

# Service for the Lord's Day

Third Sunday in Lent  
March 4, 2018

## GATHERING

*(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)*

**PRELUDE**                    "O Mensch, bewein" *BWV 622*                    J.S. Bach  
   (O man, bewail your great sin)

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

Let us worship God.

*(Those who are able may stand.)*

The Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**slow to anger and abounding in love.**  
The law of the Lord revives the soul;  
**the word of God makes the simple wise.**

### \*PRAYER OF THE DAY

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

**We prepare our hearts to worship you,  
the One who reminds us that the foolishness of the cross  
is what offers salvation to all.  
We look to the cross in this time of Lent  
as a sign of your never-ending gracious love for all of us  
and pray that our words, hymns, and prayers  
be acceptable to you in this time and space. Amen.**

\***HYMN 20**                    All Things Bright and Beautiful                    ROYAL OAK

### CALL TO CONFESSION

We come to you with penitent hearts,  
acknowledging our need for your grace and forgiveness.  
We have not lived as you have called us to live,  
and so we come to you as individuals,  
and as a community, seeking your mercy.

Let us confess our sins together.

## PRAYER OF CONFESSION

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

Gracious God,  
you have given us the law of Moses and the teachings of Jesus  
to direct us in the way of life.  
You offer us your Holy Spirit  
so that we can be born to new life as your children.  
Yet, O God, we confess that the ways of death have a strong attraction  
and that we often succumb to their lure.  
Give us the vision and courage to choose and nurture life,  
that we may receive your blessing. Amen.

*(Silent confession)*

Kyrie *(Sung responsively by the choir and congregation)*

James MacMillan

The musical score for the Kyrie is written on four staves. The first staff is for the Choir and Congregation, with lyrics: "Lord, have mercy, Lord, have". The second staff continues with "mercy. Christ, have mercy. Christ,". The third staff is for the Choir, with lyrics: "have mercy. Lord, have". The fourth staff is for the Congregation and Choir, with lyrics: "mercy. Lord, have mercy.".

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

*(The liturgist pours water, which reminds us of our baptism.)*

In our baptism we die with Christ to sin  
and are raised with him to a life of righteousness.

Believe the Good News: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

### \*The Peace

Since God in Christ has forgiven us, let us also forgive one another.  
The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Please exchange the peace with the words, "The peace of Christ be with you.")*

## CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

*(Everyone is asked to sign the Friendship Register,  
which is located on the center aisle end of each pew.)*

## THE WORD

### PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

### SCRIPTURE

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

**Exodus 20:1-17** *(Old Testament, page 66 in your pew Bible)*

*(Sung responsively after each scripture reading.)*

Create in me a clean heart, O God.  
**Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Renew a right spirit within me.  
**Renew a right spirit within me.**

*Refrain*

The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul;  
the Lord's rule is to be trusted, the simple find wisdom. *Refrain.*

The fear of the Lord is holy, abiding forever;  
the decrees of the Lord are true, all of them just. *Refrain.*

The precepts of the Lord are right, they gladden the heart,  
the command of the Lord is clear, giving light to the eye. *Refrain.*

They are worth more than gold, than the finest gold,  
sweeter than honey, than honey from the comb. *Refrain.*

**John 2:13-22** (*New Testament, page 93 in your pew Bible*)

**SERMON**

"Do you need a raze?"

Donovan Drake

*(A moment for meditation)*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

**We believe in the triune God,  
and we believe that God is not finished with us yet.  
So every day we give our hearts to God,  
who is present in the darkness before dawn;  
in the waiting and uncertainty where fear and courage join hands,  
conflict and caring link arms;  
and the sun rises over barbed wire.  
We give our hearts to a with-us God,  
who sits down in our midst to share our humanity.  
We affirm a faith that takes us beyond the safe place:  
into action, into vulnerability, and into the streets.  
We commit ourselves to work for change,  
and to put ourselves on the line;  
to bear responsibility, take risks,  
live powerfully, and face humiliation;  
to stand with those on the edge;  
to choose life and to be used by the Spirit  
for God's new community of hope.**

*(Adapted from the Iona Community)*

**PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE**

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

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

**THE EUCHARIST****OFFERING**

Anthem (8:30 a.m.) When I Survey the Wondrous Cross Alfred Fedak

When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,  
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the cross of Christ, my God:  
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to His blood.

See, from His head, His hands, His feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;  
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that you shall grow thereby.

Grow in peace and may the blessing of the Lord be upon you.  
The Lord shall with his holy oil anoint you, and you shall know his grace.  
I will sprinkle clean water upon you, I will give you a new heart,  
I will put my spirit within you and you shall live by my statutes.

Grow in grace and in the knowledge of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.  
As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word,  
that you shall grow thereby. Amen.

**\*DOXOLOGY**

OLD HUNDREDTH

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


**\*PREPARATION OF THE LORD'S TABLE****\*INVITATION****\*GREAT PRAYER OF 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 our thanks and praise.**

It is our greatest joy to offer you praise ... and never fails to bring us hope.

So, with the choirs of angels and with every generation of believers,  
we proclaim your glory:



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of pow-er and might, \_\_\_\_\_  
Bless - ed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Ho -

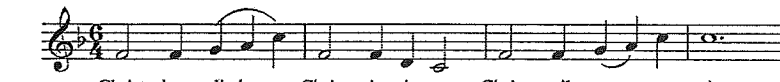


heav-en and earth are full of your glo-ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
san - na in the high - est, ho san - na in the high - est.

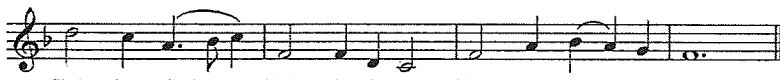
*(The congregation may be seated.)*

Holy are you, Glorious God, ... so we could follow Jesus into your kingdom.

As we gather to remember his love for us,  
may we proclaim the mystery of our faith:



Christ has died; Christ is ris-en; Christ wil come a - gain.



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Healing God, send forth your Spirit ... open our hands in service to all  
your children.

Then, bring us to that Table of Grace  
where we will sit with all your children in eternity,  
one people, with one God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit,  
now and forever.



A - men, a - men, a - - men.

**THE LORD'S PRAYER** (*Prayed in unison; page 35 in the front of Glory to God:  
The Presbyterian Hymnal for words.*)

**BREAKING OF THE BREAD**

**COMMUNION OF THE PEOPLE**

Music during Communion

Meditation on Rockingham Norman Gilbert  
(When I survey the wondrous cross)

**Anthem (8:30 a.m.) Eat This Bread**  
Taizé

**Refrain:**

**Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry.**  
**Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.**

I am the bread of life, the true bread sent from the creator. **Refrain.**

Your ancestors ate manna in the desert,

but this is the bread come down from heaven. **Refrain.**

Anyone who eats this bread will live forever. **Refrain.**

If you believe and eat this bread, you will have eternal life. **Refrain.**

**Anthem (11:00 a.m.) Paul Lindsley Thomas**  
In the Cross of Christ I Glory

In the cross of Christ I glory, Tow'ring o'er the wrecks of time;

All the light of sacred story Gathers round its head sublime.

When the woes of life o'ertake me, Hopes deceive, and fears annoy,  
Never shall the cross forsake me: Lo, it glows with peace and joy.

When the son of bliss is beaming Light and love up on my way,

From the cross the radiance streaming Adds new luster to the day.

Bane and blessing, pain and pleasure, By the cross are sanctified,  
Peace is there that knows no measure, Joys that through all time abide.

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**PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION**

**SENDING**

**\*HYMN 826 Lift High the Cross**  
CRUCIFER

**\*BENEDICTION**

**\*BENEDICTION RESPONSE**

Create in me a clean heart, O God.

**Create in me a clean heart, O God.**

Renew a right spirit within me.

**Renew a right spirit within me.**

**POSTLUDE Fugue in C minor BWV 537 J.S. Bach**

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

**SERVICE NOTES**

**WORSHIP LEADERS:** Liturgist: Guy D. Griffith, Associate Pastor for Adult Education and Spiritual Nurture; (8:30 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Jennie Renwick; (11:00 a.m.) Lay liturgist: Keith Cole.

**MUSICIANS:** (8:30 a.m.) Laudate Youth Choir; Jocelyn Sprouse, violin; (11:00 a.m.) Westminster Choir, John W. Semingson, Director of Music Ministries; Polly Brecht, Organist.

**USHERS:** (8:30 a.m.) Walker Choppin, Doug Cruickshanks, Sondra Cruickshanks; (11:00 a.m.) Ken Larish, Jack Larish, Luke Larish. *Please contact an usher if*

assistance is needed.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**WELCOME:** Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Our love and acceptance of each other affirm the inherent worth and dignity of every person, regardless of our differences, and bear witness to the love of God for all people and our commitment to Christ. If you are interested in learning about membership, please speak with a Greeter, stationed in the Sanctuary by the Baptismal font, following each worship service. The Greeters for today are (8:30 a.m.) Sondra Cruickshanks, Doug Cruickshanks, and (11:00 a.m.) Aline Patte.

**LARGE-PRINT BULLETINS AND ASSISTIVE HEARING DEVICES** are available in the Narthex from one of the ushers. Set devices to channel 1.

**EASTER LILIES:** Lovely white lilies will grace our Sanctuary on Easter Sunday, April 1, 2018. If you would like to purchase a lily (\$10) in memory or in honor of a friend or family member, please place your order online at [www.nashvillewpc.org](http://www.nashvillewpc.org), with Terri Eckert at [teckert@nashvillewpc.org](mailto:teckert@nashvillewpc.org), or complete the form in the newsletter and mail it to the church office. *The deadline for submitting names to be included in the Easter bulletin is Sunday, March 11, 2018.*

**CONGREGATIONAL MEETING CALLED FOR MARCH 11, 2018:** The Session of Westminster Presbyterian Church has called a congregational meeting to convene on Sunday, March 11, 2018, beginning immediately after the 11:00 a.m. worship service in the Sanctuary. The purpose of the meeting is (1) to receive a report from the Associate Pastor Nominating Committee and to vote on a called candidate; (2) to receive a report from the Church Nominating Committee presenting a slate for the nominating committee; (3) to approve a request from the Legacy Fund Board of Trustees to extend David Linley's term by one year; and (4) to act on any other matters arising out of the above.

**NOW WHAT? CONFERENCE:** The world outside the walls of the church has changed. In response, NaCoMe and Presbytery of Middle TN are hosting the **Now What? Conference**, a workshop-style retreat for churches. This year's theme is *Making Mission Matter Today*, with Steve Young, Executive Director of Living Waters for the World, leading the sessions. This is "a hands-on, hearts-in" event that addresses how our churches can become more effective 21st century witnesses in the neighborhoods and communities where we are called. The conference runs from 4:00 p.m. Friday, March 23 through dinner on Saturday, March 24 at Camp NaCoMe. If you are interested in being part of the Westminster team participating in the conference, please contact Suzanne Allen ([sallen2009@comcast.net](mailto:sallen2009@comcast.net)) by Wednesday, March 14, 2018.

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## HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

### MARCH 25 – PASSION/PALM SUNDAY

PROCESSION OF PALMS

ALLELUIA, GLORIA, AND JUBILATE CHILDREN'S CHOIRS

### MARCH 29 - MAUNDY THURSDAY

7:00 P.M. SERVICE OF HOLY COMMUNION IN THE SANCTUARY

STRIPPING OF THE CHANCEL

CHAMBER CHOIR

### MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY

7:00 P.M. CHORAL SERVICE OF DARKNESS IN THE SANCTUARY

WESTMINSTER CHOIR

### APRIL 1 - THE RESURRECTION OF THE LORD

SERVICES: 7:30 A.M., 9:15 A.M., AND 11:00 A.M.

WITH CHOIRS AND BRASS ENSEMBLE

*(HOLY COMMUNION AT THE 7:30 A.M. SERVICE ONLY)*

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