

You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord.... Great is the mystery of faith:

SUNG RESPONSE #2257-c

Christ has died. Christ has risen. Christ will come again. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us....Through Christ, with Christ, in Christ, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, all glory and honor are yours, almighty God, now and forever. Amen.

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.

SUNG RESPONSE #2257-d

Amen. Amen. Amen. Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest! Hosanna in the highest!

THE BREAKING OF THE BREAD AND DISTRIBUTION OF THE ELEMENTS

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

Sending of God's Word

*CLOSING HYMN *How Firm A Foundation* #463

*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Cry of My Heart* Terry Butler

Birthdays this week: E.J. Peterson 4/04, Bob Bills 4/04, Emilie York 4/04, John Mahon 4/06, Donna Manion 4/07, Rebecca Rodriguez 4/08, Bill Roberts 4/08, Laura Stanton 4/09, Gwen Childs 4/09

Leading in worship today:

Marta and David Ukropina, co-pastors

Ursula Damgaard, Music Director

Communion Servers: Gwen Childs, Lee Kersten, Arlis Wozniak,

Dawn Champoux, Sheila Snyder, Karen Young

Maundy Thursday Service: April 7th at 7pm * Good Friday Service: April 8th at 7pm



Westminster Presbyterian Church
Eugene, Oregon
April 3, 2022

Gathering Around God's Word

PRELUDE *My Faith Looks Up to Thee* Ray Palmer & Lowell Mason

WELCOME

*CALL TO WORSHIP from Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes to Zion,

we were like those who dream.

Then our mouth was filled with laughter and shouts of joy.

We rejoiced: "The Lord has done great things for us."

May those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing,

come home with joy, carrying their sheaves.

*OPENING HYMN *Sing Praise to God Who Reigns Above* #645

CALL TO CONFESSION

If we ask God to restore us to the way we have been, then we have not asked for as much as God intends to give. God is not content simply to return or restore us to former things.

Instead, God seeks to give the gift of resurrection--a new and abundant life. With confidence in God's generosity, we confess our sins and seek the new life offered in Jesus Christ.

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Purifying God, we grow comfortable with the way things are in our lives, in the church, and in the world. We do not always welcome the new life you offer in Christ, for you overturn our notions of power and protocol. Sure of our own righteousness, we are critical of others. Wanting to control our assets, we hoard the gifts you give us. Forgive us, we pray, for seeking our gain at the expense of others. Help us bend our lives toward your own life of self-giving and sacrifice. Fill us, our homes, our churches, and the whole world, with the abundant love of Christ until all are made new. In Christ's name, we pray. Amen.

(Let us continue our prayers in silence.)

SUNG RESPONSE

O Lord, Hear My Prayer

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O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. When I call, answer me. O Lord, hear my prayer. O Lord, hear my prayer. Come and listen to me.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Hear the good news! In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. The old life has passed away. A new life has begun.

The Word

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Old Testament Reading: Psalm 126

When the Lord restored the fortunes of Zion, we were like those who dream. Then our mouth was filled with laughter, and our tongue with shouts of joy; then it was said among the nations, "The Lord has done great things for them." The Lord has done great things for us, and we rejoiced. Restore our fortunes, O Lord, like the watercourses in the Negeb. May those who sow in tears reap with shouts of joy. Those who go out weeping, bearing the seed for sowing, shall come home with shouts of joy, carrying their sheaves.

New Testament Reading: John 12:1-8

Six days before the Passover Jesus came to Bethany, the home of Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. Mary took a pound of costly perfume made of pure nard, anointed Jesus' feet, and wiped them with her hair. The house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume. But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, "Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to

the poor?" (He said this not because he cared about the poor, but because he was a thief; he kept the common purse and used to steal what was put into it.) Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

ANTHEM

Jesus, Shepherd of My Heart Diane Hannibal and Faye Lõpez

SERMON

"Sowing Tears, Harvesting Joy"

Rev. Marta Ukropina

*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 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.

Responding to God's Word

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

INVITATION TO THE TABLE

THE GREAT THANKSGIVING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give our thanks and praise.

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God...and with all the faithful of every time and place who forever sing to the glory of your name:

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#2257-b

Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might, heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest!