



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Palm Sunday

March 25, 2018 at 9 and 11:15 am

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Word and Sacrament

This morning's services will begin in the Church House Lobby.

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: Let us pray:

PRAYER

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ. Today he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king by those who spread garments and branches along his way. Let these branches be signs of his victory, and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross, that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom; through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, now and forever. Amen.

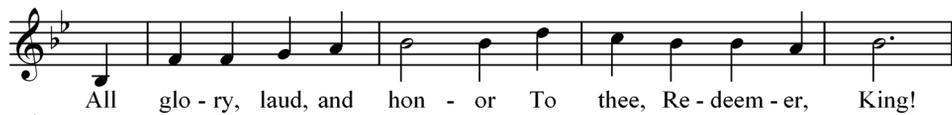
Pastor: In the name of God: Father, Son and Holy Spirit,

People: Let us worship God.

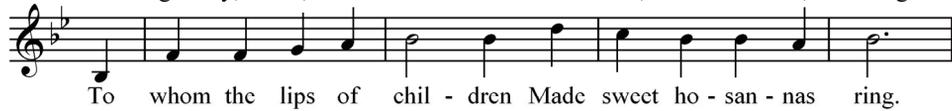
*Let all who are able stand.

*PROCESSIONAL HYMN All Glory, Laud, and Honor

Valet will ich



All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To thee, Re - deem - er, King!



To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring.



1. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
3. To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise;
4. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the prayers we bring,



Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and bless - ed One.
Our praise and prayers and an - thems Be - fore thee we pre - sent.
To thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.
Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, c. 820; trans. J. M. Neale, 1859

Music: Melchior Teschner, 1614; arr. W. H. Monk, 1861

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CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Christina A. Cosby

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 F*)

John Weaver

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.**

*GLORIA IN EXCELSIS

Weaver

(Cantor)

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 Spi-rit, 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

Ms. Cosby

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 50:4-9a

(nrsv, page 640 OT)

*PSALM 118:1-2, 19-29

(Please See Insert)

Narnia

*(After the singing 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

Beverly A. Bartlett

(nrsv, page 186 NT)

THE GOSPEL

John 12: 9-19

(nrsv, page 100 NT)

SERMON

"What Does the World Want?"

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 76 (11:15 am)

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

*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

Ms. Bartlett

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

WORD IN ACTION

Elder François de Paul Silatchom

“Bread for the World”

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Solus ad Victimam (1973)

Kenneth Leighton
(1929-1988)

Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord,
Giving thyself to Death whom thou hast slain.
For us thy wretched folk is any word?
Who know that for our sins this is thy pain?

For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds,
Why must thou suffer torture for our sin?
Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord,
That very suffering may thy mercy win.

This is the night of tears, the three days' space,
Sorrow abiding of the eventide,
Until the day break with the risen Christ,
And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied.

So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord,
That they may sharers of thy glory be;
Heavy with weeping may the three days pass,
To win the laughter of thine Easter Day.

– Peter Abelard (1079-1142);
trans. Helen Waddell (1889-1965)

*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, 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) "... the mystery of faith:"

ACCLAMATION

Weaver

Christ has died. Christ is ris - en. Christ will come a - gain.

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER

Weaver

Our Fa- ther in heav- en, hal- low- ed be your name, your
king- dom come, your will be done, on earth as it is 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 pow'r 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)

Drop, Drop, Slow Tears (2008)

Stephanie Martin
(b. 1962)

Drop, drop, slow tears,
And bathe those beautiful feet
Which brought from Heaven
The news and Prince of Peace:

Cease not, wet eyes,
His mercy to entreat;
To cry for vengeance
Sin doth never cease.

In your deep floods
Drown all my faults and fears;
Nor let His eye
See sin, but through my tears.

– Phineas Fletcher (1580-1650)

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 *Weaver*

(Organ) 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.

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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