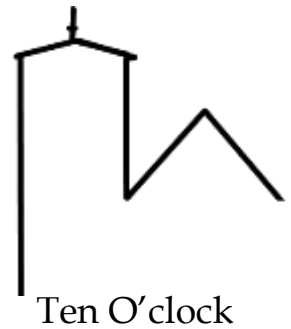


WESTMINSTER PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

1420 West Moss Avenue
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THE FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

3 April 2022

ALMIGHTY GOD, your Son came into the world to free us all from sin and death. Breathe upon us with the power of your Spirit, that we may be raised to new life in Christ, and serve you in holiness and righteousness all our days, through the same Jesus Christ, our Lord, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, forever and ever. Amen.

GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

THE PREPARATION

Two Settings of "O Sacred Head"

Johannes Brahms

WELCOME AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH FAMILY

***CALL TO WORSHIP**

Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

One: *In Jesus Christ, there is a new creation.*

All: **Everything old has passed away. Everything has become new.**

One: *This newness is from God, who has reconciled us through Jesus Christ.*

All: **Rejoice and be glad! Everything has become new.**

***THE HYMN**

Sing Praise to God, Who Reigns Above

Mit Freuden Zart

1. Sing praise to God, who reigns above,
The God of all creation,
The God of power, the God of love,
The God of our salvation,
With healing balm my soul is filled,
And every faithless murmur stilled.
To God all praise and glory.

3. The Lord is never far away,
But through all grief distressing,
An ever present help and stay,
Our peace and joy and blessing,
As with a mother's tender hand
God gently leads the chosen band
To God all praise and glory.

2. What God's almighty power hath made,
God's gracious mercy keepeth,
By morning glow or evening shade
God's watchful eye ne'er sleepeth.
Within the kingdom of God's might,
Lo! All is just and all is right,
To God all praise and glory.

4. Thus all my gladsome way along,
I sing aloud thy praises.
That all may hear the grateful song
My voice unwearied raises.
Be joyful in the Lord, my heart,
Both soul and body take your part:
To God all praise and glory.

Text: Johann Jacob Schütz, 1678
Music: Bohemian Brethren's *Kirchengesang*, 1566

***CALL TO CONFESSION**

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (*praying together*)

O GOD, when we keep silent about our sin, we waste away with regret and guilt; we feel your hand upon us, and our strength dries up. And so we acknowledge our sin to you, holding nothing back, for you are a hiding place for us; we trust in you to preserve us. Forgive us and reclaim us, we pray.

***TIME OF SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***KYRIE**



***ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***LENTEN RESPONSE** (*singing together*)

Westminster Abbey

To this temple where we call thee, Come O Lord of Hosts today,
With thy wonted loving kindness, Hear thy servants as they pray,
And thy fullest benediction, Shed within these walls away.

HEARING THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

OLD TESTAMENT: Isaiah 43:16-21

Thus says the Lord,
who makes a way in the sea,
a path in the mighty waters,
¹⁷ who brings out chariot and horse,
army and warrior;
they lie down, they cannot rise,
they are extinguished, quenched like a wick:
¹⁸ Do not remember the former things,
or consider the things of old.
¹⁹ I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth, do you not perceive it?
I will make a way in the wilderness
and rivers in the desert.

²⁰ The wild animals will honor me,
the jackals and the ostriches;
for I give water in the wilderness,
rivers in the desert,
to give drink to my chosen people,
²¹ the people whom I formed for myself
so that they might declare my praise.

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

***THE PSALTER**

Psalm 126

Sheaves

1. When God delivered Israel
From bondage long ago,
They thought that they were dreaming,
But soon they turned to laughing
And sang a song of joy,
And sang a song of joy.

2. The godless nations round them
Could not deny that power
They cried, "O see this marvel!"
"God's work," replied the people.
And so they sang for joy.
And so they sang for joy.

3. O God, restore our nation,
Come, irrigate dry souls,
That those who sow in sadness
May reap their sheaves with gladness
And sing the song of joy.
And sing the song of joy.

Text: Michael A. Saward, 1973
Music: Norman J. Warren, 1973

EPISTLE: Philippians 3:4b-14

If anyone else has reason to be confident in the flesh, I have more: ⁵ circumcised on the eighth day, a member of the people of Israel, of the tribe of Benjamin, a Hebrew born of Hebrews; as to the law, a Pharisee; ⁶ as to zeal, a persecutor of the church; as to righteousness under the law, blameless.

⁷ Yet whatever gains I had, these I have come to regard as loss because of Christ. ⁸ More than that, I regard everything as loss because of the surpassing value of knowing Christ Jesus my Lord. For his sake I have suffered the loss of all things, and I regard them as rubbish, in order that I may gain Christ ⁹ and be found in him, not having a righteousness of my own that comes from the law, but one that comes through faith in Christ, the righteousness from God based on faith. ¹⁰ I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, ¹¹ if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

¹² Not that I have already obtained this or have already reached the goal; but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. ¹³ Beloved, I do not consider that I have made it my own; but this one thing

I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead,¹⁴ I press on toward the goal for the prize of the heavenly call of God in Christ Jesus.

GOSPEL: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead.² There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him.³ Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them^[a] with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.⁴ But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said,⁵ "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii^[b] and the money given to the poor?"⁶ (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.)⁷ Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it^[c] so that she might keep it for the day of my burial."⁸ You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

The Word of the Lord ... Thanks be to God.

SERMON

The Rev. Denise Clark-Jones

RESPONDING TO THE WORD

*HYMN

Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee

St. Agnes

1. Jesus, the very thought of thee
With sweetness fills my breast,
But sweeter far thy face to see,
And in thy presence rest.

2. Nor voice can sing, nor heart can frame
Nor can the mind recall,
A sweeter sound than thy blest name,
O Savior of us all.

3. O hope of every contrite heart,
O joy of all the meek,
To those who fall, how kind thou art!
How good to those who seek!

4. But what to those who find? Ah this
Nor tongue nor pen can show.
The love of Jesus, what it is
None but his loved ones know.

5. Jesus, our only joy by thou,
As thou our prize wilt be;
Jesus, be thou our glory now
And through eternity.

Text: Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1157
Music: John Bacchus Dykes, 1866

*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (*Affirming together*)

The Apostles' Creed

I BELIEVE IN GOD, the Father almighty, creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, God's only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, he is seated at the right hand of the Father, and he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic Church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

***PASSING OF THE PEACE**

The peace of Christ be with you ... **And also with you**

THE GIFT OF MUSIC

**Lord, let me know mine end
The Westminster Choir**

Maurice Greene

Laurel Cramer, soprano; Kate Kortemeier, mezzo-soprano

Lord, let me know mine end and the number of my days, That I may be certified how long I have to live. Thou hast made my days as it were a span long; And mine age is as nothing in respect of Thee, And verily, ev'ry man living is altogether vanity, For man walketh in a vain shadow And disquieteth himself in vain, He heapeth up riches and cannot tell who shall gather them. And now, Lord, what is my hope? Truly my hope is even in Thee. Hear my pray'r, O Lord And with Thy ears consider my calling, Hold not Thy peace at my tears! O spare me a little, that I may recover my strength before I go hence And be no more seen.

Text: Psalm 39

SEALING THE WORD

*At the time of the **Distribution of the EUCHARIST**, worshipers are asked to use the bread and wine distributed as you entered the church. Those at home are encouraged to use whatever bread and wine are at hand as the food of the Supper. Jesus himself used the left over bread and wine from the Passover Feast to institute the first Eucharist. So we, too, may use those things closest at hand for this celebration. Christians of any age or church affiliation are welcome at Christ's table, where Christ himself is the host.*

INVITATION

One: *The Lord be with you.*

All: **And also with you.**

One: *Lift up your hearts.*

All: **We lift them to the Lord.**

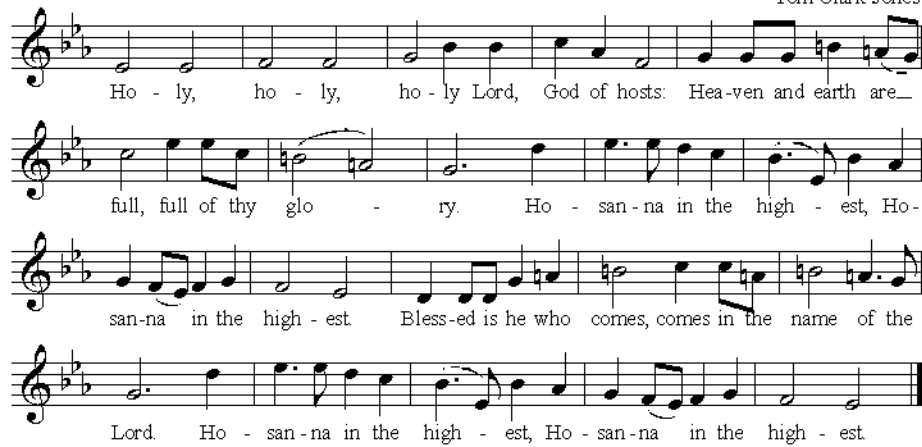
One: *Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.*

All: **It is right to give God thanks and praise.**

COMMUNION PRAYER

SANCTUS

Tom Clark-Jones



Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly Lord, God of hosts: Hea-ven and earth are—
full, full of thy glo - ry. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho -
san-na in the high - est. Bless-ed is he who comes, comes in the name of the
Lord. Ho - san-na in the high - est, Ho - san-na in the high - est.

COMMUNION PRAYER and MEMORIAL ACCLAMATIONS



Dy-ing you de - stroyed our— death, Ris-ing you re - stored our life,
Lord Je - sus come a - gain— in— glo - ry!

PRAYERS AND INTERCESSIONS

In your mercy ... Lord hear our prayer

THE CONSECRATION

THE LORD'S PRAYER *[praying together]*

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.

*These are holy things, to keep us holy. Gifts of God for the people of God.
Let us keep the feast.*

DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

COMMUNION MUSIC

Strengthen for Service, Lord

Leo Nestor

Strengthen for service, Lord, the hands that holy things have taken; let ears that now have

heard thy songs to clamour never waken. Lord, may the tongues which 'Holy' sang keep free from all deceiving; the eyes which saw thy love be bright, thy blessed hope perceiving. The feet that tread thy holy courts from light do thou not banish; the bodies by thy Body fed with thy new life replenish.

POST-COMMUNION PRAYER

BEARING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

*HYMN

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

Hamburg

1. 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.

2. Forbid it, Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God,
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to his blood.

3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet,
Sorrow and blood flow mingled down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,
Or thorns compose so rich a crown.

4. 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.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1767
Music: Lowell Mason, 1824

*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

*CHORAL BENEDICTION

A Gaelic Blessing

John Rutter

Deep peace of the running wave to you Deep peace of the flowing air to you Deep peace of the quiet earth to you Deep peace of the shining stars to you Deep peace of the gentle night to you Moon and stars pour their healing light on you Deep peace of Christ the light of the world to you, Deep peace of Christ to you.

*POSTLUDE

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