

FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day PALM SUNDAY March 28, 2021

PRELUDES *(from JC Superstar)*

Could We Start Again
What's the Buzz
The Last Supper

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are now allowing up to 30 people to be present in-person for Sunday worship and Holy Week services. Please sign up ahead of time (online, or with Rev. Debbie).
Follow protocol: Masks, social distancing, online pre-screen.

- This Week: Lenten Prayer Service Every Night at 6pm (Zoom)
- Meals every day, Monday thru Friday, 11am-1pm - VOLUNTEERS NEEDED
- Learning Pod on WEDNESDAY - VOLUNTEER with KATIE
- Weekly Prayer Groups sponsored by the deacons (links on website; each is 30 minutes long):
 - Mondays at 8am with Brent
 - Thursdays at 8pm with Jacob B and Laura M
 - Fridays at 8:30am with Michelle
- MONDAY Lenten opportunity: 4:30-5:30 with Deb - "Dwelling in the Word" (lectio divina)
- TUESDAY Lenten Book Club: 6:40-7:30 with Burns - reading Caste by Isabel Wilkerson (For March 30, our LAST SESSION, please finish the book.)
- WEDNESDAY Lenten discussion: 6:40-7:30 with Ken, Mark, Burns & others: 12 Steps & Christianity, using as our resource "The Big Book." (For this week - Step 5)
- SUNDAY SCHOOL CLASS FOR ADULTS: "The Science of Habit" - 9:30am, led by Becca

HOLY WEEK: (Up to 30 people allowed in person in sanctuary, BUT PLEASE SIGN UP!)

Maundy Thursday (April 1)-

6pm Prayer Service (Zoom and in person)
6:45-7:40 Simple Middle Eastern food in Take Away containers - served OUTSIDE
Option to do a foot washing 2-3 at a time IN THE HALL
7:45-8:15 "The Tenebrae" - Time to sit still in a darkening sanctuary (no Zoom for this)

Good Friday (April 2)-

OUTDOOR Stations of the Cross with St. Monica's Catholic Church,
10:45am at St. Monica's, finished ~12:15

6pm Prayer Service
7:15 "Seven Last Words" Service with Deb (in the sanctuary AND Zoom)

Holy Saturday

6pm Prayer Service
7:15pm Vigil Service with Katie to bring in the light
7:30-midnight VIGIL - Wait in the sanctuary - Please sign up for an hour
During this time, the sanctuary is prepared (with Diane & Katie)

Easter (April 4)-

OUTDOOR Sunrise Service with Roxbury Pres, 6:15am, CARSON BEACH
10:30am Music begins for Festival Service in sanctuary (Zoom; In Person for 30)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Brothers and sisters, How lovely is God's dwelling place!

People: At God's altars, even the sparrow finds a home for herself

L: The Spirit invites us in these 40 days of wilderness to examine our lives

P: Consider the habits that shape us.

L: We bring to this moment our best instincts and we bring those we pray might change

P: With Jesus we step into the wilderness, walking a Holy Way

L: Take, o take us as we are, Holy God

P: Summon out what we will be.

BRINGING IN THE LIGHT, PSALM
PRAYER

(The Jacobs Family)
(Katie Cole)

*HYMN - *All Glory, Laud and Honor (#196)*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;
Our praise and love and anthems Before thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.
Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the love we bring,
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

(Katie Cole in the sanctuary)

Unison Prayer. Holy God, we open our hearts to you this day, and offer the truth of our lives:
The fear that stifles us, the prejudice that blinds us,
the ignorance that hobbles us, the doubt that plagues us.
Help us, we pray, that we will find courage in unlikely places,
see the world with new and gracious eyes, move to those places where love is needed,
have faith that you are with us.
This we pray in Jesus' name. Amen.

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response: (#698)

Take O take me as I am. Summon out what I may be.
Set your seal upon my heart and live in me.

*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Seekers of the Holy, God's love calls to us
People: In Christ, God places in us a divine compass
L: The Spirit that always points us toward God
P: Let us turn toward God, who calls us home!
L: And let us say together:
ALL: In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

SING: 1. *I've got a feeling everything's gonna be alright.....*
2. *The Holy Ghost done told me....*

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

PRAYER REQUESTS – Requests in the sanctuary
Requests written in the "Zoom Chat Section" (shared by Deb Duval)
PASTORAL PRAYER & LORDS PRAYER Burns

* HYMN (#217) *On a Barren Hilltop* (sanctuary)
On a barren hilltop just outside the walls
Of an ancient city as the evening falls,
Speaks a dying figure hanging on a tree,
Saying "It is finished," words of victory.

Tested just as we are, in a world of strife,
Through the pain and conflict of a human life,
Here at last completed with his final breath
Is a life triumphant over sin and death.

Let us then come boldly to the heavenly throne,
Where our human seakness is so fully known,
And the mercy given by which we are freed,
And the grace provided for our time of need.

OFFERING

(sanctuary)

We can give online at www.fourthboston.org OR send a check to
Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127
TO all our friends who have pledged. Today is the end of the first quarter (=3mos.)

DOXOLOGY

Tim, Michelle, Abe Sanchez & Grandma Jenny (in Somerville)
With a recording from a past worship service

SCRIPTURE READING

Mark 11:1-11

MEDITATION

Our Week: Hybrid and Holy

THE PASSION OF JESUS CHRIST

From the texts shared in the Four Gospels

Choreography by, Kathy Encarnacao. Virtual choir segments assembled by Andy W.

Performed in the sanctuary by: Andy Ward, Burns Stanfield, Jon Hazilla, Lauren Basler,

Willie Archibald, Liz Stanfield, Grace Stanfield, Katie Cole, Laura Massie

Performed in Zoom boxes by: Alyce Lee, Michelle Sanchez, Tim Sanchez, Sharon

Matthews, The Jacobs (Danae, Layne, Lijah, Owyn, Kaden), Diane Devore, Katie Harris, Franco
Akum, Debbie Freeborn, Catherine & Erin Freeborn, McNeill Shiner, Jodi & Mac Stanfield

The telling of this story includes a shared communion meal. Please participate at home with
your own bread and cup. In the sanctuary, the elements will be distributed.

*HYMN #475

" Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing"

Come thou fount of every blessing Tune my heart to sing Thy grace
Streams of mercy never ceasing Call for songs of loudest praise
Teach me some melodious sonnet Sung by flaming tongues above
Praise the Mount I'm fixed upon it Mount of Thy redeeming love

Here I raise my Ebenezer Hither by Thy help I come
And I hope by Thy good pleasure Safely to arrive at home
Jesus, sought me when a stranger Wandering from the fold of God
He, to rescue me from danger Interposed His precious blood

Ode to grace, how great a debtor Daily I'm constrained to be
And let Thy goodness like a fetter Bind my wandering heart to Thee
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it Prone to leave the God I love
Here's my heart, Lord, take and seal it Seal it for Thy courts above

*BENEDICTION

Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen!

Sung Response God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again

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