

  
**Westminster Presbyterian  
Church**

**Midweek Eastertide Prayer Service**

Wednesday, May 12, 2021  
Sanctuary · 11:45 a.m.

**PRELUDE**                      Moderato (from Opus 94)                      Robert Schumann

**\*OPENING SENTENCES**

Clap your hands, all you peoples;  
shout to God with loud sounds of joy. *Psalm 47*

**For the Lord, the Most High is awesome,  
a great Sovereign over all the earth.**

Praise the Lord! *Psalm 113*  
Praise, O servants of the Lord;  
praise the name of the Lord.

**Blessed be the name of the Lord  
from this time on and forevermore.**

**PRAYER OF THE DAY**

Eternal God, maker of the skies above, *Iona Community*  
God-with-us Jesus, born amidst the growing earth.  
Spirit of life, wind over the flowing waters,  
in earth, sea and sky,  
you are there.

**O hidden mystery,  
sun behind all suns,  
soul behind all souls,  
in everything we touch,  
in everyone we meet,  
your presence is around us,  
and we give you thanks. Amen.**

1 Al - le - lu - ia! Sing to Je - sus; his the scep - ter, his the  
 2 Al - le - lu - ia! Not as or - phans are we left in sor - row  
 3 Al - le - lu - ia! Bread of an - gels, here on earth our food, our  
 4 Al - le - lu - ia! King e - ter - nal, Lord om - nip - o - tent we

throne; Al - le - lu - ia! his the tri - umph, his the vic - to -  
 now; Al - le - lu - ia! he is near us; faith be - lies nor  
 stay; Al - le - lu - ia! here the sin - ful flee to you from  
 own; Al - le - lu - ia! born of Mar - y, earth your foot - stool,

ry a - lone! Hark! The songs of peace - ful Zi - on  
 ques - tions how. Though the cloud from sight re - ceived him,  
 day to day. In - ter - ces - sor, friend of sin - ners,  
 heaven your throne. As with - in the veil you en - tered,

thun - der like a might - y flood: "Je - sus out of  
 when the for - ty days were o'er, shall our hearts for -  
 earth's re - deem - er, hear our plea where the songs of  
 robed in flesh, our great high priest; here on earth both

ev - ery na - tion has re - deemed us by his blood."  
 get his prom - ise: "I am with you ev - er - more"  
 all the sin - less sweep a - cross the crys - tal sea.  
 priest and vic - tim in the eu - cha - ris - tic feast.

**PSALM 68: 4-10, 19 – 20a**

Sing to God, sing praises to God's name;  
 exalt the One who rides upon the heavens;

**the name of our God is the Lord; rejoice before the Lord!  
 Defender of widows, father of orphans,  
 God in heaven's holy habitation!**

God gives the solitary a home and brings forth  
 prisoners into freedom;  
 but the rebels shall live in dry places.

**O God, when you went forth before your people,  
 when you marched through the wilderness,  
 the earth shook, and the skies poured down rain,**

at the presence of God, the God of Sinai,  
 at the presence of God, the God of Israel.

**You sent a gracious rain, O God, upon your inheritance;  
you refreshed the land when it was weary.**

Your people found their home in it;  
in your goodness, O God, you have made provision  
for the poor.

**Blessed be the Lord day by day,  
the God of our salvation who bears our burdens.  
You are our God, the God of our salvation.**

## **PSALM PRAYER**

**Lord Jesus,  
you came to us in our bondage,  
and led us to freedom by the cross and resurrection.  
May our lives praise you,  
and our lips proclaim your power of love and mercy to all people  
that they may find their hope in you,  
and live in your peace and righteousness,  
now and forever. Amen.**

## **SCRIPTURE READING**

Luke 24: 44-53

<sup>44</sup> Then he said to them, “These are my words that I spoke to you while I was still with you—that everything written about me in the law of Moses, the prophets, and the psalms must be fulfilled.” <sup>45</sup> Then he opened their minds to understand the scriptures, <sup>46</sup> and he said to them, “Thus it is written, that the Messiah is to suffer and to rise from the dead on the third day, <sup>47</sup> and that repentance and forgiveness of sins is to be proclaimed in his name to all nations, beginning from Jerusalem. <sup>48</sup> You are witnesses of these things. <sup>49</sup> And see, I am sending upon you what my Father promised; so stay here in the city until you have been clothed with power from on high.”

<sup>50</sup> Then he led them out as far as Bethany, and, lifting up his hands, he blessed them. <sup>51</sup> While he was blessing them, he withdrew from them and was carried up into heaven. <sup>52</sup> And they worshiped him, and<sup>[d]</sup> returned to Jerusalem with great joy; <sup>53</sup> and they were continually in the temple blessing God.

## **SILENT MEDITATION**

# PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

Satisfy us with your love in the morning,  
and we will live this day in joy and praise.

*Ps. 90:14*

(These prayers will include time for individual silent or spoken prayer.)

## \*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.**

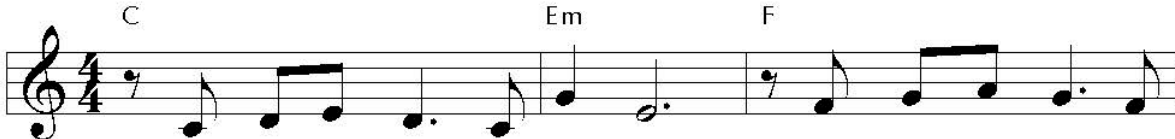
**Give us this day our daily bread;  
and forgive us our debts,  
as we forgive our debtors;  
and lead us not into temptation,  
but deliver us from evil.**

**For thine is the kingdom, and the power,  
and the glory, forever. Amen.**

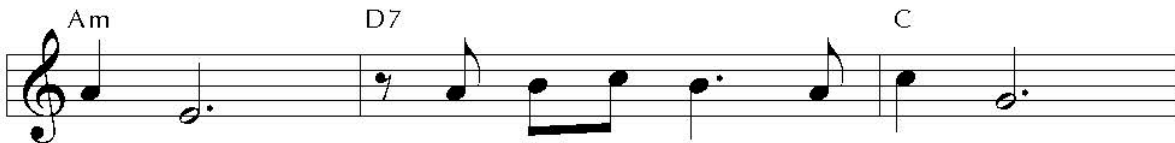
## \*HYMN 259

### The God of Heaven

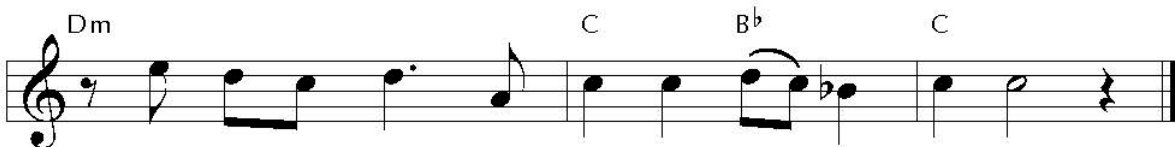
### GLORY



1 The God of heav - en thun - ders, whose voice in stri - dent  
2 The des - ert writhes in tem - pest; wind whips the trees to  
3 The might - y God e - ter - nal is to the throne as -



ech - oes re - sounds a - bove the wa - ters,  
fu - ry; the light - ning splits the for - est  
cend - ed, and we who are God's peo - ple,



and all the world sings, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"  
and flame dif - fus - es glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!  
with - in these walls cry, "Glo - ry, glo - ry, glo - ry!"

## **BLESSING AND PEACE**

May God bless, preserve, and keep us,  
this day, this night and forevermore.

**Amen.**

Bless the Lord.

**The Lord's name be praised!**

The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

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*\*(Those who are able may stand.)*

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*Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light  
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“For it is the God who said, ‘Let light shine out of darkness,’ who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us.” (2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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