



"Jesus Washing Peter's Feet" by Ford Madox Brown (1852)

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THE SERVICE OF THE LORD

First Sunday of Lent

February 18, 2024

PRELUDE

Roeder

Arr. Franklin Ashdown

INTROIT

I Lift Up My Soul

Douglas Kostner

To you, O Lord, I lift up my soul. O my God, I trust in you

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

*CALL TO WORSHIP

We enter together this season of Lent -- a time to repent from self-centered pride.

Let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

Teach us, O God, and show us your ways.

Let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord.

Break our stubborn wills, O God, and guide us to your paths.

Let us humble ourselves in the sight of the Lord, so that God might lift us up.

*THE PEACE The Peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you. **And also with you!**

*OPENING HYMN #22

“God of the Sparrow”

PRAYER OF CONFESSION *(in unison)*

Forgive us, O God, when our actions are in vain.

Forgive us, O God, when we think more of ourselves than we should.

Forgive us, O God, when we neglect the needs of others.

**Forgive us, O God, when we focus more on the sins of the world
than on the sin in our own lives.**

Forgive us, O God, and wash us in your grace... *(time for silent prayer)*

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*GLORIA PATRI #425 *(verse 1)*

***Son of God, whose heart is peace, Son of God, most holy,
to your presence we have come; give us now your love.***

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION *(in unison)*

Jeff Carpenter

O Christ, Savior of all who trust you, hope of all who serve you, and joy of all the saints, as we open your Word this morning, we you to claim us, teach us, and reshape us, not for our glory, but for Yours, Amen.

NEW TESTAMENT READING 1 Peter 3:18-22 *(NT, page 234)*

ANTHEM

Oh, Didn't It Rain

Arr. Harry T. Burleigh

Valerie Girardi, soloist

*Forty days, forty nights, when the rain kept falling,
The wicked climbed the tree, and for help kept a-calling,
For they heard the waters wailing; didn't it rain, rain, didn't it rain?*

*Tell me, Noah, didn't it rain?
Some climbed the mountain, some climbed the hill,
Some started sailing and a-rowing with a will;
Some tried swimming, and I guess they'r swimming still,
For they heard the waters roaring; didn't it rain, rain, didn't it rain?
Tell me, Noah, didn't it rain? Didn't it rain!
Tell me, Noah, didn't it rain? Didn't it rain!*

CHILDREN'S MESSAGE

Rev. Claunch

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 25:1-10 (OT, page 502)

SERMON

"The Humble"

Rev. Bynum

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #166, verses 1 and 4

**Lord, who throughout these forty days, for us did fast and pray,
teach us with you to mourn our sins, and close by you to stay.
And through these days of penitence, and through your Passion-tide,
yes, evermore, in life and death, O Lord, with us abide.**

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Bynum

**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. Lead us not into temptation, but
deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power and glory forever.
Amen.**

THE GREAT AMEN

(congregation singing)

***Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in
the highest!***

INVITATION TO OFFERING

*Financial gifts may be shared electronically via the Realm Connect app or by
scanning the QR code to the right. Additional pledge cards are available at
the Usher Station at the rear of the sanctuary.*



OFFERTORY

I Lift My Soul

Emma Lou Diemer

*I lift my soul to you, Lord, I trust, O God, in you.
Show me your paths and guide me, teach me all I should do.
Remember your great mercy, your everlasting love;
Forgive me, God, my Savior, my guilt and sin remove.

Your covenant and mercy are with me all my days
To comfort and to bless me when I walk in your ways.
Whenever I look upward, I find you waiting there,
To bear me and to keep me safe in your loving care.*

*DOXOLOGY

Old Hundredth (#607)

***Praise God throughout these forty days;
Praise Christ, our Lord, whom God did raise;
And praise the Spirit who imparts God's love in Christ into our hearts.***

Text by G. W. Dub Shepherd

*PRAYER OF DEDICATION

*CLOSING HYMN #687 “Our God, Our Help in Ages Past” (verses 1, 4, 5 and 6)

*BENEDICTION

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

St. Anne

David Cherwien

*NOTE: You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated during this time.
Feel free to get up and greet your neighbors!*

Mentions and Announcements

If you are interested in **sponsoring flowers** in honor or memory of a loved one, please either scan the QR code to the right or contact the office at broodal@lacny.org to sign-up for an upcoming Sunday!



Your voice and presence would be a gift to our worship! If you would be willing to be a liturgist please scan the QR code to the right or email the office at broodal@lacny.org.



- **Nursery Care** is available on the ground floor of the education wing (Classroom 114) for infants and toddlers up to age 2.
- **No Youth Group this week, winter break.** Questions? Email agclaunch@lacny.org.
- **No Sunday School today, winter break.**

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)

11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)

2:00 pm Concert -Symphonic Organ Works

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

LAC Offices Closed

7:00 pm Trustees Meeting Lindsley Room

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

6:45 pm Al-Anon (Library)

7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)

7:00 pm Larchmont Symphonia (Chapel)

7:00 pm The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart Hall)

7:45 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 22

12:00 pm The Spiritual Child Book Study (Carhart Hall)

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus

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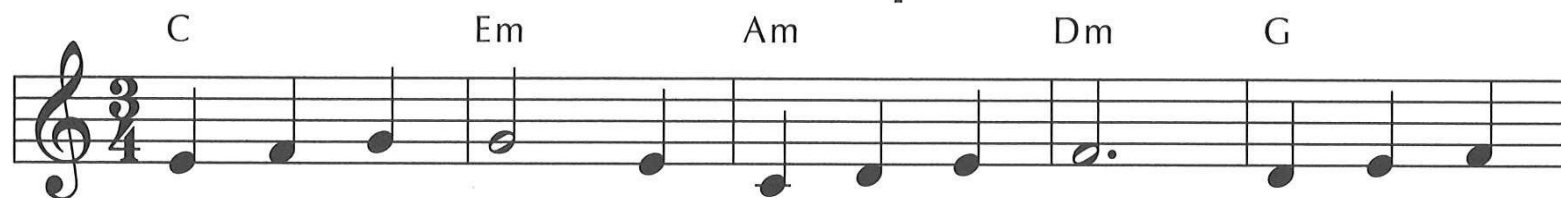
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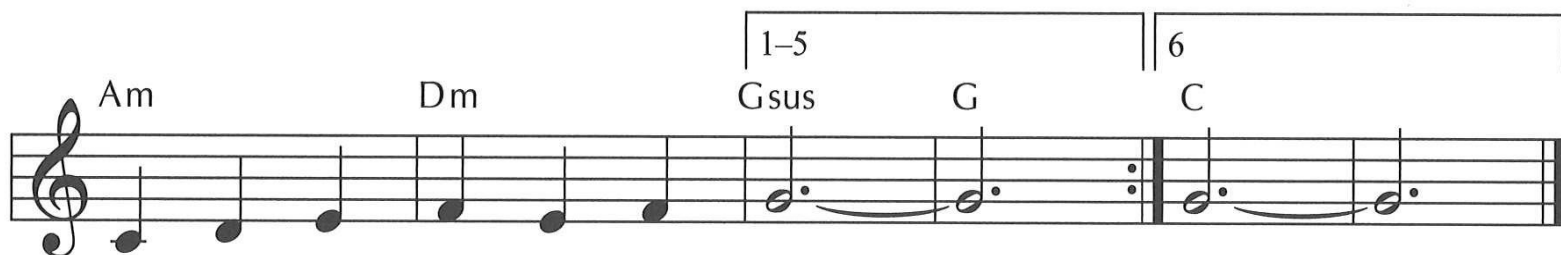
God of the Sparrow



1 God of the spar - row God of the whale God of the
 2 God of the earth - quake God of the storm God of the
 3 God of the rain - bow God of the cross God of the
 4 God of the hun - gry God of the sick God of the
 5 God of the neigh - bor God of the foe God of the
 6 God of the a - ges God near at hand God of the



swirl - ing stars How does the crea - ture say Awe
 trum - pet blast How does the crea - ture cry Woe
 emp - ty grave How does the crea - ture say Grace
 prod - i - gal How does the crea - ture say Care
 prun - ing hook How does the crea - ture say Love
 lov - ing heart How do your chil - dren say Joy



How does the crea - ture say Praise
 How does the crea - ture cry Save
 How does the crea - ture say Thanks
 How does the crea - ture say Life
 How does the crea - ture say Peace
 How do your chil - dren say Home

687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past

(Psalm 90)

1 Our God, our help in a - ges past, our
 2 Be - neath the shad - ow of thy throne thy
 3 Be - fore the hills in or - der stood, or
 4 A thou - sand a - ges in thy sight are

hope for years to come, our shel - ter from the
 saints have dwelt se - cure; suf - fi - cient is thine
 earth re - ceived its frame, from ev - er - last - ing
 like an eve - ning gone, short as the watch that

storm - y blast, and our e - ter - nal home:
 arm a - lone, and our de - fense is sure.
 thou art God, to end - less years the same.
 ends the night be - fore the ris - ing sun.

5 Time, like an ever rolling stream,
 bears all our years away;
 they fly forgotten, as a dream
 dies at the opening day.

6 Our God, our help in ages past,
 our hope for years to come,
 be thou our guard while life shall last,
 and our eternal home.

Many people sing this hymn unaware that it paraphrases Psalm 90, partly because this text speaks so immediately to the human condition. Since the middle of the 19th century, it has usually been joined to this tune named for the London parish where the composer was organist.