



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 13, 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 Grace, you have given us minds to know you, hearts to love you, and voices to sing your praise. Fill us with your Spirit, that we may know and celebrate your glory and in this time offer worship to you in spirit and in truth; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

O Lamm Gottes, unschuldig, BWV 656

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

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O come, let us sing to the Lord,

People: Let us shout with joy to the rock of our salvation!

Pastor: Let us come into God's presence with thanksgiving,

People: Singing joyful songs of praise.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 466

O for a Thousand Tongues to Sing

Azmon

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Christopher N. De La Cruz

Remember not, O Lord, our offenses and sins against God and our neighbors, for we are truly sorry for all of them, and we would turn from them. In these coming days, we humbly pray that we might always be aware of what we have done and thought that is not loving or holy, and that we might sincerely sorrow over being that way. Forgive us, we pray, and then deliver us now and in the coming days from our spiritual blindness, our pride, envy, and anger, and from our self-concern. For the sake of our Lord Jesus Christ, who came to give us life, let us now in this Lent die to death with him, that we might be raised with him to share in your life. Amen.

(Silence for personal confession)

LORD, HAVE MERCY (from *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

Wondrous Love

What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
What won - drous love is this, O my soul!
What won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul, for my soul,
To bear the heav - y cross for my soul!

Text: American Folk Hymn, c. 1811

Music: Anonymous, from Walker's *Southern Harmony* (1835)

*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."

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 43:16-21

(nrsv, page 632 OT)

*PSALM 126 (Hymn 237)

Sheaves

(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.)

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 3:4b-14
(nrsv, page 187 NT)

Andrew D. Smothers

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 12:1-8
(nrsv, page 100 NT)

Dr. Springsted

SERMON

“For Christ’s Sake”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 310 *(11:15 am)*

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

*THE NICENE CREED

Mr. Smothers

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

Mr. Smothers

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

CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Dr. Springsted

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

A Litany (1917)

William Walton
(1902-1983)

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)

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise God, all creatures
here below; Praise God above, 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.

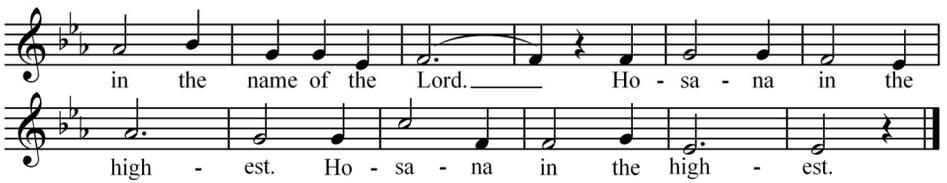
COMMUNION PRAYER

"...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 of your glo - ry. Ho -
san - na in the high - est. Ho - san - na in the
high - est. Bless - ed is he who comes



(Communion Prayer continues) “...therefore we proclaim 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.

COMMUNION MOTET (11:15 am)

Nolo Mortem Peccatoris

*Thomas Morley
(c.1557-1602)*

Nolo mortem peccatoris, haec sunt verba Salvatoris.

(I do not want the death of a sinner, these are the words of the Savior.)

Father, I am thine only Son, sent down from heaven mankind to save. Father, all things fulfilled and done according to thy will, I have. Father, my will now all is this: *Nolo mortem peccatoris.*

Father, behold my painful smart, taken for man on every side. Even from my birth to death most tart, no kind of pain I have denied, but suffered all, and all for this: *Nolo mortem peccatoris.*

– attributed to Anthony Montagu (1528-1592)

CONGREGATIONAL SONG

In the Lord I’ll be ever thankful, In the Lord I will rejoice!

Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near;

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 84

In the Cross of Christ I Glory

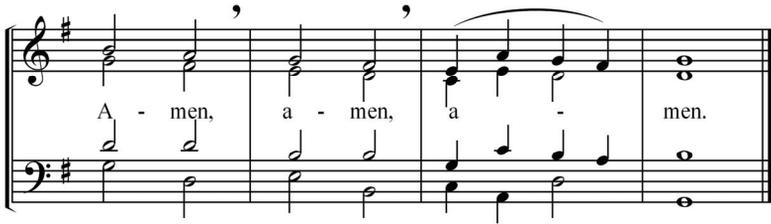
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*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

Dr. Springsted

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Danish Amen



*POSTLUDE

Fugue in G minor, BWV 578

J. S. 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. 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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