

# Welcome All to Sunday Worship Service



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## ORDER OF WORSHIP

First Presbyterian Church  
April 5, 2020  
Passion Sunday  
Sixth Sunday in Lent

**Prelude:** "O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

No. 98

### Welcome and Announcements

### Call to Worship

One: Bless the Lord, O people, sing!

**All: Let the sound of praise ring out.**

One: Come and hear what the Lord has done,

**All: the Lord who has made everything!**

### Prayer of the Day (*unison*)

Loving God,  
in whom we live and move and have our being,  
help us to choose life in you,  
that we may keep the commands of Jesus,  
follow the promptings of the Holy Spirit,  
and witness to the hope that is within us,  
sharing Christ's love in the world. Amen.

### Musical Meditation: "All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

No. 88

### Invitation to Confession

Sisters and brothers,  
God not only asks us to repent,  
but also assures us of forgiveness.  
Therefore, let us confess our sins  
to the one who is steadfast love.

### Prayer of Confession (*unison*)

Loving God,  
we do not always keep your commandments;  
we fail to love you;  
our conscience is not clear.  
Wash us in the water of life  
that we may live again  
through the grace and mercy of Jesus,  
our resurrected Savior. Amen.

**Kyrie Eleison** (*singing in unison*)

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

**Assurance of Pardon**

Sisters and brothers,  
God forgives, restores, and strengthens us  
through the risen Christ.  
Know that you are forgiven  
and be at peace.

Believe in God, Friends!  
Believe the good news: in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

**Gloria Patri**

**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.**

**Musical Meditation:** “Ah, Holy Jesus”

No.93

**Prayer for Illumination**

Come Holy Spirit, our helper and advocate:  
Open our hearts and minds this day,  
entice us with your presence.  
Spark us with a word of life—  
a message that we may share with others  
as we seek to live Christ’s love in the world.  
All this we ask in the name of our Triune God,  
who creates, redeems, and sustains us. **Amen.**

**Scripture Reading:** Matthew 27:11-54

P.P. 31-33 in the New Testament

Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him, “Are you the King of the Jews?” Jesus said, “You say so.” But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him, “Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?” But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed.

Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them, “Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?” For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him, “Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.”

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**Scripture Reading:** (*continued*)

Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them, “Which of the two do you want me to release for you?” And they said, “Barabbas.” Pilate said to them, “Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?” All of them said, “Let him be crucified!” Then he asked, “Why, what evil has he done?” But they shouted all the more, “Let him be crucified!”

So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying, “I am innocent of this man’s blood; see to it yourselves.” Then the people as a whole answered, “His blood be on us and on our children!” So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor’s headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying, “Hail, King of the Jews!” They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him.

As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, “This is Jesus, the King of the Jews.”

Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, “You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.” In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying, “He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, ‘I am God’s Son.’” The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way.

From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o’clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, “Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?” that is, “My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?” When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, “This man is calling for Elijah.” At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said, “Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.” Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said, “Truly this man was God’s Son!”

**Devotional:** The Passion Story

Rev. Jim DeMent

*Silence and stillness*

**Organ Anthem:** “Where You There?”

- *Lowel Mason, 1824*

**Affirmation of Faith (The 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 at 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.

**Prayers of the People and Silent Prayer**

**The Lord's Prayer** (*singing in unison*)

**Charge and Benediction**

**Postlude:** "Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley" - No. 80

We have reproduced below the lyrics of the hymns that Robert Wyatt will be playing for this "Virtual Worship Service." All the hymns below are either in the public domain or have been reproduced, under license, from *The Presbyterian Hymnal* (Westminster/John Knox Press, Louisville: 1990). We encourage you to read along, nay!, sing along at home, as Robert plays the hymns he has selected with comfort, hope, strength, and courage in mind during this Lenten Season. Follow the verses in this order:

Verse 1  
Verse 2

Verse 3  
Verse 4

**O SACRED HEAD, NOW WOUNDED**

O sacred Head, now wounded,  
With grief and shame weighed down;  
Now scornfully surrounded  
With thorns, thine only crown;  
O sacred Head, what glory,  
What bliss 'til now was thine!  
Yet, though despised and gory,  
I joy to call thee mine.

What language shall I borrow  
To thank thee, dearest Friend,  
For this, thy dying sorrow,  
Thy pity without end?  
O make me Thine forever;  
And should I fainting be,  
Lord, let me never, never  
Outlive my love to Thee.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered  
Was all for sinners' gain:  
Mine, mine was the transgression,  
But thine the deadly pain.  
Lo, here I fall, my Savior!  
'Tis I deserve Thy place;  
Look on me with Thy favor,  
Vouchsafe to me Thy grace.

**All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

Thou art the King of Israel  
Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest,  
The King and Blessed One.

To Thee before your passion,  
They sang their hymns of praise;  
To Thee, now high exalted,  
our melody we raise.

**Refrain:**

All glory, laud, and honor  
To Thee, Redeemer, King!  
To whom the lips of children  
Made sweet hosannas ring.

The people of the Hebrews  
With palms before Thee went;  
Our praise and prayer and anthems  
Before Thee we present.

**Ah, Holy Jesus**

Ah, holy Jesus, how have You offended,  
That mortal judgment on You descended?  
By foes derided, by Your own rejected,  
O most afflicted!

For me, dear Jesus, was Your incarnation,  
Your mortal sorrow, and Your life's oblation,  
Your death of anguish and thy bitter passion,  
For my salvation.

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon You?  
It is my treason, Lord, that has undone You.  
'Twas I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied You;  
I crucified You.

Therefore, dear Jesus, since I cannot pay You,  
I do adore You, and will ever pray You,  
Think on Your pity and Your love unswerving,  
Not my deserving.

**Were You There**

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they pierced Him in the side?

Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when they nailed Him to the tree?

Were you there when God laid Him in the tomb?  
Were you there when God laid Him in the tomb?  
Oh, sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble,  
tremble.  
Were you there when God laid Him in the tomb?

**Jesus Walked This Lonesome Valley**

Jesus walked this lonesome valley,  
He had to walk it by himself;  
O, nobody else could walk it for him,  
He had to walk it by himself.

You must go and stand your trial,  
You have to stand it by yourself;  
O, nobody else can stand it for you,  
You have to stand it by yourself.

We must walk this lonesome valley,  
We have to walk it by ourselves;  
O, nobody else can walk it for us,  
We have to walk it by ourselves.



**Caregiving Concerns and Prayer Requests**

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**Pastor’s Note**

Among many Christian traditions, including the Protestant Reformed Tradition, the worship service for the Sixth Sunday in Lent (which is also the last Sunday before Easter) can focus on Jesus’ triumphant entry into Jerusalem (“Palm Sunday”) or on Jesus’ trial, suffering, and crucifixion (“Passion Sunday”) which followed. For this service, we have placed palms on the altar to remember the joy of Jesus’ entry into Jerusalem, and we shall sing the great Palm Sunday hymn, “All Glory, Laud, and Honor.” Otherwise, however, we are following the liturgy and Scripture reading for Passion Sunday. Given that it appears we will be unable to gather to commemorate Good Friday in person this year, we shall today anticipate the death of Christ and the darkness which would have followed in the world had it not been for the Good News of Easter Morning, which we will joyfully celebrate next Sunday!

**Clergy, Music, and Administration**

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