



FORT WASHINGTON COLLEGIATE CHURCH

Evensong & Communion

Welcome. In order to prepare for worship and allow for private prayer, we ask that silence be observed upon entering and that you turn off cell phones. We are aware that many people who attend this worship service come from other churches and faith traditions. The typical mixture of faith traditions represented at this service makes up a community we cherish. We are glad you are here.

Prelude

Please stand at the sounding of the chime.

Opening

“When I looked, I knew I might never again see so much of the earth so beautiful, the beautiful being something you know added to something you see, in a whole that is different from the sum of its parts. What I saw might have been just another winter scene, although an impressive one. But what I knew was that the earth underneath was alive and that by tomorrow, certainly by the day after, it would be all green again. So what I saw because of what I knew was a kind of death with the marvelous promise of less than a three-day resurrection.”

— **Norman Maclean, A River Runs Through It and Other Stories**

Opening Hymn: Fairest Lord Jesus

Anonymous

1. Fairest Lord Jesus,
ruler of all nature,
O thou of God and man the Son,
Thee will I cherish,
Thee will I honor,
thou, my soul's glory, joy, and crown.

3. Fair is the sunshine,
fairer still the moonlight,
and all the twinkling starry host:
Jesus shines brighter,
Jesus shines purer
than all the angels heaven can boast.

2. Fair are the meadows,
fairer still the woodlands,
robed in the blooming garb of spring:
Jesus is fairer,
Jesus is purer
who makes the woeful heart to sing.

4. Beautiful Savior!
Lord of all the nations!
Son of God and Son of Man!
Glory and honor,
praise, adoration,
now and forevermore be thine.

Please be seated.

Entry into Reflection & Meditation

We gather here
to celebrate life's beauty and find healing for its pain,
to wonder at the mystery that gave us birth,

and to listen for the wisdom that guides us
in the quietness of this moment.

Let us then celebrate the richness and diversity of life
in the present-ness of God.

The Community Candle is lit

In this season of Lent, may we become more aware
of the present-ness of Holy God:
in each other,
in music,
as we give and receive gifts of love.

Grant, that we may all live that others
can see this present-ness alive in our actions.
Amen.

The Reading

Reader

A reading from the Gospel according to John

John 3:1-17

Now there was a Pharisee named Nicodemus, a leader of the Jews.²He came to Jesus by night and said to him, “Rabbi, we know that you are a teacher who has come from God; for no one can do these signs that you do apart from the presence of God.”³Jesus answered him, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can see the kingdom of God without being born from above.”⁴Nicodemus said to him, “How can anyone be born after having grown old? Can one enter a second time into the mother’s womb and be born?”⁵Jesus answered, “Very truly, I tell you, no one can enter the kingdom of God without being born of water and Spirit.⁶What is born of the flesh is flesh, and what is born of the Spirit is spirit.⁷Do not be astonished that I said to you, ‘You must be born from above.’⁸The wind blows where it chooses, and you hear the sound of it, but you do not know where it comes from or where it goes. So it is with everyone who is born of the Spirit.”⁹Nicodemus said to him, “How can these things be?”¹⁰Jesus answered him, “Are you a teacher of Israel, and yet you do not understand these things?”¹¹“Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony.¹²If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things?”¹³No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man.¹⁴And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up,¹⁵ that whoever believes in him may have eternal life.¹⁶“For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.¹⁷“Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him.

Reader *Hear what the Spirit is saying to God's people.*
People ***Thanks be to God.***

A minute of silence is observed after the reading...

Reflection

Two minutes of silence is observed after the reflection ...

Gail Kenefake

Music for Meditation

Prayers for Ourselves and Others

Liturgist: Let us take a moment to settle into the silence.
(Silence)

In these brief moments of silence and meditation may we find strength.
May our lives be rich in affection,
deep in understanding and sympathy for each other.

May the blessings of life be known to all.

Sustainer and giver of life,
may all people be freed from the temptations of power,
from the urge to control rather than enable.

Come, Spirit, liberate us from the forces of domination.

Loving Empowerer, may we
challenge the abuse of authority wherever it is to be found,
including in ourselves.

Come, Spirit, give us strength not to walk by on the other side.

Still Small Voice,
may we learn to listen to each other,
and may those in authority understand the strength
that comes from true consultation.

Come, Spirit of Understanding, deepen our insights.

Loving Creativity,
may we affirm ourselves and others,
understanding that we are all unique,
and have voices that need to be heard.

Come, Creator of Diversity, and help us see the value of difference.

Silence

Inclusive and Compassionate God,
may we recognize and challenge discrimination
based on gender, race, age, sexual orientation,
clericalism and other excuses for exclusion.

Come, Spirit of Equality, and imbue us with the values of interconnectedness with all created nature, human and non-human.

Silence

In all our joys and in all our concerns, may we be ever mindful
of the present-ness of God among us,
and to see the new possibilities of the now. **Amen.**

Music for Meditation

During the instrumental music and hymn, and at anytime hereafter, you are welcome to come forward to light a votive candle as a symbol of your prayer. Tapers and votives are on the table in front of the piano. Please feel free to light a candle.

Hymn: Who on Earth Can Find God's Kingdom? (Tune of the Come Thou Fount)

Gillette

Who on earth can find God's kingdom?
Who can know God's wondrous reign?
How can we receive the freedom
of a people born again?
Can we hear the winds a-blowing —
where they come from and return?
Can we see God's kingdom growing?
These are things we long to learn.

Nicodemus kept on wondering,
"How can one be born anew?"
Jesus said, "This is the birthing
that God's Spirit brings to you.
If you want to see God's kingdom,
do not be at all surprised.
You can't see God's Spirit moving,
yet it's working, changing lives."

Nicodemus said to Jesus,
"God must be at work in you!
Rabbi, you're a God-sent teacher;
we can see the signs you do!"
Jesus saw his faith and questions,
so he spoke these words of love:
"Surely, none can see God's kingdom,
till they're born from God above."

God, we see your world around us,
and we wonder what will be.
Is your loving reign among us;
is it something yet to see?
May we trust your Spirit's moving,
giving life and hope and birth.
May we trust what you are doing,
joy of heaven, hope of earth.

The Grace

Deep peace of the running wave to you
Deep peace of the flowing air to you
Deep peace of the quiet earth to you
Deep peace of the shining stars to you
Deep peace of the Son of peace to you
(Iona Community)

The Peace

Let us greet one another as a sign of God's peace
and of our shared friendship.
The peace of God is here... to stay. **Thanks be to God.**

The ministers and people greet one another, in the name of the Lord. After exchanging the peace, please be seated.

Welcome and Announcements

The Offering and Offertory (*Give online at: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/*)

Offering plates are not passed through the congregation at this service. For your offerings, offering plates are located on a stand in the center aisle.

The Holy Communion

Eucharistic Prayer (please stand).

Celebrant and People responsively:

Source and Sustainer of life we name God,
present and active from the beginning of time,
we are gathered in your ever present-ness.

**And it is right that we give thanks and praise,
and tell our stories of celebration and connectedness.**

In time beyond our dreaming
Creativity God hovered over the water
and was revealed in fire and storm and precious law.
Likewise, humanity in this creative likeness evolved on earth,
along with earth's minerals and waters,
flowers and fruits,
living creatures of grace and beauty!

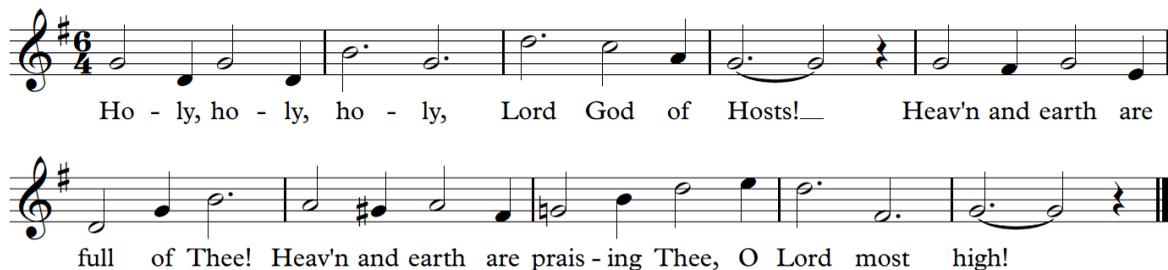
We offer this our thanks and praise.

Our stories go on to say:
Noah was shown a rainbow;
Moses gained courage to free his people,
in the face of danger Miriam would sing;
Esther found new strength, and
Ruth stayed loyal.

**We give thanks for women and men
in many different cultures and times, who spoke about
our connectedness with each other,
and with all of creation.**

Sanctus

Lathbury



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord God of Hosts! Heav'n and earth are
full of Thee! Heav'n and earth are prais - ing Thee, O Lord most high!

The celebrant continues:

In the 40 days of Lent,
we remember the love made manifest in the
birth, life, and death of Jesus of Nazareth.

In his healing acts and radical teachings
we recall the words he spoke
to call forth love, care and respect for one another.

We remember the tradition...

Christ has died, Christ has risen, Christ's Spirit renews our lives.

We are grateful for this assurance of
love amidst human betrayal,
care amidst hatred,
respect amidst oppression.

And so, with Elizabeth who prophesied your birth,
Martha who confessed you as the Christ,
and James and John who sought to follow in your way,
we offer our praise and thanks.

In the breaking of the bread
and the sharing of the wine,
may we know God's continuing presence.
May the gathering of this community of faith
be comforted and challenged during this Lenten season.
**May people see in us the courage and the generosity
that characterized Jesus' life. Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer

Celebrant

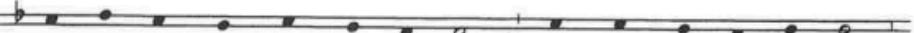


As our Sa - vior Christ has taught us, we now pray,

Celebrant and People



Our Fa - ther in hea - ven, hal - lowed be your Name,



your king - dom come, your will be done, on earth as in hea - ven.



Give us to - day our dai - ly bread.



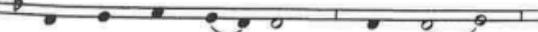
For - give us our sins as we for - give those who sin a - gainst us.



Save us from the time of tri - al, and de - liv - er us from e - vil.



For the king - dom, the power, and the glo - ry are yours,



now and for ev - er. A - men.

(Bread is broken)

Lamb of God

Je- sus Lamb of God, Je- sus Lamb of God, have mer-cy on us.
Grant us peace

Celebrant

This is the table, not of the Church, but of the Lord. It is made ready for those who love him and for those who want to love him more.

So, come, you who have much faith and you who have little, you who have been here often and you who have not been here long, you who have tried to follow and you who have failed.

Come, because it is the Lord who invites you. It is his will that those who want him should meet him here.

You are welcome to be seated until you come forward to receive. When you tear off a piece of bread from the loaf, touch a tip of the bread in the juice in the cup (intinct) and then consume. If you would like prayers for healing, proceed to the area behind the communion table. If the healing ministers are already praying with others, please wait your turn patiently until one of them is available.

Music during Communion

After Communion (Please stand)

Celebrant: Life affirming God,
may this feast shared together
strengthen us in our witness to the world.

Amen.

Hymn: Love Divine, All Loves Excelling

1 Love divine, all loves excelling,
 joy of heaven, to earth come down,
 fix in us thy humble dwelling,
 all thy faithful mercies crown.
 Jesus, thou art all compassion,
 pure, unbounded love thou art;
 visit us with thy salvation;
 enter every trembling heart.

3 Finish, then, thy new creation;
 pure and spotless let us be;
 let us see thy great salvation
 perfectly restored in thee:
 changed from glory into glory,
 till in heaven we take our place,
 till we cast our crowns before thee,
 lost in wonder, love and praise.

2 Come, Almighty, to deliver,
 let us all thy life receive;
 suddenly return, and never,
 nevermore thy temples leave.
 Thee we would be always blessing,
 serve thee as thy hosts above,
 pray and praise thee without ceasing,
 glory in thy perfect love.

Sending

Time has now come for us to leave this sacred place.
 As we do, may we embrace the challenges
 of our lives and our world...

The community candle is extinguished

Worship need not cease.

**It can echo in our lives,
 in our words,
 in our deeds,
 in our moods,
 in our dreams.**

**Carry worship with you wherever you may go.
 Be a blessing in your going out and your coming in.**

Blessing

v1 Blessing of galaxies, blessing of stars:

Great stars, small stars, red stars, blue ones.

v2 Blessing of nebula, blessing of supernova,
planets, satellites, asteroids, comets.

v1 Blessing of our sun and moon, blessing of our earth;
oceans, rivers, continents, mountain ranges

v2 Blessing of wind and cloud, blessing of rain;
fog bank, snowdrift, lightning and thunder.

v1 Bless the wisdom of the holy one above us.

Bless the truth of the holy one beneath us.

Bless the love of the holy one within us (*Edit. Chinook Psalter/ep*).

All **Amen**.

Please be seated.

Music for Meditation

Postlude

Please feel free to depart during the Postlude, as you wish. Prayers for healing will continue at the communion table, so we ask you to leave quietly. Please come back often.

Following the Service

Please join us in Fellowship Hall for refreshments following the service. If you would like to know more about this church and how you can connect, we would love to tell you. As a start, please fill out one of the visitor's cards in the bulletin, and drop it in one of the offering plates at the entrance doors. And, of course, call or email us anytime.

Reflector, Gail Kenefake

Celebrant, Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake, Interim Senior Minister

Liturgist, Bridget Anthony, Associate Minister

Cantor: Daniel Bavalock, Baritone

Instrumentalist: Chris Whittaker, Director of Music

Welcome to Fort Washington Collegiate Church; a place of diversity, hospitality and grace. We open our doors to everyone! We welcome all people regardless of race, culture, sexual orientation, social or economic status. As a church family we celebrate our diversity and our connection to God. We seek to follow Christ's example and exemplify the love of Christ; therefore, as a faith community, we value grace over judgment. Although we represent many cultures and points of view, our diversity does not drive us apart, but gives us the opportunity to be enriched by the gifts and leadership of all. Together, by word and deed, we proclaim the good news that there is new life in Christ.

CHILDREN & WORSHIP AT FORT WASHINGTON CHURCH

Parent/Guardian Reminder: *All children 8 years old and under, require parent escort throughout the building. Please help us keep your children safe by accompanying them to rehearsals, Godly Play and other activities in the building and on church grounds.*

Nursery Care: The nursery is open and care is available for infants and toddlers between ages 0-3 in the nursery just behind the Sanctuary. Care is available before and during worship (10:30am - 12:15pm)

Godly Play®: After the Children's Time and during the Passing of the Peace, children 4 years of age through 4th grad are invited to the Second Floor for Godly Play® in Classroom #208. **Caregivers and parents are invited to pick up their children after service.**

Children's Choir: All children who love to sing are invited to rehearse with Eric Alderfer in the Second Floor Meeting Room #205 from 10am-10:45 am.

Sunday School: All youth (grades 5th - High School) are invited to join the Associate Minister Bridget Kelso Anthony upstairs in Room #209 after the Passing of the Peace.

Playgroup: All children and caregivers are welcome on Wednesdays from 9:30am to 11:30 for songs, games and time to play in Fellowship Hall or in the yard (weather permitting). Crawlers are invited to a time of play on the jigsaw mat set up in the atrium as Mr. Eric accompanies on the keyboard.

Our prayer partner today is: a member of the Congregational Care Team

If you would like to add someone to the prayer list or have a prayer concern please contact Rev. Dr. Scott M. Kenefake at skenefake@fortwashingtonchurch.org or Bridget Anthony at banthony@fortwashingtonchurch.org or call (212) 568-4014

EVENSONG SPEAKERS (REFLECTORS) NEEDED FOR SUNDAY April 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd, 30th

Each week at the *Evensong & Communion Service* at 5:30 pm in the Sanctuary, we have *guest* speakers (reflectors) who offer a *five minute or less* reflection on *where I'm experiencing God in my life now*. Interested in volunteering? Please talk to one of the ministry staff or contact the church.

NURSERY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We need nursery volunteers willing to help with childcare in both the morning and evening service.

NOON PRAYER

Noon prayer will meet on Wednesdays in the North Room, led by Devora Jones

CONSISTORY MINUTES ONLINE

Minutes of monthly Fort Washington **Consistory Minutes* and bi-monthly ***Collegiate Church Consistory Minutes* can be found on our website: www.fortwashingtonchurch.org

GOD TALK

Join us Wednesday nights for dinner and a lively discussion. Dinner starts at 6:30 pm, followed by a Scripture reading and discussion at 7pm. The full schedule for 2016-2017 is on our website. Next meeting is on March 15th.

INFORMATION & PRAYER CARDS IN PEWS

If you would like to share your information with us or share a prayer request; please fill out the white information card or the green prayer cards.

SHARE YOUR MUSIC, ART, AND DANCE

Interested in the arts? We want you! Now is a great time to join our Sunday morning choir, the Joyful Voices (rehearses Thursdays at 7:30). All ages and experience levels are welcome. Do you play an instrument, love to dance, read poetry, act, paint, draw, program C++? Reach out and get plugged in! Email Chris Whittaker at cwhittaker@fortwashingtonchurch.org

JOIN THE NEW COMMUNITY CHOIR

Come enjoy a time of beautiful singing and fellowship with congregants and neighbors. Enroll at www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/choir

HELP US SERVE YOU BETTER!

We need your volunteer and financial support to keep all of our excellent community, fellowship, and educational programs healthy and strong. If you have any questions regarding volunteering or making a financial gift, please speak with Rev. Dr. Scott Kenefake, or Associate Minister Bridget Anthony. We thank you for your support!

NEW GIVING KIOSK

You can now give digitally with our new Giving Kiosk located in the Pavilion.

2017 STEWARDSHIP CAMPAIGN

Pledges for 2017 are now being received. Have we received yours? Electronic Pledge Cards and on-line giving can be found on our website at:

<https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/pledge>

Paper copies are available in the entrance to the sanctuary (vestibule).

DONATE

Your generosity helps to ensure our church remains a vital and robust part of our uptown community. Make a donation to Fort Washington Collegiate Church today, you can make a one-time gift or set up reoccurring contributions on our website

<https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org/give/>



KEEP
CALM
AND
BE
GENEROUS

WORSHIP SCHEDULE



GUEST SPEAKER

Sunday, March 19th, 11 am

Rabbi Jill Jacobs

Executive Director of T'ruah: The Rabbinic Call for Human Rights

Theme: *The Global Immigration & Refugee Crisis*

www.truah.org

See Rabbi Jacob's bio at:

<http://www.truah.org/about/our-people/staff/>

Pray With Your Feet: Contemplative Prayer & Social Justice

Sundays at 6:45pm
March 5, 12, 19, 26
April 2 & 9

A six-week Lenten exploration of prayer,
meditation, and living justly

Evensong & Communion, 5:30 pm
Soup & Salad Supper, 6:15 pm
(Donation Requested)
Childcare Provided in Nursery

Community Interfaith Healing Circle

A DAY FOR ALL TO PRAY

An Evening of Guided Meditation/ Prayer / and Healing



Wednesday March 22nd, 2017 in Fellowship Hall

6:30pm- Pre-service Personal Reflection

7-8:30pm- Service of Guided Meditation/ Music/ Prayer/ and Healing

Fort Washington Collegiate Church at 181st, NYC

Free and Open to ALL

Direction and Info- <https://www.fortwashingtonchurch.org>

Come with an open heart

Experience a communal bond of humanity through
Guided Meditation/ Music/ Spoken word/ and Prayer

In preparation, we ask that from wherever you are on this day,

At the hours of 8am, 12pm, 5pm,

Your prayers be for healing and peace for
Ourselves, our community, our nation and our planet.

Service at Collegiate Church begins promptly at 7pm.



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CHURCH STAFF

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