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PUBLIC WORSHIP *of* GOD

March 13, 2016
8:15 a.m.


Second
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

As you enter the Sanctuary, please prepare your heart for worship and silence your mobile devices.

John Calvin declares that “we will never worship God with a sincere heart, or be roused to fear and obey Him with sufficient zeal, until we properly understand how much we are indebted to His mercy.”

Our first Scripture reading and opening hymn explain in detail why we are so indebted to our Lord Jesus Christ. He is God’s servant who suffers not because of His own sins, but because of ours. He rescues us by living and dying as our substitute. He takes away our infirmities. He carries our sorrows. He is pierced for our transgressions. He is crushed for our iniquities. Note the amazing detail of Isaiah’s prophecy that was written almost 700 years before the life of Jesus, our Messiah.

Let us marvel at the privileges that are ours because of the cross of Jesus. We now have peace with God and the healing of our hearts.

Let us pray that the Holy Spirit would work mightily in our hearts so that we would cherish a more firm, soul-absorbing confidence in the power of the gospel. This gospel declares that Jesus died as a weak and helpless lamb to save straying and stubborn sheep like us for all eternity. As we draw near to worship, may our Lord give us a foretaste of the unending joy and delight that will be ours in God’s presence forever.

THE LITURGY OF THE WORD

PRELUDE:

“Praise to the Lord, the Almighty”Max Reger

Samuel Metzger, organ

“Benedictus” Karl Jenkins

Benedictus qui venit in nomine domini.

Hosanna in excelsis.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest.

*Laudis Domini Vocal Ensemble
Gabriel C. Statom, Director of Music
Diego Rodriguez, cello*

“Andante Sostenuto” from *Symphonie Gothique* Charles-Marie Widor

CHORAL MEDITATION: “O Vos Omnes” Tomás Luis de Victoria

O vos omnes qui transitis per viam,

Attendite, et viet. Si est dolor similis sicut dolor meus.

Attendite, universi populi, et videte dolorem meum.

O all ye that pass by on your journey, behold and see, look upon me.

Could there any sorrow be like unto my sorrow?

Behold and see, all ye people,

Come, give heed, and consider my grief and sorrow.

CALL TO WORSHIP Michael C. Davis

✦HYMN OF CHRIST’S ATONING WORK:

No. 246 “Man of Sorrows! What a Name” HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

stanzas 1-4

✦PROPHETIC LESSON: Isaiah 53:3-7 Ginni Fischer

He was despised and rejected by men;
a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief;

**and as one from whom men hide their faces
he was despised, and we esteemed him not.**

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

**yet we esteemed him stricken,
smitten by God, and afflicted.**

But he was pierced for our transgressions;
he was crushed for our iniquities;

**upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace,
and with his wounds we are healed.**

All we like sheep have gone astray;
we have turned — every one — to his own way;

**and the Lord has laid on him
the iniquity of us all.**

He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth;

**like a lamb that is led to the slaughter,
and like a sheep that before its shearers is silent,
so he opened not his mouth.**

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR!

**When He comes, our glorious King, all His ransomed home to bring,
Then anew this song we'll sing: Hallelujah! what a Savior!**

✦PRAYER OF ADORATION

✦GREETINGS

A WORD TO THE CHILDREN J. Ronald Hickman

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION Gerry A. Peak

PRESENTATION OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM: "Laudamus Te" Karl Jenkins

*Laudamus te. Benedicimus te.
Adoramus te. Glorificamus te.
Gratias agimus tibi propter magnam gloriam tuam.*

We praise You, we bless You,
We worship You, we glorify You,
We give thanks to You for Your great glory.

✦CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE TALLIS' CANON

**Thee we adore, eternal Lord!
We praise Thy name with one accord.
Thy saints, who here Thy goodness see,
Through all the world do worship Thee.**

**To Thee aloud all angels cry,
The heav'ns and all the pow'rs on high:
Thee, holy, holy, holy King,
Lord God of Hosts, they ever sing.**

**From day to day, O Lord, do we
Exalt and highly honor Thee!
Thy name we worship and adore,
World without end, forevermore.**

✦PRAYER OF DEDICATION

All flesh is grass, and all its beauty is like the flower of the field;

**The grass withers, the flower fades,
but the Word of our God will stand forever. Amen.** (Isaiah 40:6b, 8)

HOMILY *Jesus' Prayer for His Church* Richard G. Cain

THE LITURGY OF THE TABLE

✦ INVITATION TO THE TABLE

All those who have publicly professed their faith and joined a Christian church as a communing member are warmly welcomed to receive communion today. Non-communing worshipers are encouraged to contemplate the love of Jesus Christ during this time. At Second Presbyterian, we encourage our children not to take communion until they have joined the church as communicant members.

We do, however, encourage non-communing children to come forward with their parents to receive a blessing. Those wishing to be served communion together as a group or family, please stand together in front of the two serving elders before taking the elements.

Gluten-free communion bread is available upon request from the elder at the east side of the transverse aisle (opposite from the door leading to the Connector).

✦ PROFESSION 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 on 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.**

✦ GLORIA PATRI GREATOREX

**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!**

CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Most holy and merciful Father,
we confess that we have sinned by our own fault
in thought, word, and deed.
We have not loved You
with our whole heart, mind, and strength.
We have not loved our neighbors as ourselves.
We confess the pride, hypocrisy, and impatience of our lives,
our intemperate love of worldly goods and comforts,
our dishonesty in daily life and work,
our negligence in prayer and worship,
and our failure to confidently rest in gospel grace.
Have mercy upon us for we pray
in the blessed name of Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.

INDIVIDUAL PRAYERS OF CONFESSION

ASSURANCE OF DIVINE PARDON

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

PRAYER OF CONSECRATION AND 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.

SHARING THE BREAD AND THE CUP

For those unable to come forward for communion, please raise your hand and an elder will serve you in your seat. Throughout this time of communion, we invite you to join in singing the hymns below.

"Be Thou My Vision" SLANE
Reference page 642 in the hymnal for music.

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true Word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Thou my great Father, and I Thy true son;
Thou in me dwelling, and I with Thee one.

Be Thou my battle shield, sword for my fight;
Be Thou my dignity, Thou my delight,
Thou my soul's shelter, Thou my high tow'r:
Raise Thou me heav'nward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
High king of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

High king of heaven, my victory won,
May I reach heaven's joys, O bright heaven's sun!
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O ruler of all.

"The Power of the Cross".....Keith Getty



1. Oh to see the dawn of the dark - est day,
2. Oh to see the pain writ - ten on Your face,
3. Now the day - light flees, now the ground be - neath
4. Oh to see my name writ - ten in the wounds,

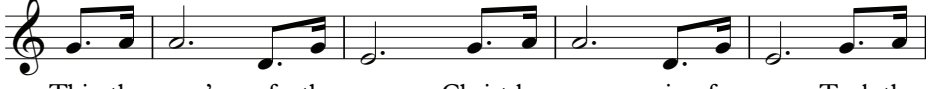


Christ on the road to Cal - va - ry. Tried by sin - ful men,
bear - ing the awe - some weight of sin. Ev - 'ry bit - ter thought,
quakes as its Mak - er bows His head. Cur - tain torn in two,
for through Your suf - f'ring I am free. Death is crushed to death,



torn and beat - en then nailed to a cross of wood.
ev - 'ry e - vil deed crown - ing Your blood - stained brow.
dead are raised to life, "Fin - ished!" the vic - t'ry cry.
life is mine to live won through Your self - less love!

Refrain



This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Christ be - came sin for us, Took the
This the pow'r of the cross, Son of God slain for us, What a



blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
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blame, bore the wrath, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.
love, what a cost, We stand for - giv - en at the cross.

"I Love Thy Kingdom, Lord" ST. THOMAS
Reference page 353 in the hymnal for music.

**I love Thy kingdom, Lord, the house of Thine abode,
The church our blest Redeemer saved with His own precious blood.**

**I love Thy church, O God: her walls before Thee stand,
Dear as the apple of Thine eye, and graven on Thy hand.**

**For her my tears shall fall, for her my prayers ascend;
To her my cares and toils be giv'n, till toils and cares shall end.**

**Beyond my highest joy I prize her heav'nly ways,
Her sweet communion, solemn vows, her hymns of love and praise.**

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

✦SENDING HYMN ST. THOMAS

**Jesus, thou Friend divine, our Savior and our King,
Thy hand from ev'ry snare and foe shall great deliv'rance bring.**

**Sure as Thy truth shall last, to Zion shall be giv'n
The brightest glories earth can yield, and brighter bliss of heav'n.**

✦BENEDICTION

✦CONGREGATIONAL THREE-FOLD AMEN

ORGAN POSTLUDE: "Grand Chœur" Théodore Dubois

✦Indicates congregation standing