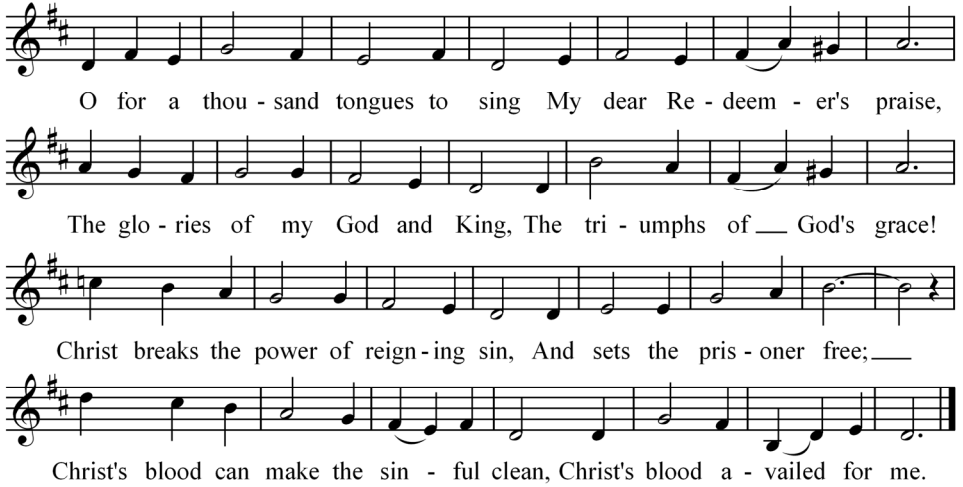
#### ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

**People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.**

## \*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Coe Fen



O for a thou - sand tongues to sing My dear Re - deem - er's praise,  
The glo - ries of my God and King, The tri - umphs of \_\_\_ God's grace!  
Christ breaks the power of reign - ing sin, And sets the pris - oner free; \_\_\_  
Christ's blood can make the sin - ful clean, Christ's blood a - vailed for me.

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## \*THE TEN COMMANDMENTS

**Pastor:** The Psalmist reminds us that in keeping God's law there is great reward. Let us recount for our benefit these words of God's instruction for life:

**People:** **You shall have no other gods before me.**  
**You shall make no idols nor worship or serve them.**  
**You shall not make wrongful use of the name of the Lord your God.**  
**Remember the Sabbath and keep it holy.**  
**Honor your father and mother.**  
**You shall not murder.**  
**You shall not commit adultery.**  
**You shall not steal.**  
**You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.**  
**You shall not covet anything that belongs to your neighbor.**  
**Lord, give us grace to walk in this, your way.**

## \*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."*

**ANTHEM** (11:15 am) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Malcolm Archer*  
(b. 1952)

When I survey the wondrous cross  
On which the Prince of glory died,  
My richest gain I count but loss,  
And pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ my God;  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down:  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

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.

— Isaac Watts (1674-1748)

**Children's, Cherub & T(w)een Choirs**  
**Margaret Macdonald, soloist**

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

**Christina A. Cosby** (9 am)  
**Timothy D. Johnson** (11:15 am)

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 20:1-20 (nrsv, page 63 OT)

\*PSALM 19:7-14 (Hymn 167) Halifax

*(During the last verse 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 & 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 1 Corinthians 1:18-25 Ms. Cosby  
(nrsv, page 156 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)

GOSPEL LESSON John 2:13-22 Dr. Springsted  
(nrsv, page 87 NT)

SERMON “God’s Only Power Is Love” Dr. Springsted

\*HYMN (11:15 am) Blest Are The Pure In Heart Franconia



1. Blest are the pure in heart, for they shall see our God;  
2. The Lord, who left the heavens our life and peace to bring,  
3. Still to the low - ly soul his pres - ence doth im - part,  
4. Lord, we thy pres - ence seek; may ours this bless - ing be:



the se - cret of the Lord is theirs, their soul is Christ's a - bode.  
to dwell in low - li - ness with us, our pat - tern and our King.  
and for a dwell - ing and a throne choos - eth the pure in heart.  
give us a pure and low - ly heart, A tem - ple fit for thee.

Text: John Keble (1792-1866), alt.  
Music: Johann Balthasar König (1691-1758)

\*THE NICENE CREED Ms. Bartlett

**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

Ms. Bartlett

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Teach me, O Lord

William Byrd  
(1543-1623)

Teach me, O Lord, the way of thy statutes: and I shall keep it unto the end. Give me understanding, and I shall keep thy law: yea, I shall keep it with my whole heart. Make me to go in the path of thy commandments: for therein is my desire. Incline my heart unto thy testimonies: and not to covetousness. O turn away mine eyes, lest they behold vanity: and quicken thou me in thy way. O stablish thy word in thy servant: that I may fear thee. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost. As it was in the beginning, and is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. (Psalm 119:33-38)

Jennifer Gliere, soprano

\*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, heaven and earth are  
 full, full, of your glory. 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.**

### FRACTION ANTHEM

*Schubert*

Je-sus, Lamb of God: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, bear - er  
 of our sins: have mer - cy on us. Je - sus, re - deem - er, re -  
 deem - er of the world: give us your peace, give us your peace.

### 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.*

### PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

*Once you have communed, you may return to your pew, or you may join one of the pastors in the side transepts for anointing, laying on of hands and prayers for yourself or for another. Thereafter you may return to your pew.*

Humbly I adore thee, Verity unseen,  
Who thy glory hidest 'neath these shadows mean;  
Lo, to thee surrendered, my whole heart is bowed,  
Tranced as it beholds thee, shrined within the cloud.

Taste and touch and vision to discern thee fail.  
Faith, that comes by hearing, pierces through the veil.  
I believe whate'er the Son of God hath told;  
What the Truth hath spoken that for truth be told.

O memorial wondrous of the Lord's own death;  
Living Bread that givest all thy creatures breath,  
Grant my spirit ever by thy life may live;  
To my taste thy sweetness never failing give.

Jesus, whom now hidden, I by faith behold,  
What my soul doth long for, that thy word foretold:  
Face to face thy splendor, I at last shall see  
In the glorious vision, blessed Lord, of thee. Amen.

– Attributed to Thomas Aquinas (c. 1225-1274)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

**O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
When I call answer me.  
O Lord, hear my prayer, O Lord, hear my prayer.  
Come and listen to me.**

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CLOSING PRAYER

\*HYMN 84 In the Cross of Christ I Glory *Rathbun*

\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION *Dr. Springsted*

\*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Danish*



\*POSTLUDE Fugue in C major, BWV 545 *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.

**Pastoral Staff**  
**The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**, *Interim Pastor*  
**The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**, *Associate Pastor*  
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