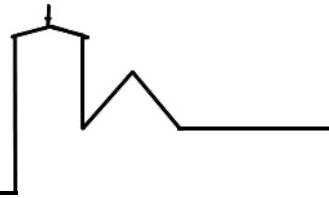


# THE SEASON OF LENT

Westminster Presbyterian

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## GATHERING IN THE PRESENCE OF THE RISEN CHRIST

### THE PREPARATION

**Solemn Prelude on a Theme of Thomas Tallis**

Gerald Near

**Prelude on "Lonesome Valley"**

Francis Jackson

### WELCOME

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP

ONE: The days are surely coming, says our God;  
The day is here to affirm a new covenant.

**ALL: We call on God's steadfast love and mercy.  
We seek a solid and vital relationship with our God.**

ONE: God's law will be written on our hearts.  
Our Creator claims us and forgives our faithlessness.

**ALL: We are eager to know the God who loves us.  
We are ready to learn God's intention for us.**

ONE: God offers us the joy of salvation.  
Our brokenness can be healed and wholeness restored.

**ALL: We are open to the new and right spirit God offers.  
We seek guidance for our daily living.**

### OPENING PRAYER

### \*HYMN 85

**What Wondrous Love is This**

*Wondrous Love*

### CALL TO CONFESSION

**PRAYER OF CONFESSION (UNISON) Have mercy on us, O God, according to your unwavering love. Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us from our sin. We know more of our own transgression than we have been willing to admit, even to ourselves. We have done what is evil in your sight by our actions and neglect. May your judgment help us to face the truth about ourselves. Then wash away our guilt and shame. Create in us clean hearts, and renew our spirits. We are ready for a new life. Amen.**

*Lord, in your mercy...*

**Hear our prayers.**

### TIME FOR SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION

## KYRIE

**Lord, Have Mercy**

Capo 3: (D) F (A) C (D) F (G) (A) (D) B<sup>b</sup> C F

Lord, have mer - cy; Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have

(A) C (D/F#) F/A (F#m) Am (G) B<sup>b</sup> (A) (Bm) C Dm

mer - cy up - on us. Lord, have mer - cy;

(G) B<sup>b</sup> (D) F (A) (Bm) C Dm (Em7) Gm7 (A) (Dsus) C Fsus (D) F

Christ, have mer - cy; Lord, have mer - cy up - on us.

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

### HEARING THE WORD

## PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

## OLD TESTAMENT LESSON: Jeremiah 31:31-34

*The Word of the Lord...*

**Thanks be to God.**

## \*PSALM 51

Be Merciful, O Lord

Marty Haugen

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Be mer - ci - ful, O Lord, for we have sinned; be

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1. Have mercy on me, God, in your kindness in your compassion, blot out my offence. Oh wash me more and more from my guilt and my sorrow, and cleanse me from all my sin.
2. My offences, truly I know them, and my sins are always before me; Against you, alone have I sinned, O Lord, what is evil in your sight I have done.
3. Create in me a clean heart, O God, put your steadfast spirit in my soul. Cast me not away from your presence, Oh Lord. And take not your spirit from me.
4. Give back to me the joy of your salvation, let your willing spirit bear me up and I shall teach your way to the ones who have wandered, and bring them all home to your side.

## EPISTLE: Hebrews 5:5-10

**GOSPEL:** John 12:20-33

*The Word of the Lord...*

**Thanks be to God.**

**SERMON:**

**“We Wish to See Jesus”**

**Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**RESPONDING TO THE WORD**

**HYMN 80**

**Jesus Walked this Lonesome Valley**

*Lonesome Valley*

**\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH (UNISON)**

*(The Mustard Bush Statement of Faith)*

**We believe in God, the holy Source of all that is.**

**We believe in God, who has spoken the eternal Word in Jesus Christ.**

**We believe in God, ceaselessly breathing the Spirit into creation.**

**We trust in God’s love and wisdom:**

**fully revealed in the humanity of Jesus Christ, present to us through the Spirit’s working in the Church and beyond.**

**We believe that God is calling the whole creation into a future of justice and peace. We share in Christ’s risen life and commit ourselves today to receive the coming reign of God.**

**To the only God, Three yet One, be all honor and glory and praise now and forever. Amen.**

**\*PASSING OF THE PEACE**

*May the peace of Christ be with you.*

**And also with you.**

**THE GIFT OF MUSIC**

**Solus ad Victimam**

*Kenneth Leighton*

*Alone to sacrifice thou goest, Lord, giving thyself to Death whom thou hast alin. For us thy wretched folk is any word? Who know that for our sins this is thy pain? For they are ours, O Lord, our deeds, our deeds, Why must thou suffer torture for our sin? Let our hearts suffer in thy Passion, Lord, that very suffering may thy mercy sin. This is the night of tears, the three days’ space, Sorrow abiding of the eventide. Until the daybreak with the risen Christ, And hearts that sorrowed shall be satisfied. So may our hearts share in thine anguish, Lord, that they may sharers of thy glory be; Heavy with weeping may the three days pass, To win the laughter, the laughter of thine Easter Day.*



**SEALING THE WORD**

**INTERCESSIONS AND SUPPLICATIONS**

*In your mercy...*

**Lord, hear our prayer.**

**THE LORD’S PRAYER**

**(UNISON) 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**

CARRYING THE WORD INTO THE WORLD

**\*HYMN 76**

**My Soul is Love Unknown**

*Love Unknown*

**\*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

**POSTLUDE**

**What Wondrous Love is this**

*Craig Phillip*

Leading in worship today:

**The Rev. Tim Mitchell**

**Polly Brecht, Organist-Choirmaster**

**The Westminster Quartet:**

**Alyson MacQuarrie, soprano · Kate Kortemeier, alto**

**J. Douglas McQueen, tenor · David Kortemeier, baritone**



Open Minds Open Hands Open Heart

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