



Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Third Sunday in Lent

February 28, 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

Gracious God, the fountain of life, you offer the living water of grace, which springs up from the rock, our Savior Jesus Christ. Grant us the gift of your Spirit that we may learn to live and profess our faith with courage and announce with joy the wonder of your love. We ask this through our Lord Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C major, BWV 545
Christe, du Lamm Gottes, BWV 619

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you.

People: And also with you.

Pastor: O God, you are our God, we seek you.

People: Our souls thirst for you as in a dry and weary land.

Pastor: Because your steadfast love is better than life itself,

People: Our lips will sing your praise.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 87

The Glory of These Forty Days

Erhalt uns, Herr

CONFESSION OF SIN (*unison*)

Beverly A. Bartlett

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 be always 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 take the name of the Lord your God in vain.
Honor the Sabbath and keep it holy.
Honor your father and mother,
that your days may be long in the land:
No murder,
No adultery,
No stealing,
No false witness against your neighbor,
No coveting.
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

Christopher N. De La Cruz

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 55:1-9

(nrsv, page 644 OT)

*PSALM 63 (Hymn 198)

St. Bride

(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

1 Corinthians 10:1-13

David A. Kling

(*nrsv*, page 161 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.

(*Psalms 19:14*)

GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 13:1-9

Andrew D. Smothers

(*nrsv*, page 71 NT)

SERMON

“How Can You Buy What Is Priceless?”

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN (11:15 am)

O Blessed Spring

O Waly Waly



1. O bless - ed spring, where Word and sign em - brace us
 2. Through sum - mer heat of youth - ful years, un - cer - tain
 3. When au - tumn cools and youth is cold, when limbs their
 4. As win - ter comes, as win - ters must, we breathe our
 5. Christ, ho - ly Vine, Christ, liv - ing Tree, be praised for



in - to Christ the Vine: here Christ en - joins each one to
 faith, re - bel - lious tears, sus - tained by Christ's in - fus - ing
 heav - y har - vest hold, then through us, warm, the Christ will
 last, re - turn to dust; still held in Christ, our souls take
 this blest mys - ter - y: that Word and wa - ter thus re -



be a branch of this life - giv - ing Tree.
 rain, the boughs will shout for joy a - gain.
 move with gifts of beau - ty, wis - dom, love.
 wing and trust the prom - ise of the spring.
 vive and join us to your Tree of Life.

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 Music: English Folk Melody

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

Elder Sharon E. Boersma

(9 am) Evelyn Gifford Oak, *infant daughter of Matthew and Elisabeth Oak*

(11:15 am) Charlotte Jean Holden, *infant daughter of Stuart and Karen Holden*

*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.

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

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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Seek the Lord
(from *Three Canticles of Isaiah*, 2012)

John Weaver
(b. 1937)

Seek the Lord while he may be found, call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way, and the unrighteous ones their thoughts; let them return to the Lord, that he may have mercy, and to our God, that he may abundantly pardon.
(Isaiah 55:6-7)

Eliza Bagg, 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, _____ 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) “...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 QUARTET (11:15 am)

From *Elijah*

Felix Mendelssohn
(1809-1847)

O come, every one that thirsteth, O come to the waters, O come unto him. O hear, and your souls shall live forever. *(Isaiah 55:1, 3)*

Eliza Bagg, soprano; Desirée Baxter, alto
Marc Molomot, tenor; Rod Gomez, bass

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.**

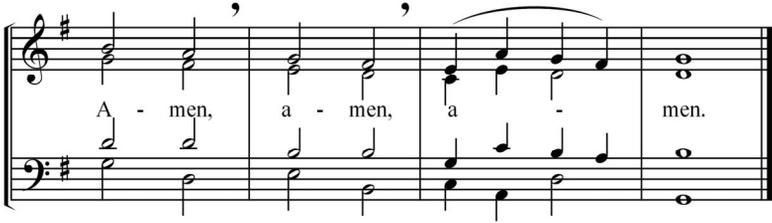
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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 298 There’s a Wideness in God’s Mercy *In Babilone*

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION **Dr. Springsted**

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE *Danish Amen*



*POSTLUDE Fugue in C major, BWV 545 *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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