Madison Avenue Presbyterian Church

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Fifth Sunday after Epiphany February 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

Faithful God, you have appointed us your witnesses, to be light that shines in the world. Let us not hide the bright hope you have given us, but tell everyone your love, revealed in Jesus Christ the Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

PRELUDE

Prelude in C (1992)

Charles Callahan (b. 1951)

CALL TO WORSHIP

Avenue Presbyterian

Church

Eric O. Springsted

Pastor: The Lord be with you. **People:** And also with you.

Pastor: How good it is to sing praises to the Lord;

People: For God is gracious, and a song of praise is fitting.

Pastor: Great is the Lord, abundant in power;

People: God's understanding is beyond measure.

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

People: Let us worship God.

*Let all who are able stand.

*HYMN 483

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

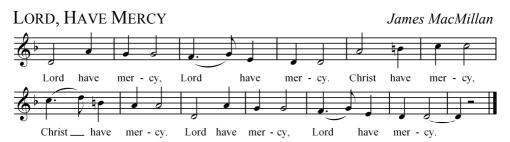
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CONFESSION OF SIN (unison)

Christina A. Cosby

Eternal God, our judge and redeemer, we confess that we have tried to hide from you, for we have done wrong. We have lived for ourselves, and apart from you. We have turned from our neighbors, and refused to bear the burden of others. We have ignored the pain of the world, and passed by the hungry, the poor, and the oppressed. In your great mercy forgive our sins, and free us from selfishness, that we may choose your will and obey your commandments; through Jesus Christ our Savior.

(Silence for personal confession)



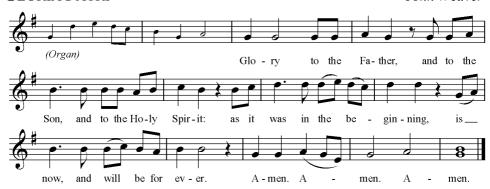
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

People: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

*GLORIA PATRI

John Weaver



*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

Beverly A. Bartlett

OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Isaiah 40:21-31

(nrsv, page 628 OT)

*PSALM 147 (Hymn 255)

St. Anne

(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 & DISMISSAL TO CHILDREN'S & YOUTH WORSHIP

Dr. Springsted

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 9:16-23 (nrsv, page 161 NT)

Ms. Bartlett

GRADUAL (11:15 am)

Andrew Henderson

The Word became flesh and dwelt among us, and we have seen his glory, full of grace and truth. (John 1:14)

GOSPEL LESSON

Mark 1:29-39 (nrsv, page 33 NT)

Dr. Springsted

*HYMN 419 (11:15 am) How Clear Is Our Vocation, Lord

Repton

*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

PRESENTATION OF THE OFFERING

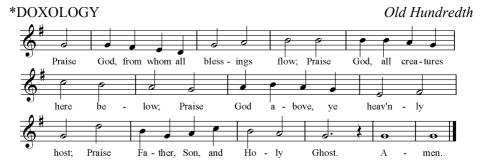
OFFERTORY ANTHEM (11:15 am)

Have You Not Heard? (2016)

Jocelyn Hagen (b. 1980)

Have you not known? Have you not heard? The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the heavens and the earth. He does not faint and grow weary; his understanding is unsearchable. He gives power to the faint, and strengthens the powerless. Even youths will faint and be weary, and the young will fall exhausted. Those who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength, they shall mount up with wings like eagles, they shall run and not be weary, they shall walk and not faint. (Isaiah 40:28-31)

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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.

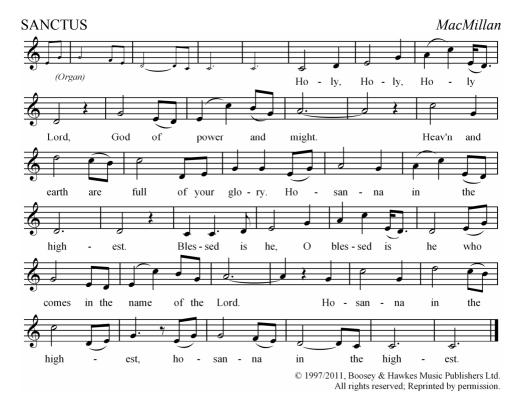
People: We lift them to the Lord.

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:"



(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.

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.

COMMUNION ANTHEM

His Voice as the Sound (1961) American Folk Hymn (from The Southern Harmony, 1835) arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)

His voice as the sound of the dulcimer sweet, Is heard thro' the shadows of death; The cedars of Lebanon bow at his feet, The air is perfumed with his breath. His lips as the fountain of righteousness flow That waters the garden of grace; From which their salvation the Gentiles shall know, And bask in the smiles of his face.

Love sits in his eyelids and scatters delight Thro' all the bright regions on high. Their faces the Cherubim veil in his sight, And tremble with fullness of joy. He looks, and ten thousands of angels rejoice, And myriads wait for his word. He speaks, and eternity filled with his voice, Reechoes the praise of her Lord.

- Joseph Swain (1761-1796)



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CLOSING PRAYER

*HYMN 421

The Church of Christ in Every Age

Wareham

*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

Weaver



*Postlude

Intrada (1982)

Grayston Ives (b. 1948)

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

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