



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Good Friday Devotions

March 30, 2018, 12 to 3 pm

✠ The Passion Narrative of Matthew ✠

Please silence your cellular telephones and other electronic devices.

We welcome you to this Good Friday service of worship, which begins at noon and continues through 3 pm, the hour of Jesus' death. The service is divided into six passages of scripture from the Gospel of Matthew, each of which portrays our Lord's Passion beginning with his vigil in the garden of Gethsemane. The order is intentionally simple, and will be repeated at one-half-hour intervals. Please do not leave the service during times of silence, but wait until the congregation stands for the next hymn. Preachers for the day, in order of service, are:

- 12:00 pm – **The Rev. Beverly A. Bartlett**
12:30 pm – **The Rev. Denise C. Welsh,**
Chaplain, Mount Sinai Hospital
1:00 pm – **Christina A. Cosby**
1:30 pm – **The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted**
2:00 pm – **The Rev. Robert Foltz-Morrison,**
Executive Presbyter, Presbytery of New York City
2:30 pm – **The Rev. Beverly Dempsey**
Pastor, Jan Hus Presbyterian Church



PRELUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, *Johann Sebastian Bach*
BWV 618 *(1685-1750)*

CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. Springsted

Pastor: Surely he has borne our griefs

People: And carried our sorrows;

Pastor: Yet we esteemed him stricken,

People: Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Pastor: For us and for our salvation, Christ became obedient unto death,

People: Even death on a cross.

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

People: Let us worship God.

I

*HYMN 97

Go to Dark Gethsemane

Redhead 76

*Let all who are able stand.

PRAYER

Dr. Springsted

Forbid, O God, that, amid our earthly comforts, we should forget the pains and mortal anguish that our Lord endured for our salvation. Grant us this day a vision of all that he suffered; betrayal, lonely agony, false trial, mocking and scourging, and the torture of death on a cross. Lord Jesus Christ, as you have fully given yourself for us,

III

*HYMN 93

Ah, Holy Jesus

Herzliebster Jesu

PRAYER

Dr. Springsted

Merciful God, your Son remained silent in the face of false charges, rejection, flogging, and a crown of thorns. Give us grace that we may follow his example of faithful trust. By your Spirit, endue us with his fortitude that we too may take up the way of the cross in patience and humility. Sustained by the fellowship of his suffering, bring us, at last, to dwell with him in eternal glory. Through Jesus Christ we pray. Amen.

LESSON

Matthew 27:1-26

(nrsv page 30 NT)

ANTHEM

O Vos Omnes (1965)

*Pablo Casals
(1876-1973)*

*O vos omnes, qui transitis per viam,
attendite, et videte: si est dolor sicut
dolor meus.*

O all you who pass by, behold and
see if there be any sorrow like unto
my sorrow.

(Lamentations 1:12)

SERMON

“The Trial and Sentencing”

Christina A. Cosby

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSIONS

Dr. Springsted

*Bidding prayers for the whole family of God
and the afflictions of the world are said.*

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.

IV

*HYMN 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

Love Unknown

PRAYER

Dr. Springsted

O Lord Jesus Christ, for our sake you suffered death upon the cross. Help us to bear within us your dying, that our living might show forth your life. Give us grace to grieve our sin with true sorrow, learning to live by the grace and power of the One you taught us to call Father. This we ask in your holy name. Amen.

LESSON

Matthew 27:27-44

(nrsv page 30 NT)

ANTHEM

From *St. Matthew Passion*, BWV 244

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

Wir setzen uns mit Tränen nieder
Und rufen dir im Grabe zu:
Ruhe sanfte, sanfte ruh!
Ruhet sanfte, ruhet wohl!
Ruht, ihr ausgesognen Glieder!
Euer Grab und Leichenstein
Soll dem ängstlichen Gewissen
Ein bequemes Ruhekissen
Und der Seelen Ruhstatt sein.
Höchst vergnügt schlummern
da die Augen ein.

*With tears we sit down
And call to you in the grave:
"You rest in peace, in peace rest!"
"You all rest in peace, rest well!"
You all rest, you worn-out members!
Your grave and tombstone
Shall be to our anxious conscience
A comfortable resting cushion
And the soul's resting place.
There with highest pleasure our eyes will
fall into slumber.*

– *Christian Heinrich Henrici (1700-1764);
trans. Michael Marissen*

SERMON

"Burial"

Beverly Dempsey

CLOSING PRAYER

Silence

REPROACHES FROM THE CROSS

Dr. Springsted

Pastor: ... you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

People: Lord God, Lamb of God, have mercy upon us.

Silence

POSTLUDE

Come, Sweet Death, Come, Blessed Rest

J. S. Bach

arr. Virgil Fox (1912-1980)

Please remain seated for the organ postlude.

All depart in silence.

*Those wishing to make an offering may do so at the rear of the church
as you depart. The offering received today will support MAPC's
Charles Amstein Pastoral Care Fund.*

This service continues with the Service of Tenebrae at 7:30 pm.

Holy Week Services at MAPC

GOOD FRIDAY – March 30

4:30 pm - Good Friday Family Service

*An interactive, family-friendly Passiontide service,
especially for children.*

7:30 pm - Service of Tenebrae

Music by Chilcott, Handel, Sanders & Stainer
*A powerful, meditative service with a reading of the
Passion story and the gradual extinguishing of lights
and candles, ending in darkness and silence.*



EASTER DAY – April 1

9 & 11:15 am

Festival Services of Word and Sacrament

“Afraid and Amazed”

The Rev. Dr. Eric O. Springsted, preaching

*Music for Organ, Trumpets & Timpani
Choral Music by Paul Halley, G. F. Handel
& Vaughan Williams*

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 and discuss whatever questions you might have. We urge you to consider becoming a member of this congregation and hope you will make MAPC your church home in this city.

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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