



WESTMINSTER
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Maundy Thursday

April 1, 2021

7:00 P.M.

The Prelude

Given For You
(Blake)

Ms. Bertha Dykstra

Gethsemane Prayer
(Curtis)

The Welcome and Announcements

† The Call to Worship

Isaiah 53:7-9

Leader: 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.

All: By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people? And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.

† The Hymn

Ab, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended

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† The Invocation 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.

† The Confession of Faith

Westminster Confession of Faith VIII.IV

This office the Lord Jesus did most willingly undertake; which that he might discharge, he was made under the law, and did perfectly fulfill it; endured most grievous torments immediately in his soul, and most painful sufferings in his body; was crucified, and died, was buried, and remained under the power of death, yet saw no corruption. On the third day he arose from the dead, with the same body in which he suffered, with which also he ascended into heaven, and there sitteth at the right hand of his Father, making intercession, and shall return, to judge men and angels, at the end of the world.

† The Gloria Patri

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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.

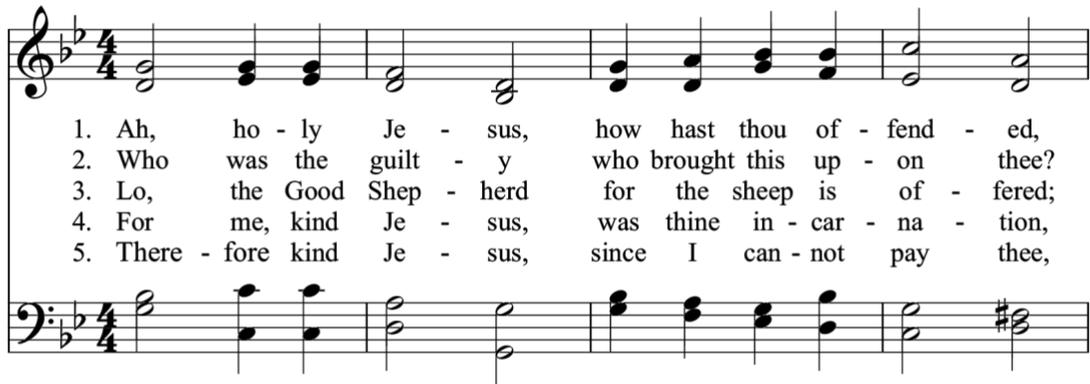
The Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you who are rich in mercy to all those who call upon you, hear us as we come to you, humbly confessing our sins, and imploring your mercy and forgiveness. We have broken your holy laws by our deeds, and by our words, and by the sinful affections of our hearts. We confess before you our disobedience and ingratitude, our pride and willfulness, and all our failures and shortcomings toward you and our fellow man. Have mercy upon us, most merciful Father, and out of your great goodness, grant that we may hereafter serve and please you in newness of life, through the merit and mediation of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

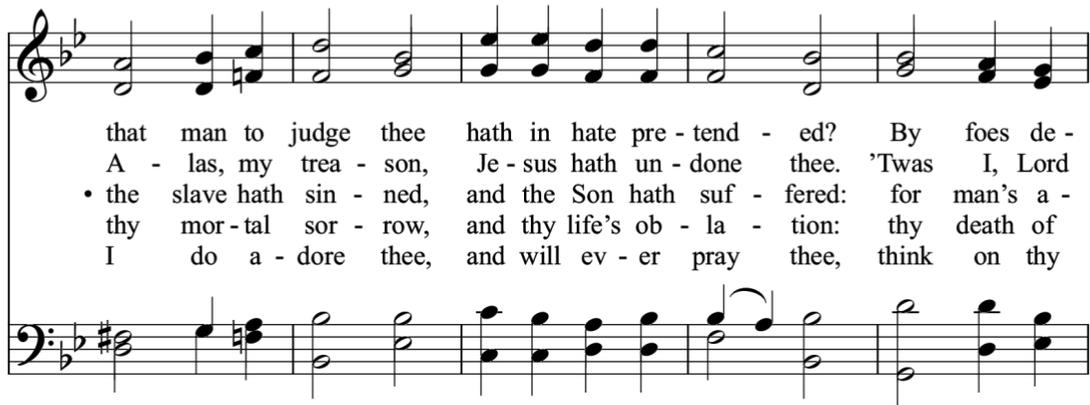
The Denial and Agony		Matthew 26:30-46
The Hymn	<i>Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy</i>	#339, vv. 1-2
The Betrayal, Arrest, and Abandonment		Matthew 26:47-56; 69-75
The Hymn	<i>Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy</i>	#339, vv. 3-4
The Deacons Offering		
The Offertory	<i>Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed</i> (Hymn #341, arr. H. Wilson)	
The Homily and Prayer		Mr. Jim Roberts
	“From Passover to Lord’s Supper” Luke 22:14-20	Church Bible, pg. 882
† The Communion Hymn	<i>Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted</i>	#342, vv. 1-2
The Sacrament of the Lord’s Supper		
	<i>The inner circles of cups contain wine and the outer circle contains grape juice. The bread is gluten free. Please hold each element until all have been served so that we may partake together.</i>	
† The Communion Hymn	<i>Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted</i>	#342, vv. 3-4
† The Benediction		
† The Doxology		#567
† The Postlude	<i>A Lenten Classic</i> (based on Handel’s <i>Larghetto</i> from Organ Concerto No. 5, arr. L. Smith)	Ms. Bertha Dykstra

†**Congregation Standing**

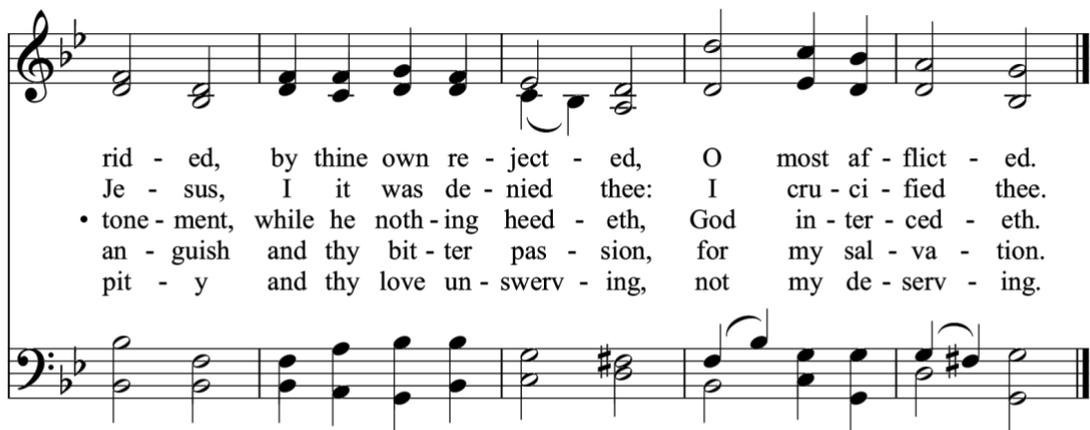
Ah, Holy Jesus, How Hast Thou Offended 337



1. Ah, ho - ly Je - sus, how hast thou of - fend - ed,
 2. Who was the guilt - y who brought this up - on thee?
 3. Lo, the Good Shep - herd for the sheep is of - fered;
 4. For me, kind Je - sus, was thine in - car - na - tion,
 5. There - fore kind Je - sus, since I can - not pay thee,



that man to judge thee hath in hate pre - tend - ed? By foes de -
 A - las, my trea - son, Je - sus hath un - done thee. 'Twas I, Lord
 • the slave hath sin - ned, and the Son hath suf - fered: for man's a -
 thy mor - tal sor - row, and thy life's ob - la - tion: thy death of
 I do a - dore thee, and will ev - er pray thee, think on thy



rid - ed, by thine own re - ject - ed, O most af - flict - ed.
 Je - sus, I it was de - nied thee: I cru - ci - fied thee.
 • tone - ment, while he noth - ing heed - eth, God in - ter - ced - eth.
 an - guish and thy bit - ter pas - sion, for my sal - va - tion.
 pit - y and thy love un - swerv - ing, not my de - serv - ing.

Hark! the Voice of Love and Mercy

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1. Hark! the voice of love and mer - cy sounds a - loud from Cal - va - ry;
 2. "It is fin - ished!" O what plea - sure do these pre - cious words af - ford;
 3. Fin - ished all the types and shad - ows of the cer - e - mo - nial law;
 4. Tune your harps a - new, ye ser - aphs, join to sing the glo - rious theme;

see, it rends the rocks a - sun - der, shakes the earth, and veils the sky:
 heav'n - ly bless - ings, with - out mea - sure, flow to us from Christ the Lord:
 fin - ished all that God had prom - ised; death and hell no more shall awe:
 all in earth, and all in heav - en, join to praise Em - man - uel's name:

"It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 "It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished! It is fin - ished!"
 Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry; hear the dy - ing Sav - ior cry.
 Saints the dy - ing words re - cord; saints the dy - ing words re - cord.
 Saints, from hence your com - fort draw; saints, from hence your com - fort draw.
 Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb! Glo - ry to the bleed - ing Lamb!

Stricken, Smitten, and Afflicted

1. Strick - en, smit - ten, and af - flict - ed, see him dy - ing on the tree!
 2. Tell me, ye who hear him groan - ing, was there ev - er grief like his?
 3. Ye who think of sin but light - ly nor sup - pose the e - vil great
 4. Here we have a firm foun - da - tion, here the ref - uge of the lost;

'Tis the Christ by man re - ject - ed; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!
 Friends thro' fear his cause dis - own - ing, foes in - sult - ing his dis - tress;
 here may view its na - ture right - ly, here its guilt may es - ti - mate.
 Christ's the Rock of our sal - va - tion, his the name of which we boast.

'Tis the long - ex - pect - ed Proph - et, Da - vid's son, yet Da - vid's Lord;
 man - y hands were raised to wound him, none would in - ter - pose to save;
 Mark the sac - ri - fice ap - point - ed, see who bears the aw - ful load;
 Lamb of God, for sin - ners wound - ed, sac - ri - fice to can - cel guilt!

by his Son God now has spo - ken: 'tis the true and faith - ful Word.
 but the deep - est stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Jus - tice gave.
 'tis the Word, the Lord's A - noint - ed, Son of Man and Son of God.
 None shall ev - er be con - found - ed who on him their hope have built.

Home Worship Guide

Beloved congregation,

The ongoing coronavirus pandemic is affecting every family, business, and institution in our country. Even churches like ours are not exempt from its life-altering influence. As you know, Westminster Presbyterian Church has a deep commitment to the Bible-mandated practice of corporate worship on the Lord's Day. As much as we would love to continue assembling as a unified body every week, we know it is necessary to do our part to protect the members of this body and the community around us by honoring social distancing recommendations. Therefore, our parishioners will need to worship with us corporately via Livestream until further notice.

One of the benefits of being able to worship together in our beautiful sanctuary is that it naturally engenders a corporate atmosphere of reverence mingled with joy. Visible markers of corporate reverence include our rising together during the invocation, the offering up of solemn prayers, periods of sustained silence, and attentive listening. Visible markers of corporate joy include the vigorous singing of praises, heartfelt confession of creeds, delighting in the assurance of pardon, and offering up of tithes and offerings.

Our goal during this challenging season is to retain as much of this corporate worship experience as we possibly can. Please use the suggestions in this guide to help you toward this end.

As you follow along with the streamed worship, we encourage you to worship at home just as you would at church. For this to happen, you will need to be intentional about the following:

- Find a place in your home that is devoid of unnecessary distractions. Be careful about not allowing your smartphone, tablet, radio, pets, magazines, or anything else to divert your attention from worshipping the Triune God in Spirit and truth.
- Have your Bible and worship bulletin readily accessible. We have slightly modified our bulletin to facilitate easy viewing and printing at home. We strongly recommend having printed copies of the bulletin for your family members, especially the children.
- Dress appropriately as a means of rightly framing your mind toward the task at hand. For most people, it will be difficult to foster a serious and contemplative attitude of worship if they are lounging around in pajamas. How we dress has a profound influence on our behavior.
- Unless providentially hindered, be sure to stand with the congregation when asked to do so. Standing will unite your posture with the gathered assembly and also serve as a natural deterrent to laziness.
- Audibly participate in all corporate prayers, confessions, and singing. The purpose of our Livestream worship service is to glorify God, not to be entertained. There is no such thing as a "passenger" in the worship of God. He has created everything to be participating actively in his praise (Psalm 148).
- Participate in pastoral prayers by bowing your head, closing your eyes, and agreeing silently with the prayers offered up to God. Don't use this as a time to recharge your coffee cups.
- Every Livestream service will still contain an offertory hymn. We urge you to use this time to make an online offering or write a check for later mailing. Even though we cannot meet together, our church and missionaries are still very much dependent on your regular tithes and offerings.
- Participate in sermons by actively listening and engaging with the text of Holy Scripture.
- In sum, approach this Livestream worship service precisely as you would if you were present in the sanctuary.

Beloved, these are challenging times, but they afford us a unique opportunity to express our corporate solidarity as God's redeemed people. Many of our friends, neighbors, and co-workers remain blind to the glorious Gospel of our crucified and risen Savior. The confusion and fear of the unbelievers around us will likely increase during this season of uncertainty. Please invite them to join us in corporate worship. In doing so, you will be offering real hope to their imperiled souls.

~Pastor Joe