The Lord's Service

The Third Sunday in Lent MARCH 15, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

PRELUDE Dundee (God Moves in a Mysterious Way)
Theme from "Finlandia" (Be Still MY Soul)

ARR. WILLAN
SIBELIUS

Please use the prelude as a time of silent preparation for the worship of the Triune God.

GREETING

CALL TO WORSHIP

1 THESSALONIANS 1:9-10

We have turned from idols to serve the living and true God, and to wait for his Son from heaven, whom he raised from the dead;

Jesus, who rescues us from the coming wrath.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Everlasting God, in whom we live and move and have our being, you have made us for yourself, so that our hearts are restless until they rest in you. Give us purity of heart and strength of purpose, that no selfish passion may hinder us from knowing your will, no weakness keep us from doing it; that in your light we may see light clearly, and in your service find perfect freedom; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Arise, My Soul, Arise

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CONFESSION OF SINS

Eternal God, in whom we live and move and have our being, whose face is hidden from us by our sins, and whose mercy we forget in the blindness of our hearts: Cleanse us from all our offenses, and deliver us from proud thoughts and vain desires, that with reverent and humble hearts we may draw near to you, confessing our faults, confiding in your grace, and finding in you our refuge and our strength; through Jesus Christ your Son. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

Lord, have mercy upon us Christ, have mercy upon us Lord, have mercy upon us

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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.

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

O Lord our God, your Word is a lamp to our feet and a light to our path. Give us grace to receive your truth in faith and love, that we may be obedient to your will and live always for your glory; through Jesus Christ our Savior. Amen.

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 25:2-31

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 3:21-31

HYMN OF PREPARATION

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■ GOSPEL READING

LUKE 12:13-21

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord Praise be to God.

SERMON

Saving Intercession

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

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.

- HYMN OF DEPARTURE
- Come, Thou Fount of Every Blessing

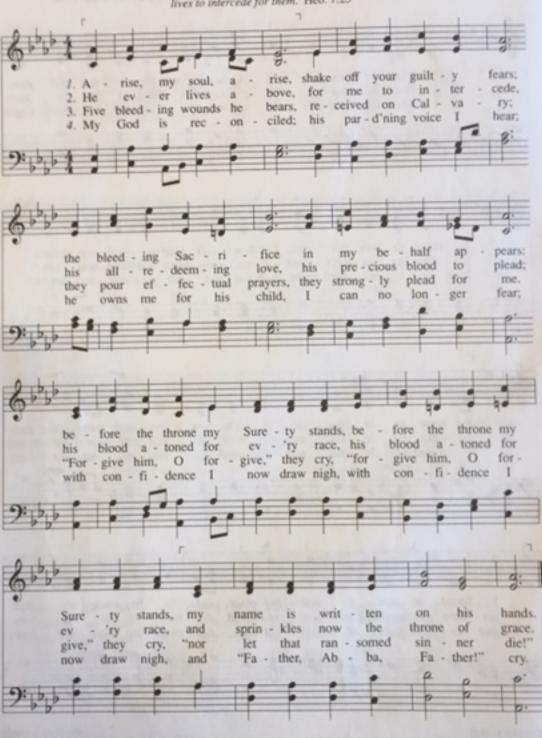
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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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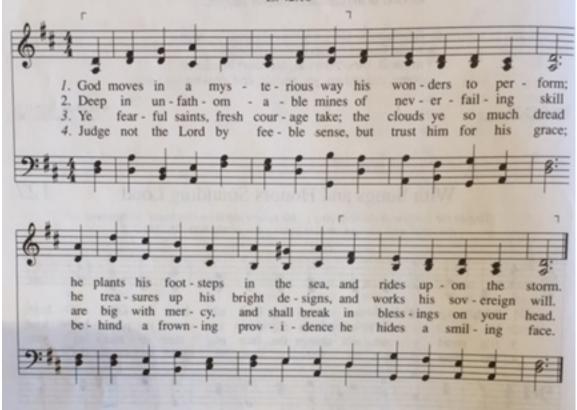
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He is able to save completely those who come to God through him, because he always lives to intercede for them. Heb. 7:25



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I will turn the darkness into light before them and make the rough places smooth. Is. 42:16



- His purposes will ripen fast, unfolding ev'ry hour; the bud may have a bitter taste, but sweet will be the flow'r.
- Blind unbelief is sure to err, and scan his work in vain; God is his own interpreter, and he will make it plain.

William Cowper, 1774

Scottish Platter, 1615

