

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 22, 2020



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

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

WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM

Q53. Which is the third commandment?

The third commandment is, Thou shalt not take the name of the Lord thy God in vain: for the Lord will not hold him guiltless that taketh his name in vain.

CALL TO WORSHIP

PSALM 94:1, 14-15

O Lord, God of vengeance,

O God of vengeance, shine forth!

The Lord will not forsake his people;

he will not abandon his heritage.

For justice will return to the righteous,

and all the upright in heart will follow it.

PRAYER OF THE DAY

Faithful God, you do not abandon your people to the power of evil. Grant that those who suffer for the sake of justice may find strength in the cross of Jesus. Strengthen us to confess him as our exalted Sovereign, and to serve him with joy, that we might be led even to the marriage supper of the Lamb, Christ Jesus our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Lift High the Cross

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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

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

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

Blessed Lord, who caused all holy scriptures to be written for our learning: Grant us so to hear them, read, mark, learn, and inwardly digest them, that we may embrace and ever hold fast the blessed hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Savior Jesus Christ. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING

1 SAMUEL 25:32-44

NEW TESTAMENT READING

ROMANS 12:9-21

HYMN OF PREPARATION

O Lord, Thou Judge of All the Earth 49 vv. 1-4

GOSPEL READING

MATTHEW 21:33-44

RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON

Vengeance and Marriage

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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

Day of Judgment! Day of Wonders!

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CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

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WORSHIP LEADER: James Phillips
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: **spoken, sung**

Vengeance and Marriage

1 Samuel 25:32-44

Abigail asks David to _____ her.

1. Vengeance (verses 32-39)

David has been r_____ from a_____ himself.

David re_____ the original vow.

David knows how to r_____.

Nabal is behaving like S_____.

His death is a direct act of j_____.

Two texts on saints rejoicing: Psalm ____ and Revelation ____.

To pray T____ k_____ c_____ is to long for this justice.

2. Marriage (verses 40-44)

Abigail was r_____ for David's proposal.

The marriage is po_____ advantageous for David.

David now has (technically) _____ wives.

The Torah forbids kings from m_____ w_____.

Abigail becomes the _____ of the C_____.

Christianity is v_____ unto m_____.

After f_____ vengeance: The marriage _____ of the Lamb.

Since God takes vengeance, we live n____-v_____ly.

We are to im_____ the e_____ life of Jesus.

He left vengeance in the hands of his _____.