



First Presbyterian

CHURCH OF EASTON



A Service for the Worship of God
April 3, 2022
The Fifth Sunday in Lent

**Indicates an invitation to rise in body and/or spirit as you are able.*

WE GATHER TO WORSHIP GOD

GATHERING MUSIC

TOWER BELLS

PRELUDE

Ah, Holy Jesus (Hymn 93)

arr. Osman
The Handbell Choir

ANNOUNCEMENTS

WE GIVE THANKS TO GOD

CALL TO WORSHIP

A table is set before us. A feast is prepared for us.

A meal of bread and wine, of meat and bitter herbs.

The Lord calls us to this supper of remembrance.

The Lord calls us to serve and to be served.

As we break the bread and share the cup,

our understanding may fail us.

But we will never forget Christ's example.

We will never forget the full extent of his love.

*HYMN 85, V.1-3

What Wondrous Love Is This

What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,

What wondrous love is this, O my soul!

What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss

To bear the heavy cross for my soul, for my soul,

To bear the heavy cross for my soul!

To God and to the Lamb I will sing, I will sing,

To God and to the Lamb I will sing;

To God and to the Lamb who is the great I Am,

While millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;

While millions join the theme, I will sing!

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 joyful be,
And through eternity I'll sing on, I'll sing on,
And through eternity I'll sing on!

WE PREPARE TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

CALL TO CONFESSION

Holy and gracious God, at times we feel so frail and fragile, getting blown about by the latest crisis, by bad news, by our own short tempers and failings. We easily are influenced by the crowd and the loudest voices around us. You call us to hold fast to what is good, but so often we flounder, unable to find that solid thing that will center us again. Help us, we pray. Help us to see you as our center, our Lord and king, and to cling to the good that you create in the world. Help us to set aside all our jealousies and prejudices, all of our betrayals and lies, all that adds to the world's hurt. Help us to grow even more into Christ's likeness, that we will bear his love and truth to the world. We pray in his name.

Silent Prayer

Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*RESPONSE OF PRAISE

Gloria Patri

**Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.
As it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be: world without end. Amen. Amen.**

WE HEAR GOD'S WORD

SCRIPTURE READING

John 19:1-16a

SERMON

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel

WE RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

DEDICATION OF OUR OFFERINGS

Let us give thanks to God at all times, for everything God has provided and in gratitude, offer to God a portion of what God has given to us. Please make your gifts in the box at the front of the sanctuary, online or via mail.

*RESPONSE

Doxology

**Praise God, from Whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures here below;
Praise God above, ye heav'nly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION

THE PRAYER OF GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We will lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

PRAYER

It is truly right and our greatest joy to praise to you, O God... we sing your praise:

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory.

Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna in the highest.

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER

...Great is the mystery of faith:

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

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.

BREAKING OF THE BREAD

Jesus said: I am the bread of life. Whoever comes to me will never be hungry, and whoever believes in me will never be thirsty. Come now to Christ's table, know you are welcome here.

COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE

The bread and juice are distributed together and can be enjoyed immediately.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Faithful, generous, abiding God, we give you thanks for the Bread of Heaven and the Cup of Salvation. May the taste of this meal linger so that we will be strengthened in our Lenten journey. By your grace, give courage to those who falter, give peace to those who lament, bring healing to the weary and worried, offer hope to us all. May we humbly seek to grow as your disciples, deepening our faith as we ponder the trial you faced and the love which fueled your sacrifice.

WE GO IN GOD'S NAME

*HYMN 78, V. 1-4

Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Alas! And did my Savior bleed,
And did my Sovereign die!
Would He devote that sacred head
For sinners such as I!

Was it for sins that I have done
He suffered on the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown!
And love beyond degree!

Well might the sun in darkness hide,
And shut its glories in,
When Christ, the great Redeemer, died
For human creatures' sin.

But drops of grief can ne'er repay
The debt of love I owe;
Here, Lord, I give myself away;
'Tis all that I can do.

BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE

Ukrainian National Anthem

Mykhailo Verbytsky
arr. Dennis Janser

The flowers on the communion table are given today for the glory of God and in grateful appreciation for our congregation, and for all our vocal and instrumental musicians who bless our worship each week.

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Worship Leaders

Rev. Stefanie Muntzel
Gloria Snyder, Organist
Elizabeth Campbell, Chancel Choir Director
Stephanie Moki, Liturgist
Donna Van Norman, Song Leader

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John 19:1-16a

Then Pilate had Jesus flogged with a lead-tipped whip. The soldiers wove a crown of thorns and put it on his head, and they put a purple robe on him. "Hail! King of the Jews!" they mocked, as they slapped him across the face.

Pilate went outside again and said to the people, "I am going to bring him out to you now, but understand clearly that I find him not guilty." Then Jesus came out wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate said, "Look, here is the man!"

When they saw him, the leading priests and Temple guards began shouting, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

"Take him yourselves and crucify him," Pilate said. "I find him not guilty."

The Jewish leaders replied, "By our law he ought to die because he called himself the Son of God."

When Pilate heard this, he was more frightened than ever. He took Jesus back into the headquarters again and asked him, "Where are you from?" But Jesus gave no answer. "Why don't you talk to me?" Pilate demanded. "Don't you realize that I have the power to release you or crucify you?"

Then Jesus said, "You would have no power over me at all unless it were given to you from above. So the one who handed me over to you has the greater sin."

Then Pilate tried to release him, but the Jewish leaders shouted, "If you release this man, you are no 'friend of Caesar.' Anyone who declares himself a king is a rebel against Caesar."

When they said this, Pilate brought Jesus out to them again. Then Pilate sat down on the judgment seat on the platform that is called the Stone Pavement (In Aramaic the name is Gabbatha). It was now about noon on the day of preparation for the Passover. And Pilate said to the people, "Look, here is your king!"

"Away with him," they yelled. "Away with him! Crucify him!"

"What? Crucify your king?" Pilate asked.

"We have no king but Caesar," the leading priests shouted back.

Then Pilate turned Jesus over to them to be crucified.