

Worship of the Living God

Good Friday, March 29, 2024

Proclaiming the Gospel in Word and Sacrament

To maintain a spirit of reverent reflection on our Lord's Passion, please remain silent prior to the beginning of the service as well as when you leave. Children ages 3 through 3rd grade may be escorted to Children's Church prior to the service.

Choral Anthem *Via Dolorosa*

Down the Vía Dolorosa in Jerusalem that day
The soldiers tried to clear the narrow street.
But the crowd pressed in to see
The man condemned to die on Calvary.

He was bleeding from a beating, there were stripes upon his back
And he wore a crown of thorns upon His head.
And he bore with every step
The scorn of those who cried out for his death.

Down the Vía Dolorosa, called the way of suffering
Like a lamb came the Messiah, Christ the King.
But he chose to walk that road out of his love for you and me.
Down the Via Dolorosa, all the way to Calvary.

The blood that would cleanse the soul of all men
Made it's way to the heart of Jerusalem.

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Call to Worship *Zechariah 8:10-11*

[B]ehold, I come and I will dwell in your midst, declares the LORD. And many nations shall join themselves to the LORD in that day, and shall be my people. And I will dwell in your midst, and you shall know that the LORD of hosts has sent me to you.

Invocation

Declaration of Truth *Zechariah 12:1, 10; 13:1-2*

Leader: ... Thus declares the LORD, who stretched out the heavens and founded the earth and formed the spirit of man within him:

All: ... I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a Spirit of grace and pleas for mercy, so that, when they look on me, on him whom they have pierced, they shall mourn for him, as one mourns for an only child, and weep bitterly over him, as one weeps over a firstborn.

Leader: On that day there shall be a fountain opened for the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and uncleanness.

All: And on that day, declares the LORD of hosts, I will cut off the names of the idols from the land, so that they shall be remembered no more ...

Hymn of Reflection

Congregation

How Deep the Father's Love for Us

How deep the Father's love for us, how vast beyond all measure,
That He should give His only Son to make a wretch His treasure.
How great the pain of searing loss—the Father turns His face away,
As wounds which mar the Chosen One bring many sons to glory.

Behold the man upon a cross, my sin upon His shoulders;
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice call out among the scoffers.
It was my sin that held Him there until it was accomplished;
His dying breath has brought me life—I know that it is finished.

I will not boast in anything, no gifts, no power, no wisdom;
But I will boast in Jesus Christ, His death and resurrection.
Why should I gain from His reward? I cannot give an answer;
But this I know with all my heart—His wounds have paid my ransom.

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Choral Anthem *He Obeyed Unto Death*

He obeyed unto death,
the cup was never passed,
Faithful to the final breath,
til' his work was done at last.

On that dark, lonely hill,
lost in sin's awful cost.
For it was the Father's will
that compelled him to the cross.

For me Jesus died, for my sins crucified.
Mercy forever is shown.

Yes, on Calvary's cursed tree
hangs the Savior for me,
No greater love ever known.

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Reading of Scripture *Zechariah 13:7-9*

“Awake, O sword, against my shepherd, against the man who stands next to me,” declares the LORD of hosts. “Strike the shepherd, and the sheep will be scattered; I will turn my hand against the little ones. ⁸In the whole land, declares the LORD, two thirds shall be cut off and perish, and one third shall be left alive. ⁹And I will put this third into the fire, and refine them as one refines silver, and test them as gold is tested. They will call upon my name, and I will answer them. I will say, ‘They are my people’; and they will say, ‘The LORD is my God.’”

Prayer of Illumination

Sermon “A Sword Against the Shepherd Brings Salvation for the Sheep”

Ben Phillips
Pastor of Ministries

The Invitation to the Lord's Table Those who have not yet come to the place in their lives of trusting Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord are requested to let the elements pass. Please use this time to read Isaiah 53 (p. 613 in the Pew Bible), asking God to show you the glory of his Son Jesus Christ. If you are unsure about your relationship with Christ, please see a member of the pastoral staff or one of the elders after the service.

Confession of Sin and Assurance of Forgiveness

Hymn of Preparation *O Sacred Head Now Wounded*

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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 till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory,
I joy to call thee mine.

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.

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

Receiving the Bread and Cup For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until He comes. 1 Corinthians 11:26

Please note: the bread is gluten-free. Our custom is we take each element in unison after everyone has been served.

Hymn of Reflection *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?)

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Oh! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb? (Were you there?)

Benediction

*To maintain a spirit of reverent reflection on our Lord's Passion,
please leave the sanctuary in silence.*

Thank you for worshipping with us at
Chestnut Mountain Presbyterian Church this evening.
If you do not presently have a church home, we
warmly invite you to join us again this Sunday for our
Easter Sunday Morning Service at 10:30am
in the Covenant Life Center (gym).

Regularly scheduled Sunday morning Worship Services
at 8:30 and 11am, Sunday School for all ages at 10am
as well as Sunday Evening Worship Services at 6:30pm
will resume on Sunday, April 7.

To learn more about us, visit cmpca.org.
You may contact us by phone 770-967-3440
or email churchoffice@cmpca.org.
Our office hours are Monday through Thursday,
9am-3pm.

*May the Lord grant you His grace, mercy, and peace
this Easter Season.*



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