

THE WORSHIP OF GOD

The Lord's Day

March 31, 2019

FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

Almighty God, Redeemer of all who trust you, heed the cry of your people; deliver us from the bondage of sin, that we may serve you in perfect freedom and rejoice in your unfailing love, through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

Welcome and Announcements

Prelude: **Wondrous Love Was There** What Wondrous Love is This/
Were you There?
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Sandra Eithun

Lighting the Christ Candles

Call to Worship:

Leader: I will extol you, my God and King, and bless your name forever and ever!

People: **One generation shall laud your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts.**

Leader: All your works shall give thanks to you, O LORD, and all your faithful shall bless you.

People: **They shall speak of the glory of your kingdom, and tell of your power.** Psalm 145:1, 4, 10, 11

All: **Let us worship God!**

*Hymn: **Crown Him with Many Crowns** #268

*Prayer of Adoration

Call to Confession

Prayer of Confession:

God of great mercy, we confess that we have sinned against you. We speak as though hope is lost, even while you are still speaking. We act as though death is the end, even while you are still acting. Forgive us by your steadfast love. Create a clean heart within us, teach us your holy way, and restore the joy of salvation through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Time for Personal Confession

Response: **Lord, Have Mercy Upon Us**

Lord, have mercy upon us; Christ, have mercy upon us; Lord, have mercy upon us.

Assurance of Pardon:

Leader: As the Gospel reminds us, "The very stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; this was the Lord's doing and it is amazing in our eyes." Psalm 118:22-23; Mark 12:10

People: **Christ is our foundation; God's will in him cannot be shaken. Our redemption is sure; we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

Leader: Friends, this is the good news of the Gospel!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God!**

*Gloria Patri: **Glory Be to the Father** #581

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.

Presentation of Tithes and Offerings:

Offertory: **Day by Day** Oskar Ahnfelt
Westminster Handbell Choir Arr. Karen Buckwalter

Day by day, and with each passing moment,
Strength I find to meet my trials here;
Trusting in my Father's wise bestowment,
I've no cause for worry or for fear.
He, whose heart is kind beyond all measure,
Gives unto each day what He deems best,
Lovingly its part of pain and pleasure,
Mingling toil with peace and rest.

*Doxology: **Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.** #606

*Prayer of Dedication

Prayer for Illumination:

Guide us, O God, by your Word and Holy Spirit, that in your light we may see light, and in your truth find freedom, and in your will discover your peace; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Psalter: **Psalm 25:1- 13, 20-21** para. Michael Morgan**
Tune: *St. Anne, #687 Our God, Our Help in Ages Past*
Congregation, please sing Peoples' responses

Leader: In you, LORD my God, I put my trust. I trust in you; do not let me be put to shame, nor let my enemies triumph over me. No one who hopes in you will ever be put to shame, but shame will come on those who are treacherous without cause.

People: **To Thee, O LORD, I lift my soul; in Thee, O God, I trust; Let vanity be put to shame and languish in the dust.**

Leader: Show me your ways, LORD, teach me your paths. Guide me in your truth and teach me, for you are God my Savior, and my hope is in you all day long.

People: **Make me to know Thy paths, O God, and lead me in Thy way; To learn Thy saving truth my heart shall meditate each day.**

Leader: Remember, LORD, your great mercy and love, for they are from of old. Do not remember the sins of my youth and my rebellious ways; according to your love remember me, for you, LORD, are good. Good and upright is the LORD; therefore he instructs sinners in his ways. He guides the humble in what is right and teaches them his way.

People: **The LORD is goodness, truth and love; God's path the saints have trod. And children of the covenant still walk beside their God.**

Leader: All the ways of the LORD are loving and faithful toward those who keep the demands of his covenant. For the sake of your name, LORD, forgive my iniquity, though it is great. Who, then, are those who fear the LORD? He will instruct them in the ways they should choose. They will spend their days in prosperity, and their descendants will inherit the land.

People: **Be mindful of Thy mercy, Lord; Thy love from ages past; Forgive the weakness of my youth, and bring me home at last.**

All: **Guard my life and rescue me; do not let me be put to shame, for I take refuge in you. May integrity and uprightness protect me, because my hope, LORD, is in you.**

Scripture Reading: **Hebrews 10:16-25**

Anthem: **Hymn of Jean Racine** Gabriel Fauré

Time for Young Disciples
Preschool children may return to their pew or gather at the piano door where today's shepherd will lead them in a time of special activities.

*Hymn: **In the Cross of Christ I Glory** #213

Scripture Reading: **Matthew 27:11-26**

Sermon: **Which Jesus?**

Prayers of the People

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.

*Affirmation of Faith: Apostles' Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth; And in Jesus Christ His only Son our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried; He descended into hell; the third day He rose again from the dead; He ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence He shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

*Hymn: **O Sacred Head, Now Wounded** #221

*Benediction

*Choral Response: **Have Mercy, God, upon My Life** #421

Postlude

*Please stand if you are able

**The leader's part is from the New International Version of Scripture. The people's part is paraphrased by Michael Morgan.

Westminster Presbyterian Church

Nacogdoches, Texas



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Fourth Sunday in Lent

¹¹ Meanwhile Jesus stood before the governor, and the governor asked him, "Are you the king of the Jews?" "You have said so," Jesus replied.

¹² When he was accused by the chief priests and the elders, he gave no answer.¹³ Then Pilate asked him, "Don't you hear the testimony they are bringing against you?" ¹⁴ But Jesus made no reply, not even to a single charge—to the great amazement of the governor.

¹⁵ Now it was the governor's custom at the festival to release a prisoner chosen by the crowd. ¹⁶ At that time they had a well-known prisoner whose name was Jesus Barabbas. ¹⁷ So when the crowd had gathered, Pilate asked them, "Which one do you want me to release to you: Jesus Barabbas, or Jesus who is called the Messiah?" ¹⁸ For he knew it was out of self-interest that they had handed Jesus over to him.

¹⁹ While Pilate was sitting on the judge's seat, his wife sent him this message: "Don't have anything to do with that innocent man, for I have suffered a great deal today in a dream because of him."

²⁰ But the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowd to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus executed.

²¹ "Which of the two do you want me to release to you?" asked the governor. "Barabbas," they answered.

²² "What shall I do, then, with Jesus who is called the Messiah?" Pilate asked. They all answered, "Crucify him!"

²³ "Why? What crime has he committed?" asked Pilate. But they shouted all the louder, "Crucify him!"

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Westminster Presbyterian Church exists to declare God's love for all through Jesus Christ, to nurture and encourage spiritual growth, to maintain the integrity of divine worship, and to share the love and joy found in Christ by giving ourselves to our community and to the world.

ASSISTING IN TODAY'S SERVICE

Ushers: David Sanderson Jill Ivy
 Charlotte Sanderson Sue Johnson

Shepherd: Betsy Tucker

Liturgist: Amy Maurer

Reader: Charles Gavin

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, March 31

5:00 pm Youth

Monday, April 1

9:00 am Prayer Group

5:15 pm Soul Sisters

Tuesday, April 2

5:30 pm Handbell Practice

7:00 pm Theology on Tap

Thursday, April 4

8:00 am Men's Breakfast

9:30 am PW General Meeting

Sunday, April 7

9:30 am Sunday School

11:00 am Worship Service

12:00 noon Communion Reception

5:00 pm Youth

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²⁴ When Pilate saw that he was getting nowhere, but that instead an uproar was starting, he took water and washed his hands in front of the crowd. "I am innocent of this man's blood," he said. "It is your responsibility!"

²⁵ All the people answered, "His blood is on us and on our children!"

²⁶ Then he released Barabbas to them. But he had Jesus flogged, and handed him over to be crucified.

~ Matthew 27:11-26

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