



CENTRAL
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7:00

April 18, 2019



*Holy
Thursday*



Worshipping as a Family

Corporate worship is for people of all ages, and the presence of children is a gift to the church. Other options for children tonight include nursery (ages 8 weeks — 4 years) and the cry room.

The ushers are happy to assist.

"Jesus said, 'Let the children come to me.'" (Mark 10:14)

Order of Worship

Liturgist is Rev. Dr. Clay Smith

Themes and keywords: fall, deny, betray, love, table

Prelude

The Old Rugged Cross
Chancel Ringers

George Bernard
arr. Cynthia Dobrinski

STANDING (IF ABLE)

God calls us to worship

from Psalm 106:1; 116:13; 34:8, 10

Liturgist: Our help is in the name of the Lord, the Suffering Servant,

All: *the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.*

Liturgist: Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,

All: *for his steadfast love endures forever!*

Liturgist: Taste and see that the LORD is good.

**All: *I will lift up the cup of salvation
and call on the name of the LORD,
for those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.***

We praise God

What Wondrous Love Is This
Hymnal #177

Text: American folk hymn
Tune: William Walker 1835

We pray for God to help us worship

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God calls us to confess our sin

from Psalm 139:23-24

Liturgist: Almighty God,
to you all hearts are open, all desires known, and from you no secrets are hidden:
Search us and know our hearts! Try us and know our thoughts!
See if there be any grievous way in us, and lead us in the way everlasting,
that we may perfectly love you and one another and honor your great name.

We confess our sin

All (sing): stanzas 1-2 of "Psalm 32" (below)

All: *Our Good Shepherd,
like your first disciples, we are prone to fall
and to scatter and stray from you like lost sheep.
Our faith often fails in the face of suffering.
When following you is confusing and costly,
we are quick to flee in fear
and to forsake you and one another.
When you call us to be loyal to your mission,
we are prone to betray you and deny you.
Lord, have mercy on us.*

(silent prayers of confession)

Liturgist: Gracious Father, unite us in love with you at your table,
where the grace and life of Christ reconciles and restores us
to friendship with you and one another
so that we can love you and follow you with loyal hearts
and courageous trust wherever you lead us.

All (sing): stanza 3 of "Psalm 32" (below)

Psalm 32

Text: The Psalter 1912, alt.
Tune: Hans Leo Hassler 1601



1. How blest are they whose tres - pass has free - ly been for - giv'n, whose sins are whol - ly
2. While I kept guil - ty sil - ence, my strength was spent with grief: your hand was heav - y
3. The sor - rows of the wick - ed in - crease from year to year, but those who trust the



cov - er'd be - fore the sight of heav'n. Blest they to whom the LORD God does
on me; my soul found no re - lief. But when I owned my tres - pass and
LORD God know love in - stead of fear. Then in the LORD be joy - ful, in



not im - pute their sin, who have a guile - less spir - it, whose heart is true with - in.
did not hide my sin, then you for - gave my guilt, LORD, re - stored my life with - in.
song lift up your voice; be glad in God, you right - eous: re - joice, O saints, re - joice!

God declares our forgiveness

from 1 John 4:9; 1 Peter 2:24

Liturgist: In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. He himself bore our sins in his body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By his wounds you have been healed.

For all who have turned from sin in sorrow and look to God for mercy, this is God's gift. In Jesus Christ, God loves you, God forgives you, God accepts you, and God rejoices over you as beloved daughters and sons.

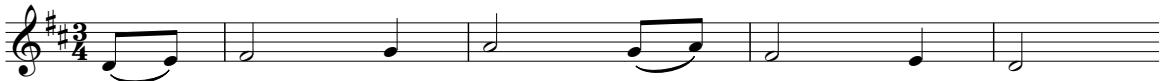
All: *Hallelujah, Amen!*

We praise God

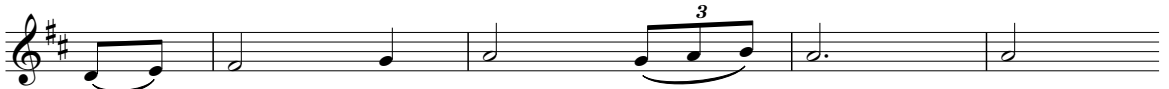
Psalm 23 (The King of Love My Shepherd Is)

Text: H. W. Baker 1868

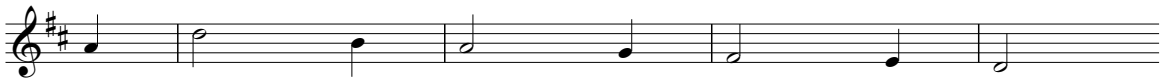
Tune: Traditional Irish melody



1. The King of love my shep - herd is,
 2. Where streams of liv - ing wa - ter flow,
 3. Con - fused and fool - ish, oft I strayed,
 4. In death's dark vale I fear no ill,
 5. You spread a ta - ble in my sight;
 6. And so through all the length of days,



whose good - ness fails me nev - er.
 my Sav - ior gent - ly leads me;
 but yet in love you sought me;
 with you, dear Lord, be - side me;
 your gifts of grace be - stow - ing;
 your good - ness fails me nev - er;



I want for noth - ing! I am his,
 and where the ver - dant pas - tures grow,
 and on your shoul - der gent - ly laid,
 your rod and staff my com - fort still,
 with pro - mise of a - bun - dant life
 Good Shep - herd, may I sing - your praise



and he is mine for - ev - - er.
 with food from heav - en feeds me.
 and home, re - joic - ing, brought me.
 your cross be - fore to guide me.
 my cup is ov - er - flow - ing.
 with - in your house for - ev - - er.

SEATED

We prepare for the ministry of God's word

Ubi Caritas
 Chancel Choir

Music: Maurice Durufle

Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est.
 Congregavit nos in unum Christi amor.
 Exsultemus, et in ipso jucundemur.
 Timeamus, et amemus Deum vivum.
 Et ex corde diligamus nos sincero.
 Ubi caritas et amor, Deus ibi est. Amen.

Where charity and love are, God is there.
 The love of Christ has gathered us into one.
 Let us rejoice and be glad in it.
 Let us revere and let us love the living God.
 And let us love one another from a sincere heart.
 Where charity and love are, God is there. Amen.

God instructs us in scripture reading

Matthew 26:26-35
 (pew Bible p. 832)

God instructs us in preaching

"A Supper of Love for Sinners"
 Rev. Dr. Mike Farley

We offer ourselves in gifts and song

Prior to singing, we will take a moment of silence to reflect and pray.

Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah
 Hymnal #51

Text: William Williams 1745
 Tune: John Hughes 1907

STANDING (IF ABLE)

We pray for the church and the world

Liturgist: (prayers for the church and the world)

All: *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.*

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God feeds us at his table

Central Presbyterian welcomes all Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the gospel to receive Holy Communion with us. If you are not ready to receive communion, you may simply pass the elements by. We also urge you to meditate on one of the prayers below.

Bread

The communion bread is gluten-free.

Eating and drinking: Please eat and drink as you receive the bread and the cup when you are ready. We will not hold the elements and wait to eat until all have been served.

Prayer for those searching

Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Help me to be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent and convincing and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

Prayer of new belief

Lord Jesus, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared believe, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

Music for communion: Chancel Choir: Ave Verum Corpus (next page)
Behold the Lamb (next page)

Ave Verum Corpus

Chancel Choir

Music: Stephanie Martin

Ave verum corpus,
natum de Maria Virgine,
Vere passum
immolatum in cruce pro homine;

Hail, true Body,
born of the Virgin Mary,
having truly suffered,
sacrificed on the cross for mankind,

Cujus latus perforatum
unda fluxit sanguine,
Esto nobis praegustatum
in mortis examine.

from whose pierced side
water and blood flowed:
Be for us a foretaste
in the trial of death!

O dulcis, O pie, O Jesu,
Fili Mariae,
miserere nobis. Amen.

O sweet Jesus, O holy Jesus,
O Jesus, son of Mary,
have mercy on us. Amen.

Behold the Lamb

Text and tune: Keith and Kristyn Getty,
Stuart Townend © 2006 Thankyou Music



1. Be - hold the lamb who bears our sins a - way, slain for us - and we re-mem-ber
2. The bod - y of our Sav - ior Je - sus Christ, torn for you - eat and re-mem-ber;
3. The blood that cleans - es ev - 'ry stain of sin, shed for you - drink and re-mem-ber
4. And so with thank - ful - ness and faith we rise to re - spond - and to re-mem-ber



the pro - mise made that all who come in faith find for - give - ness at the cross. So we
the wounds that heal, the death that brings us life, paid the price to make us one. So we
he drained death's cup that all may en - ter in to re - ceive the life of God. So we
our call to fol - low in the steps of Christ as his bod - y here on earth. So we



share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in this bread of life, and we drink of his sac - ri - fice as a
share in his suf - fer - ing, we pro - claim Christ will come a - gain! And we'll



sign of our bonds of peace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of love a - round the ta - ble of the king.
sign of our bonds of grace a - round the ta - ble of the king.
join in the feast of heav'n a - round the ta - ble of the king.

We meditate on Jesus' suffering

Mark 14:32-41

And they went to a place called Gethsemane. And he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." And he took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be greatly distressed and troubled. And he said to them, "My soul is very sorrowful, even to death. Remain here and watch."

And going a little farther, he fell on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. And he said, "Abba, Father, all things are possible for you. Remove this cup from me. Yet not what I will, but what you will." And he came and found them sleeping, and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not watch one hour? Watch and pray that you may not enter into temptation. The spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak."

And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy, and they did not know what to answer him. And he came the third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? It is enough; the hour has come. The Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners."

Psalm 88
Chancel Choir

Music: Anglican Chant,
L. Flintoft

O LORD, God of my salvation,
 I cry out day and night before you.
Let my prayer come before you;
 incline your ear to my cry!

For my soul is full of troubles,
 and my life draws near to Sheol.
I am counted among those who go down to the pit;
 I am a man who has no strength,
like one set loose among the dead,
 like the slain that lie in the grave,
like those whom you remember no more,
 for they are cut off from your hand.
You have put me in the depths of the pit,
 in the regions dark and deep.
Your wrath lies heavy upon me,
 and you overwhelm me with all your waves. *Selah*

You have caused my companions to shun me;
 you have made me a horror to them.
I am shut in so that I cannot escape;
 my eye grows dim through sorrow.

Every day I call upon you, O LORD;
 I spread out my hands to you.
Do you work wonders for the dead?
 Do the departed rise up to praise you? *Selah*

Is your steadfast love declared in the grave,
 or your faithfulness in Abaddon?
Are your wonders known in the darkness,
 or your righteousness in the land of forgetfulness?

But I, O LORD, cry to you;
 in the morning my prayer comes before you.
O LORD, why do you cast my soul away?
 Why do you hide your face from me?
Afflicted and close to death from my youth up,
 I suffer your terrors; I am helpless.
Your wrath has swept over me;
 your dreadful assaults destroy me.
They surround me like a flood all day long;
 they close in on me together.
You have caused my beloved and my friend to shun me;
 my companions have become darkness.

We pray for Jesus' grace in our suffering

Psalm 116

Lectern side:

I love the Lord, because he has heard
my voice and my pleas for mercy.

Pulpit side:

***Because he inclined his ear to me,
therefore I will call on him as long as I live.***

The snares of death encompassed me;
the pangs of Sheol laid hold on me;

I suffered distress and anguish.

Then I called on the name of the Lord:

"O Lord, I pray, deliver my soul!"

***Gracious is the Lord, and righteous;
our God is merciful.***

The Lord preserves the simple;
when I was brought low, he saved me.

Return, O my soul, to your rest;

for the Lord has dealt bountifully with you.

For you have delivered my soul from death,
my eyes from tears, my feet from stumbling;

I will walk before the Lord in the land of the living.

I believed, even when I spoke: "I am greatly afflicted";

I said in my alarm, "All mankind are liars."

What shall I render to the Lord for all his benefits to me?

I will lift up the cup of salvation and call on the name of the Lord,

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people.

Precious in the sight of the Lord is the death of his saints.

O Lord, I am your servant;

I am your servant, the son of your maidservant.

You have loosed my bonds.

***I will offer to you the sacrifice of thanksgiving
and call on the name of the Lord.***

I will pay my vows to the Lord in the presence of all his people,

in the courts of the house of the Lord, in your midst, O Jerusalem.

All:

Praise the Lord!

Were You There?

Chancel Ringers

American folk tune
arr. Arnold B. Sherman

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 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 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?

Please depart quietly

Holy Week services

April 19	Good Friday	7 p.m.
April 21	Easter Sunrise	7:30 a.m. (World's Fair Pavilion, Forest Park)
	Easter Sunday	9:00 a.m. 10:45 a.m.

Holy Week stations

Families are invited to experience an immersive telling of the Easter story in our Student Center.

Good Friday, 3 p.m. to 7 p.m.

Easter Sunday 8:30 a.m. to 12 p.m.