

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good; God's steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1, 19-20

GATHERING MUSIC

Dr. Bill Holda

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

(Palm Crosses are in the narthex.)

GATHERING AROUND THE WORD

PRELUDE

"Jesus, the Lord"

ROC O'CONNOR

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

This is the day the Lord has made.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them and give thanks to the Lord.

This is the gate of the Lord;

let the faithful come and worship God.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

Let us rejoice and be glad.

Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

***PRAYER OF THE DAY**

We praise you, O God, for your redemption of the world
through Jesus Christ.

**Today, he entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph
and was proclaimed Messiah and king
by those who spread branches along his way.**

Let these branches be signs of his victory,

**and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross,
that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom;
through Jesus Christ, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
now and forever. Amen.**

***SCRIPTURE READING:** Luke 19:28-40

***PROCESSIONAL HYMN – No. 196**

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

DIR GEBEN

***CALL TO AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost.

**We confess that we have strayed from you
and turned aside from your way.**

**We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained,
and great when we are small.**

We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth.

(Time of Silence)

God of mercy, hear our prayer.

Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin.

Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior.

(A time of silence for personal confession and prayer)

HYMN – No. 437

“You are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!”

WAYFARING STRANGER

***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Let the same mind be in you that was in Christ Jesus,
who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited,
but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human
likeness. And being found in human form,
he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.

**Therefore, God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name that is above every name,
so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
and every tongue should confess that Jesus Christ is Lord. Amen.**

SHARING IN THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Friends, hear and believe the good news,
this is the gospel: In the name of Jesus Christ, **we are forgiven.**

(A time to greet one another in the peace and love of Jesus)

ENGAGING WITH THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

reader, Terre Dunn*

I hear thunder in your speech, O God;
I see lightning in your acts. Storm through this soul,
and storm through our souls before you.

(Continued.)

**Wake the sleeping parts of us, raise the dead parts of us,
stand us on our feet, alert, in prayer and praising
at your word and in your eternal presence.**

The word silences the shouts of the mighty: Lord,
quiet every voice but your own.

Amen.

SCRIPTURE TEXTS

Psalm: 31

The Lord bless the reading of these words.

The Lord bless the hearing of these words.

Hebrew Lesson: Isaiah 50:2-11

Holy wisdom, holy words.

Thanks be to God.

HYMN – No. 818

“By Gracious Powers”

INTERCESSOR

Gospel Lesson: Luke 19:41-48, 22:1-46, 23:26-42

And the Word became flesh and lived among us.

Full of Grace and Truth, thanks be to God.

SERMON

“Curious Texts for Precarious Times”

Rev. David F. Judd

HYMN – No. 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

HAMBURG

***AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH PC(USA)**

In life and in death, we belong to God.

**Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God,
and the communion of the Holy Spirit,
we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,
whom alone we worship and serve.**

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

**Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.**

**God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal. Loving us still,
God makes us heirs with Christ of the covenant.
God is faithful still.**

(Continued.)

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

The Spirit justifies us by grace through faith, sets us free to accept ourselves and to love God and neighbor, and binds us together with all believers in the one body of Christ, the Church. With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord. Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE AND INTERCESSION

GIVE THANKS UNTO THE LORD

MINUTE FOR MISSION

Katie Seager

CALL FOR OFFERING TO GOD

*HYMN – No. 608

“Doxology”

PRAISE GOD

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

*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.**

GOING FORTH TO LIVE THE WORD

*HYMN – No. 221

“O Sacred Head, Now Wounded”

PASSION CHORALE

*CHARGE AND BLESSING

*POSTLUDE

“Go to Dark Gethsemane”

REDHEAD

Welcome friends! May the welcome you feel here be worthy of the gracious God that we serve. In this service, an asterisk (*) invites you to stand as health allows. Material printed in **bold** is for the congregation to sing or say. Let us worship God!

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Following the worship service, we will dedicate a bench on the outdoor memorial chapel walkway in memory of **Gary Seager**.

Lilies are available for purchase for \$10.00 each to adorn the sanctuary for Easter in memory of or in honor of loved ones. Order forms are in the church narthex.

A visitation for **Barbara Abbott** will be held today, Sunday, April 13, from 3:00–5:00 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home in Longview, followed by a chapel service on Monday, April 14, at 2:00 p.m. at Rader Funeral Home.

The stated session meeting will be on Holy Tuesday, April 15, at 4:00 p.m.

Wednesday Night Live dinner is served at 6 p.m. Please contact the church office by noon on Tuesday for reservations. The cost is \$10 for adults, with reduced prices for children. This week's menu is king ranch chicken, a side dish, a salad, & dessert.

Join us in the sanctuary for **Wednesday Night Lenten** Vespers at 7:00 p.m.

Alpine Presbyterian invites you to a **Maundy Thursday** Service on April 17, at 6 p.m.

First Presbyterian Church invites you to a **Good Friday** Service on April 18th at 6 p.m.

Celebrate Easter with us on Sunday, April 20! We'll begin with an Easter Sunrise Service at the **Memorial Chapel with Communion at 7 a.m.** Followed by a **potluck breakfast** in the fellowship hall at 8 a.m. Please bring a breakfast dish to share.

At 10 a.m. Easter Sunday, we will worship in the sanctuary with Communion and special music.

A **“Blessing of the Animals”** service will be held at the Memorial Chapel on Saturday, **April 26**, from 10 a.m. until noon.

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All Glory, Laud, and Honor 196

Refrain

All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King,

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

- 1 Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,
- 2 The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went;
- 3 To thee, be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise;
- 4 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring,

who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and bless - ed One.
our praise and prayers and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent.
to thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.
who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King!

These stanzas for Palm Sunday have been selected and translated from a much longer Latin poem written by a bishop who was the leading theologian in Charlemagne's court. They are sung to a 17th-century German chorale, as adapted for these words in the mid-19th century.

FORGIVENESS

437 You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!

Em D Em Am Em D Em

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

Am D C D Em C Em

You are the Christ, giv-er of mer-cy!

Em D G Am Em D E

You are the Lord, giv-er of mer-cy!

This adaptation of the traditional *Kyrie eleison* text transforms a series of petitions into a series of acclamations. With harsher music these might have seemed bold or rash, but this plaintive setting derived from an Appalachian melody preserves a sense of humility and trust.

By Gracious Powers

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1 By gra - cious powers so won - der - ful - ly shel - tered,
 2 Yet is this heart by its old foe tor - ment - ed,
 3 And when this cup you give is filled to brim - ming
 4 Yet when a - gain in this same world you give us

and con - fi - dent - ly wait - ing, come what may,
 still e - vil days bring bur - dens hard to bear;
 with bit - ter suf - fering, hard to un - der - stand,
 the joy we had, the bright - ness of your sun,

we know that God is with us night and morn - ing
 O give our fright - ened souls the sure sal - va - tion
 we take it thank - ful - ly and with - out trem - bling,
 we shall re - mem - ber all the days we lived through,

and nev - er fails to greet us each new day.
 for which, O Lord, you taught us to pre - pare.
 out of so good and so be - loved a hand.
 and our whole life shall then be yours a - lone.

This text (made from the author's last poem) turns in the middle of stanza two, where broad affirmations lead to a prayer continuing through the rest of the hymn, a prayer that testifies to deep confidence. The minor tune helps to convey such tensions in the life of faith.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross 223

1 When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
 2 For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
 3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
 4 Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a

Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
 death of Christ my God; all the vain things that
 love flow min - gled down; did e'er such love and
 pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,

count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
 charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
 sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
 so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

This familiar text from the beginning of the 18th century grew out of Isaac Watts's desire to give Christians the ability to sing about gospel events. It is set here to a very restrained tune from the early 19th century inspired by the patterns of Gregorian chant.

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow

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G C Am7 Dsus D G

Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise Christ, all

D Am7 Dsus D Am7 D G Am7

peo - ple here be - low; praise Ho - ly Spir - it ev - er -

G C Am7 G Am7 D G

more; praise Tri - une God, whom we a - dore.

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221

1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
 2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain;
 3 What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
 mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
 for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
 Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
 O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
 look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.
 Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.