



Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

MAUNDY THURSDAY
APRIL 6, 2023 • 6:30 PM



Giotto di Bondone, *Last Supper*, 1304–1306

This Is God's House. All Are Welcome.

WELCOME TO FIFTH AVENUE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Whether you are visiting for the first time, or are a longtime member, we are blessed to have you with us.

The cover of this bulletin reads, “This Is God’s House. All Are Welcome.” We take these words seriously. We strive to be a community as diverse and hospitable as God’s kingdom. We don’t all look or act alike; God *knows* we don’t all think alike. We don’t all read the Bible the same way. We bring different questions, and we carry different burdens. But every Sunday, gathered in the Sanctuary and online, we worship together as one.

In this grand old church, we do Sunday morning in some pretty traditional (very Presbyterian) ways. We study the teachings and the actions of Jesus. We sing many of the same hymns our grandparents sang. Yet, in our preaching and our prayers, we wrestle with the challenges of the modern world. I hope your heart will hear something personal and relevant this morning—a word of comfort, a spur to action, a call to a deeper relationship with God.

After the service, please stick around. Introduce yourself to one of our clergy or someone at our Welcome Table. We have lots of programs and community groups to feed your soul and expand your spirit. Try one out. You never know—you just might be home!

Scott Black Johnston
Senior Pastor

New to Fifth Avenue?

Please fill out the welcome card you will find in your pew. Place the card in the offering plate, hand it to an usher, or drop it off at the Welcome Table (inside the Fifth Avenue entrance). You may also complete the welcome form online at fapc.org/welcome. Our friends at the Welcome Table can provide you with information about our ministries, programs and volunteer opportunities.

Large-Print Bulletins

Please speak with an usher if you would like to use a large-print bulletin or hymnal to follow the service.

Families with Children

Children are always welcome in worship! You will find children’s Bibles in the first 10 rows of pews on the far north side of the Sanctuary. Ushers can also provide children’s bulletins and worship bags. If you need to leave the service to attend to your child, the ushers can direct you to the nearest changing table and livestream monitor. We provide childcare for infants and toddlers from 9 am to 12:30 pm in the LaDane Williamson Christian Education Center.

Worship Resources Online

A replay of today’s service will be available this afternoon at fapc.org/playback. This morning’s Prayers of the People can be found at fapc.org/pray. Details about the upcoming service each week can be found at fapc.org/this-sunday. For information about future worship services, visit fapc.org/worship.

Parking

We have a parking arrangement with the garage at 51 W. 56th St. For \$16, you may park for up to three hours, seven days a week. Please provide your mobile phone number or an email address to the staff person at the 55th Street reception desk. You will receive a QR code to use at the garage. (The garage no longer provides physical validation stickers.)

We recommend that all who worship with us in person be vaccinated (and boosted) against Covid-19. If you are experiencing cold or flu symptoms, please stay home and worship with us via livestream. You will find the livestream service every week at fapc.org/live.



We provide mask-required and mask-optional seating areas in the Sanctuary.
Please ask an usher if you have questions.

ORDER OF WORSHIP

*As the Prelude begins, we invite you into a period of quiet reflection as we begin our preparation for worship.
Please **silence all electronic devices** and do not take flash photos during the service.*

PRELUDE

Le banquet céleste ("The Heavenly Banquet")
Olivier Messiaen (1908–1992)

* CALL TO WORSHIP

Deacon Kirsten Aiello

One: In the growing darkness we gather.

All: Our Lenten journey has brought us here.

One: Jesus, our Teacher and Lord, sets before us:

All: A towel, a bowl, bread, a cup.

One: He gives us an example
and a commandment ever-new:

All: To love one another as he has loved us.

One: This is how everyone will know
we are his disciples:

All: When we love each other.

* HYMN 202

An Upper Room Did Our Lord Prepare

* CALL TO CONFESSION

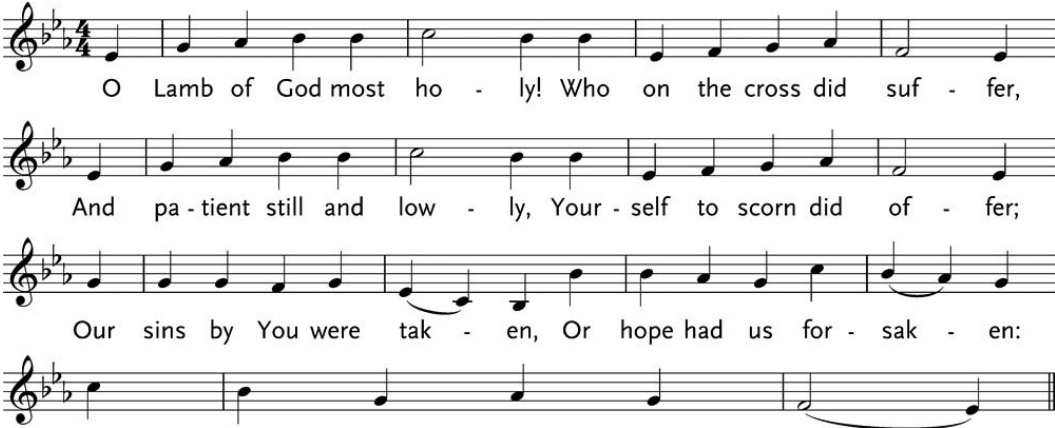
The Rev. Sarah A. Speed

* PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Eternal God,
whose covenant with us is never broken,
we confess that we fail to fulfill your will.
Though you have bound yourself to us,
we will not bind ourselves to you.
In Jesus Christ, you serve us freely,
but we refuse your love
and withhold ourselves from others.
We do not love you fully
or love one another as you command.
In your mercy, forgive and cleanse us.
Lead us once again to your table, and unite us to Christ,
who is the bread of life
and the vine from which we grow in grace.**

Silent Reflection and Confession

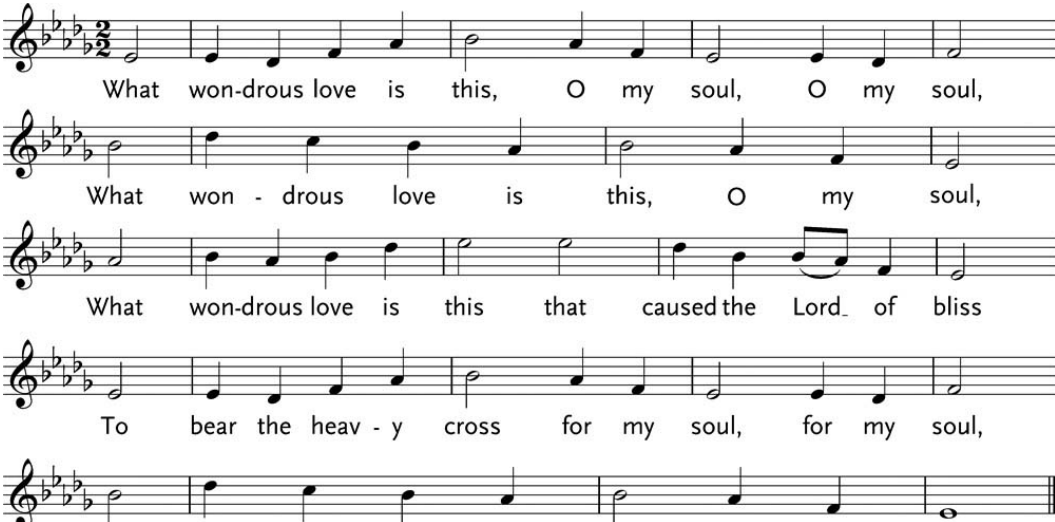
* SONG RESPONSE



O Lamb of God most ho - ly! Who on the cross did suf - fer,
 And pa - tient still and low - ly, Your - self to scorn did of - fer;
 Our sins by You were tak - en, Or hope had us for - sak - en:
 Have mer - cy on us, Je - sus!

* ASSURANCE OF PARDON

* RESPONSE OF PRAISE



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!

Music: Walker's *Southern Harmony*, 1835 - WONDROUS LOVE. Text: American folk hymn, c. 1811.

* PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ be with you.

All: And also with you.

WELCOME

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston

ANTHEM

The Deer's Cry • Arvo Pärt (b. 1935)

Christ with me,
 Christ before me,
 Christ behind me,

Christ beneath me,
Christ in me,
Christ on my right,
Christ above me,
Christ when I lie down,
Christ when I arise,
Christ when I sit down,
Christ in the heart of everyone who thinks of me,
Christ in the mouth of everyone who speaks of me,
Christ in every eye that sees me,
Christ in every ear that hears me,
Christ with me.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE LESSON

John 13:1-17, 31b-35 (The Message)

Just before the Passover Feast, Jesus knew that the time had come to leave this world to go to the Father. Having loved his dear companions, he continued to love them right to the end. It was supertime. The Devil by now had Judas, son of Simon the Iscariot, firmly in his grip, all set for the betrayal. Jesus knew that the Father had put him in complete charge of everything, that he came from God and was on his way back to God. So he got up from the supper table, set aside his robe, and put on an apron. Then he poured water into a basin and began to wash the feet of the disciples, drying them with his apron.

When he got to Simon Peter, Peter said, “Master, you wash my feet?” Jesus answered, “You don’t understand now what I’m doing, but it will be clear enough to you later.” Peter persisted, “You’re not going to wash my feet—ever!” Jesus said, “If I don’t wash you, you can’t be part of what I’m doing.” “Master!” said Peter. “Not only my feet, then. Wash my hands! Wash my head!” Jesus said, “If you’ve had a bath in the morning, you only need your feet washed now and you’re clean from head to toe. My concern, you understand, is holiness, not hygiene. So now you’re clean. But not every one of you.” (He knew who was betraying him. That’s why he said, “Not every one of you.”)

After he had finished washing their feet, he took his robe, put it back on, and went back to his place at the table. Then he said, “Do you understand what I have done to you? You address me as ‘Teacher’ and ‘Master,’ and rightly so. That is what I am. So if I, the Master and Teacher, washed your feet, you must now wash each other’s feet. I’ve laid down a pattern for you. What I’ve done, you do. I’m only pointing out the obvious. A servant is not ranked above his master; an employee doesn’t give orders to the employer. If you understand what I’m telling you, act like it—and live a blessed life.”

Jesus said, “Now the Son of Man is seen for who he is, and God seen for who he is in him. The moment God is seen in him, God’s glory will be on display. In glorifying him, he himself is glorified—glory all around! Children, I am with you for only a short time longer. You are going to look high and low for me. But just as I told the Jews, I’m telling you: ‘Where I go, you are not able to come.’ “Let me give you a new command: Love one another. In the same way I loved you, you love one another. This is how everyone will recognize that you are my disciples—when they see the love you have for each other.”

One: This is the Word of God; for the People of God.

All: Thanks be to God.

HOMILY

The Rev. Dr. Jonah So

"Commandment"

* PRAYER OF THE DAY

Adapted from *John 13:34*

God of love,
during Holy Week
we give you thanks for the night
Jesus shared with his disciples.
Between the public parade
and the public charade
lies this intimate hour.
Though even now we do not fully understand,
we long to follow his example:
to serve as he served,
to love as he loved.
Jesus promised
that if we know these things and do them,
we will be blessed.
Help us, then, to know and to do
all that Jesus taught.
Though we betray and deny,
we still come seeking a blessing,
for this much we do know:
we cannot live unless you bless us.
Amen.

* SUNG RESPONSE

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on.
And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful be,
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on!

REAFFIRMATION OF BAPTISM

SUNG RESPONSE

(Sung repeatedly throughout the Reaffirmation of Baptism)



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CALL TO GIVE

The Rev. Werner Ramirez

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Come and Taste • *Traditional, arr. Alice Parker (b. 1925)*
Text by John Leland (1754–1841)

Come and taste along with me
Consolation flowing free,
From the Father's wealthy throne,
Sweeter than the honeycomb.

Refrain

I'll praise God and you praise God,
And we'll all praise God together;
We'll praise the Lord for the work that he has done,
And we'll bless his name forever.

All that come with free good will
Make the banquet sweeter still;
Now I go to Mercy's door,
Asking for a little more.

Refrain

Goodness, running like a stream
Through the new Jerusalem,
By a constant breaking forth
Sweetens earth and heaven both.

Refrain

O, return, ye child of grace,
Turn and see God's smiling face.
Hark, God calls backsliders home,
Then from God no longer roam.

Refrain

* DOXOLOGY

Hymn 606

* OFFERTORY PRAYER

SACRAMENT OF HOLY COMMUNION

Invitation

Prayer of Thanksgiving

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.

The Communion

COMMUNION ANTHEM

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks

Herbert Howells; Text: Psalm 42:1-3

Like as the hart desireth the waterbrooks,

So longeth my soul after thee, O God.

My soul is athirst for God,

Yea, even for the living God.

When shall I come to appear before the presence of God?

My tears have been my meat day and night,

While they daily say unto me,

Where, where is now thy God?

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

* HYMN 209

My Song Is Love Unknown

TENEBRAE: THE SERVICE OF SHADOWS

Each section will be sung first by the cantor, then with the congregation.

Chrissy Badger The Shadow of Betrayal: Matthew 26:20-25



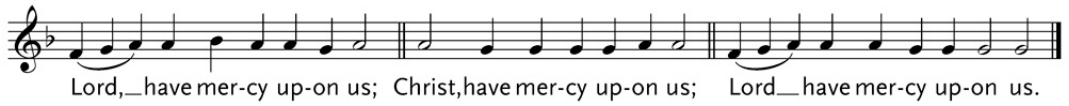
Mckenna Nelson The Shadow of Inner Agony: Luke 22:40-44



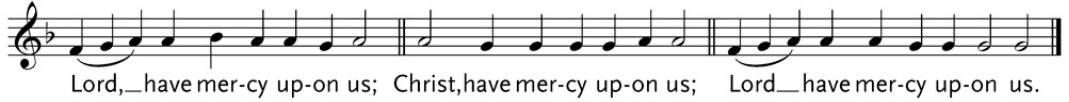
Steve Noland The Shadow of Loneliness: Matthew 26:40-45



Annick Sullivan The Shadow of Desertion: Matthew 26:47-50, 55-56



Matthew Martinez The Shadow of Accusation: Matthew 26:59-67



Erica Moffett The Shadow of Mockery: Mark 15:12-20



April Fellers The Shadow of Death: Luke 23:33-46



THE LIGHT DEPARTS

THE STREPITUS

THE LIGHT RETURNS

* BENEDICTION

You are invited to stay for a time of silent meditation following the service.

The ministry of music this evening is offered by the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir
Dr. Ryan Jackson, *William S. Perper* Director of Music and Fine Arts Ministries
Dr. Patrick Kreeger, *Associate Organist*

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

Early Christian churches had beautiful and dramatic services to commemorate the events of Holy Week. They called one of these services Tenebrae—a Latin word meaning “shadows” or “darkness.”

The distinctive feature of a Tenebrae service is the gradual extinction of lights in the Sanctuary. As the readings proceed, the Sanctuary grows darker until a solitary candle remains. This candle represents Christ alone, surrounded by the forces of darkness, when all of his disciples have fled. Finally, even this candle is removed and hidden, symbolic of the apparent victory of the powers of darkness over our Lord in his Passion. Christ has gone: “crucified, dead and buried.”

At this moment in the service, in the dark silence of the church, there is a sudden, sharp noise. This Strepitus (or “loud sound”) symbolizes the earthquake that came at the moment of Christ’s death. The powers of death and destruction have done their worst—yet all is not lost. The lone candle that was hidden returns to the Sanctuary, beckoning us to return on Easter morning for the coming of the Light.

GETTING CONNECTED

Adult Education

Each spring and fall, we offer courses in theology and Scripture, spirituality, social issues and other disciplines. The curriculum includes visiting authors, interfaith dialogue and other events. We offer classes in person, online and via podcast. All classes are free and open to all. Information on upcoming classes is available at fapc.org/adult-ed.

Community Groups

After two years of lockdown, our community group ministry is back, with many of our longstanding groups returning and a number of new groups just getting started. Groups meet in person and online, joining members locally and from other parts of the country. The diversity of our community groups ensures that you will find the spot that's right for you. Learn more at fapc.org/community-groups, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, membership@fapc.org).

Congregational Care

If you (or others you know in our congregation) are going through a difficult time, we are here for you. We have a team of dedicated staff and volunteers who are available for counseling, home and hospital visits, medical escorts and prayer. You may also visit fapc.org/care to submit a prayer request and learn more about our Congregational Care program. Or contact Lisauri Marizan (212.247.0490 ext 3007, congregationalcare@fapc.org).

Family Ministries

Family Ministries brings together families from diverse backgrounds to nurture healthy children and strong, faithful families. Our Little Lambs Nursery for infants and toddlers is available every Sunday from 9 am until 12:30 pm. Sunday School and Youth Group take place at 9:30 am during the program year (September through May). Children depart the 11 am worship service to attend Children's Church every Sunday. We also sponsor special events for families and kids throughout the year. Learn more (and register your child) at fapc.org/family. Contact: Jaime Staehle (212.247.0490 ext 3003, familyministries@fapc.org).

FAYA | Fifth Avenue Young Adults

FAYA is an open and affirming community for those in their 20s and 30s, led by the Rev. Sarah Speed. During the program year, we meet every Wednesday night for small groups, supper, Bible study and fellowship. Find out more about our weekly gatherings, monthly fellowship events and weekend retreats at fapc.org/faya or on Instagram [@fapcfaya](https://www.instagram.com/fapcfaya). Or contact Sarah (212.247.0490 ext 4037, youngadults@fapc.org). We'd love to get to know you!

Membership

When we say "All are welcome," we mean it. Whether you live in the neighborhood, or across the country, we welcome you to join our family of faith. Through our Believing and Belonging seminars, you explore what it means to be a part of the Christian church, the Presbyterian tradition and Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church. Whether you're sure membership is right for you, or you're just beginning to wonder if this might be your spiritual home, we'd love to have you in an upcoming in-person or online class. Visit fapc.org/membership to register, or contact Ashley Gonzalez, director of engagement (212.247.0490 ext 3005, membership@fapc.org).

Music & Arts

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church is home to a versatile program of music and arts in our worship and community life that endeavors to inspire, challenge and comfort all who encounter it, and to provide opportunities to share our artistic gifts. In addition to the Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church Choir and Chamber Choir, we offer the Fifth Avenue Community Choir for anyone who loves to sing. Visit fapc.org/choirs to learn more. The Arts & Our Faith Committee sponsors exhibitions of art, history and photography in the Chesnut Gallery, often featuring work by members of the congregation. Theatre Fellowship is a community of artists and artisans that promotes congregational fellowship through our shared love of the theater. Theatre Fellowship offers staged readings for the community and other events throughout the year.

Outreach Ministries

Through our Outreach Ministries, hundreds of members and friends of the church are engaged in volunteering, advocacy and service. Our programs include our Befriending Ministry on behalf of our neighbors experiencing homelessness; the David B. Skinner Shelter, a 12-bed men's shelter (currently closed due to Covid concerns); the Ecumenical Outreach Partnership, a collaborative ministry with Saint Thomas Church and St. Patrick's Cathedral that serves the homeless population of Midtown; A Place at the Table, a twice-weekly sidewalk lunch for our homeless and hungry neighbors; and Meals on Heels, Saturday-morning meal preparation and delivery to homebound seniors. We also maintain mission partner relationships with local, national and international organizations. Our current mission partners are:

Church of Gethsemane	Parity
The Farminary Project	Search and Care
Garden of Hope	Urban Outreach Center NYC
Hands Along the Nile Development Services	WANA Community Resource Center
Holmes Camp and Retreat Center	West Side Federation for Senior and Supportive Housing
Ministry of Hope Lesotho	
Mission co-workers in Madagascar, the Philippines & the U.S.–Mexico border	

To learn more, visit fapc.org/outreach, or contact Christine Boyle, director of outreach and missions (212.247.0490 ext 3006, outreach@fapc.org).

Volunteering

Volunteering is one of the most important ways we show that God's house is truly a place where all are welcome. Each week, members of this community serve as ushers and greeters, prepare and deliver meals to the homebound, provide comfort and support to the elderly, lead tours for members and visitors, and work with the underserved of New York City. To learn more about our diverse volunteer opportunities, and how you can join in, visit fapc.org/volunteer.

Women's Association

The roots of the Women's Association date to 1810, shortly after the church was founded. Today we offer a year-round program of education, service, prayer and benevolence. The Women's Association Holiday Bazaar in early November supports the ministries of the church and other benevolences. We also host a Christmas Tea for the congregation each December. We welcome you to take part! Contact: Rita Arlen (212.247.0490 ext 3041, wassoc@fapc.org).

Fifth Avenue Presbyterian Church

Holy Week & Easter Services

We invite you to complete your Lenten journey with us and join in our joyous celebration of Easter. Our services are listed below. All services (except the early Easter service) are available on livestream. You will find additional details at fapc.org/worship.

Good Friday: Service of Sacred Music & Reflection

12–3 pm, April 7 • Sanctuary

You are welcome to attend all or part of this three-hour service.

Easter: Resurrection of the Lord

9:30 am & 11:15 am

The Rev. Dr. Scott Black Johnston, preaching.

We invite you to bring fresh-cut flowers to adorn the Flowering of the Cross outside on Fifth Avenue!

Support the Church

Scan this code using the camera on your smartphone and follow the instructions to make a secure donation to our ministries.

fapc.org/give



Building Hours

Mon • Thu • Fri

9 am – 5 pm

Tuesday • Wednesday

9 am – 8 pm

Saturday

8 am – 1 pm

Sunday

8 am – 2:30 pm



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