



Larchmont Avenue Church

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First Sunday of Lent
April 6, 2025

Senior Pastor: Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum
Associate Pastor: Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
Director of Music: Douglas Kostner



PRELUDE "Impromptu on Holy Manna" Hugh Livingston
Ben Wien, piano

INTROIT "I Am the Bread of Life" Douglas Kostner
I am the bread of life. The one who comes to me shall never hunger.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Rev. Dr. Peter Bynum

MOMENT FOR MISSION Ann Hitchings Rummage Sale

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

***CALL TO WORSHIP**
One: In the wilderness, when the people of God were hungry, God gave them manna from above...
All: and they ate until they were full.
One: Today, when the people of God are hungry, God calls us to remember the source of all life, to taste the goodness of God's gifts, and to share our bread with one another.
All: Let us worship the One who is the Bread of Life, so that we might share in the banquet of heaven.

***OPENING HYMN #81** "Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken"

PRAYER OF CONFESSION (*in unison*) Rev. Anna Grace Claunch
You are the Bread of Life, O God, and you promise that we will never hunger again. But we do hunger, Lord, and often for the wrong things. You feed us with grace, but we hunger for status. You offer us peace, but we hunger for control. You bless us with plenty to share, but we are quick to hoard the gifts we call ours. Forgive us, O Bread of Life, and by your forgiveness teach us to hunger for things that honor you. Help us to hunger for justice, to long for equality, and to work for the common good, until none of your children have to hunger for bread...
(*time for silent prayer*)

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

***KYRIE (#551)** *Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord, have mercy upon us.*

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION (*in unison*) Ann Hitchings
Gracious God, giver of life, as your scripture is read and proclaimed, help us to remember that we do not live by bread alone, "but by every word that comes from the mouth of God." Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING Psalm 51:1-12 Sienna Walsh

NEW TESTAMENT READING John 6: 24-35

SERMON "I AM the Bread of Life" Rev. Bynum

***CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HYMN #494 (verses 1 and 3)**

*Jesus, thou Joy of loving hearts, thou fount of life, thou light of all,
from the best bliss that earth imparts, We turn unfilled to heed thy call.
We taste thee, O thou living bread, and long to feast upon thee still;
we drink of thee, the fountain-head, and thirst our souls from thee to fill.*

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE LORD'S TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

Lift up your hearts. **We lift them to the Lord.**

Let us give thanks to the Lord Our God. **It is right to give God thanks and praise...**

...Therefore, we praise you, with all the faithful of every time and place, who
forever

proclaim the glory of your name...

proclaim the glory of your name...

SANCTUS

*Holy, holy, holy Lord; God of power and might, Heaven and earth are full of
your Glory.*

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Blest is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

...Great is the mystery of faith.

MEMORIAL ACCLAMATION

Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE “*In the Lord I'll Be Ever Thankful*” Jacques Berthier
(Choir and Congregation singing)

In the Lord I'll be ever thankful, in the Lord I will rejoice! Look to God, do not be afraid.

Lift up your voices, the Lord is near, lift up your voices, the Lord is near.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Rev. Claunch

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 GREAT AMEN (congregation singing)

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

INVITATION TO OFFERING

Rev. Claunch

*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 Am Light, I Am Life, I Am Love”

Mary McDonald

At this table, come and dine, feast on bread, partake the wine. Do this in remembrance of me.

*This, my body and my blood, for the weary soul outpoured. Do this in remembrance of me.
I was given for you. Come and taste of the Father's love.
As you drink from the cup, remember the blood shed for you. I am Light. I am Life. I am Love.
Let us break bread together on our knees. Let us break bread together on our knees.
When I fall on my knees, with my face to the rising sun, O Lord, have mercy on me.*

***DOXOLOGY #607**

*Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Christ, all people here below;
Praise Holy Spirit evermore; Praise Triune God whom we adore Amen.*

***PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

***CLOSING HYMN #65** “Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah”

***BENEDICTION**

Rev. Bynum

POSTLUDE

“CWM Rhondda”

Arr. Victor Labenske

Ben Wien & Douglas Kostner, piano

*You are welcome to stay and listen to the Postlude,
but there is no expectation that you remain seated.
Feel free to greet your neighbors!*

** Please stand if you are able.*

Announcements & Happenings

PRAYERS

Do you have a prayer request to share? Call our prayer line (914) 834-1800, ext. 342.

FLOWERS

- Donate a potted spring flower for our Easter Sunday service.
<https://onrealm.org/LarchmontAvenueChurch/give/EasterMemorialFlower>
- If you are interested in sponsoring flowers, please contact the office at broodal@lacny.org or [SignUpGenius.com Sponsoring Flowers](https://www.signupgenius.com/SponsoringFlowers).

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION

- Join the Women's Bible Study! Email broodal@lacny.org. Men's Bible Study. Contact Arthur Washington, ajwash@outlook.com.
- Kids ages 3 through 5th grade will begin in Sunday School and join the congregation for communion. 3 yrs—1st grade meet in The Lindsley Room and 2nd-5th grade meet in the Carhart Room.

• FELLOWSHIP

- Coffee served in Russell Hall today at 11:15 am. Interested in membership at LAC? Reach out to Rev. Bynum at pbynum@lacny.org.
- Family Planting Day. Today @ 3:30 PM. Register at <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C094BA8AB2AA3FE-CF8-55819836-lacgarden>

MUSIC

Looking for ways to get involved? Joining the choir is a great way to make a joyful noise (and some great friends as well). Call the church office or email dkostner@lacny.org for more details.

SERVICE

- LAC Food Connection: lacoffice@lacny.org
- SAVE THE DATE: LAC Rummage Sale, May 1-3
Donations accepted: Sat., April 26 10am – 12pm
Sun., April 27 12pm – 4pm
Mon., April 28 10am – 4pm
Tues., April 29 9am – 12pm

www.lacny.org/rummage-sale-2025-2/



or scan the QR code

LENTEN & EASTER SERVICES

- Maundy Thursday Communion Service — April 17th @ 7 PM
- Good Friday Service — April 18th @ 12 noon
- Community Sunrise Easter Service in Manor Park — April 20th @ 6:30 AM
- Easter Services at LAC — April 20th @ 9 AM and 11AM

THIS WEEK AT LAC

SUNDAY, APRIL 6

10:00 am Worship (Sanctuary/Online)
10:00 am Sunday School
11:15 am Coffee Hour (Russell Hall)
11:15 am Confirmation Workshop (Carhart)
3:30 pm Family Planting Day

MONDAY, APRIL 7

6:00 pm Larch.-Mamaron. Youth Orch. (Russell Hall)

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

6:45 pm Al Anon (Library)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

11:00 am Staff Meeting (Lindsley)
5:00 pm 5th-7th Grade Youth (Youth Room)
6:15 pm 8th-12th Grade Youth (Youth Room)
7:30 pm Chancel Choir (Russell Hall)

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

4:00 pm Westchester Children's Chorus (Russell Hall, Carhart, Chapel, Room 202)
7:00 pm Finance Committee (Lindsley)
7:15 pm AA (Carhart)

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

11:00 am The Woman's Club of Larchmont

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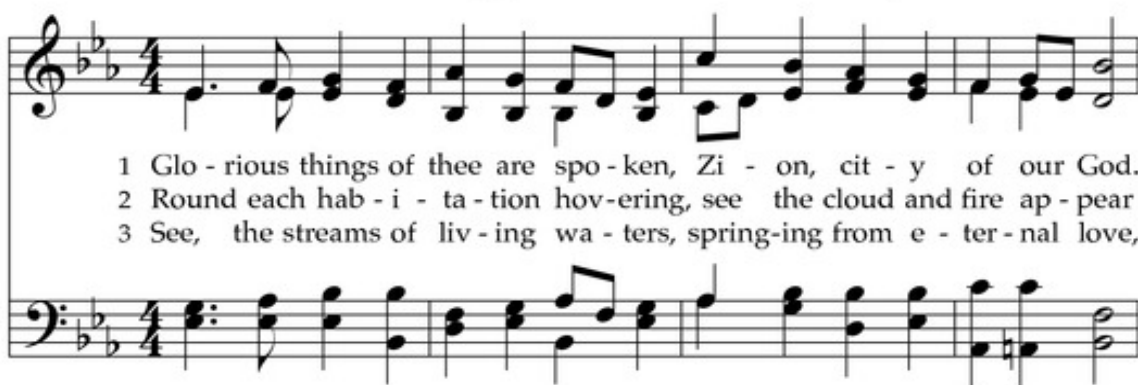
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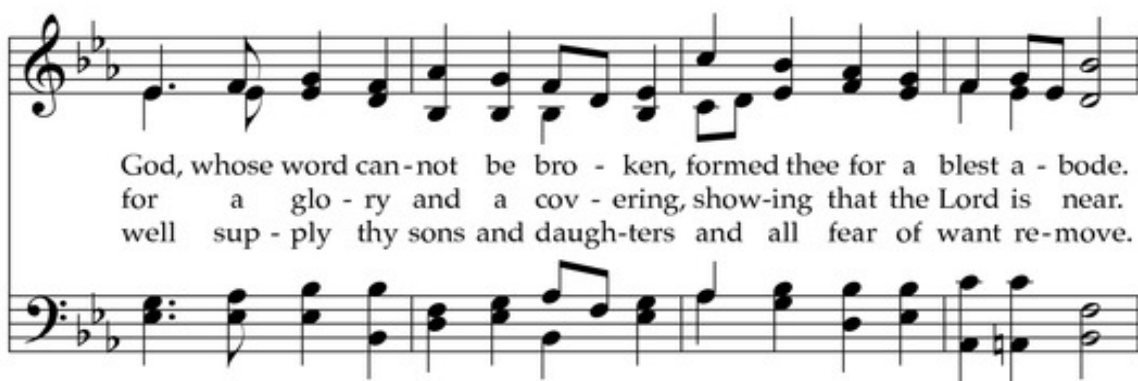
As an earth care Congregation, we ask that you please recycle your bulletin. Thank you.



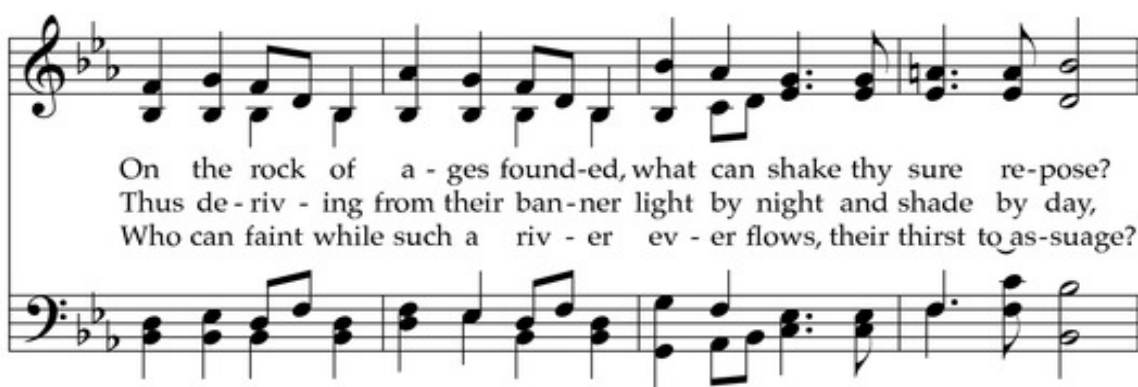
81 Glorious Things of Thee Are Spoken



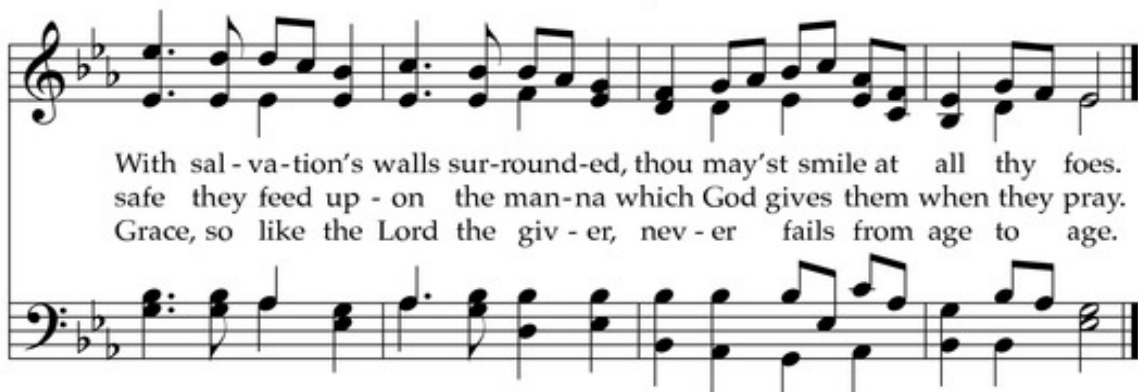
1 Glo - rious things of thee are spo - ken, Zi - on, cit - y of our God.
 2 Round each hab - i - ta - tion hov - ering, see the cloud and fire ap - pear
 3 See, the streams of liv - ing wa - ters, spring - ing from e - ter - nal love,



God, whose word can - not be bro - ken, formed thee for a blest a - bode.
 for a glo - ry and a cov - ering, show - ing that the Lord is near.
 well sup - ply thy sons and daugh - ters and all fear of want re - move.



On the rock of a - ges found - ed, what can shake thy sure re - pose?
 Thus de - riv - ing from their ban - ner light by night and shade by day,
 Who can faint while such a riv - er ev - er flows, their thirst to as - suage?



With sal - va - tion's walls sur - round - ed, thou may'st smile at all thy foes.
 safe they feed up - on the man - na which God gives them when they pray.
 Grace, so like the Lord the giv - er, nev - er fails from age to age.

The Nazi appropriation of this tune for propaganda purposes has clouded a noble piece of music first associated with this text in 1889. In a 1779 collection, the author indicated that this hymn is primarily based on Isaiah 33:20-21 with allusions to several other passages.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah 65

1 Guide me, O thou great Je - ho - vah, pil - grim through this
 2 O - pen now the crys - tal foun - tain, whence the heal - ing
 3 When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, bid my anx - ious

bar - ren land. I am weak, but thou art might - y. Hold me
 stream doth flow. Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar lead me
 fears sub - side. Death of death, and hell's de - struc - tion, land me

with thy power - ful hand. Bread of heav - en, bread of heav - en,
 all my jour - ney through. Strong de - liv - erer, strong de - liv - erer,
 safe on Ca - naan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es

feed me till I want no more; feed me till I want no more.
 be thou still my strength and shield; be thou still my strength and shield.
 I will ev - er give to thee; I will ev - er give to thee.

Few Welsh hymns are as well known or loved as this 18th-century text that did not gain its popular tune until the early 20th century. In both its original text and in English translation, it is a stirring hymn of pilgrimage filled with vivid imagery from Hebrew Scripture.