

The Lord's Service

The Fourth Sunday in Lent

MARCH 19, 2023



Westminster Presbyterian Church

POST TENEBRAS LUX

PRELUDE

*Communion
A Lenten Supplication*

ALEXANDRE GUILMANT
RUDOLF DITTRICH

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

GREETING

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

⊗ WESTMINSTER SHORTER CATECHISM QUESTION 78:

Q. What is forbidden in the ninth commandment?

A. The ninth commandment forbids whatsoever is prejudicial to truth, or injurious to our own or our neighbor's good name.

⊗ CALL TO WORSHIP

REVELATION 15:3-4

Great and marvelous are your deeds, Lord God Almighty!

Just and true are your ways, King of the nations!

Who will not fear you, Lord, and bring glory to your name?

For you alone are holy. All nations will come and worship before you!

⊗ PRAYER OF THE DAY

Holy God, you are exalted over all the nations, and just in all your ways. Strengthen us to worship you with our deeds and to proclaim your greatness with our lips, for the glory of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

HYMN OF PRAISE

We Come, O Christ, to You

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⊗ CONFESSION OF SINS

God of mercy, you sent Jesus Christ to seek and save the lost. We confess that we have strayed from you and turned aside from your way. We are misled by pride, for we see ourselves pure when we are stained, and great when we are small. We have failed in love, neglected justice, and ignored your truth. Have mercy, O God, and forgive our sin. Return us to paths of righteousness through Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

THE KYRIE ELEISON

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



STANDING IF COMFORTABLE

CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE: *spoken, sung*

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

⊗ RESPONSIVE READING OF THE LAW

By the mercies of God, present your bodies as a living sacrifice,

Holy and acceptable to God, which is our fitting service.

Do not be conformed to this age,

But be transformed by the renewal of your mind.

That by testing you may discern what is the will of God,

What is good and acceptable and mature.

Let no one think of himself more highly than he ought.

But think with sober judgment, each according to the measure of faith God has provided.

Let love be genuine. Abhor what is evil;

Hold fast to what is good.

Love one another with brotherly affection.

Outdo one another in showing honor.

Do not be slothful in zeal,

Be fervent in the Spirit, serving the Lord.

Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation,

Be constant in prayer.

Contribute to the needs of the saints,

ROMANS 12:1-21

And seek to show hospitality.

Bless those who persecute you.

Bless and do not curse them.

Rejoice with those who rejoice,

Weep with those who weep.

Live in harmony with one another;
Do not be haughty,

But associate with the lowly and never be conceited.

Repay no one evil for evil,

But give thought to do what is honorable in the sight of all.

Beloved, never avenge yourselves,

But give place to the wrath of God.

For it stands written:

“Vengeance is mine, I will repay, says the Lord”

To the contrary, “if your enemy is hungry, feed him;

If he is thirsty, give him something to drink.

For by doing so you will heap burning coals on his head.”

Do not be conquered by evil, but conquer evil with good.

⊗ THE PEACE

⊗ GLORIA PATRI

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INTERLUDE

Holy Be Thy Glorious Name

W. A. MOZART

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Blessed are you, Lord God, King of all creation! You have taught us by your Word. Open our hearts to your Spirit and lead us in the paths of Christ, your Son, and our Savior. **Amen.**

OLD TESTAMENT READING OBADIAH 1-21 p. 918

NEW TESTAMENT READING ACTS 15:12-21 p. 1098

⌘ PSALM OF RESPONSE: PSALM 66 *All Lands, to God in Joyful Sounds* 438

⌘ GOSPEL READING MATTHEW 12:14-21 p. 971

⌘ RESPONSE

The Word of the Lord
Praise be to God.

SERMON *The Day of the Lord, for All Nations*

⌘ THE ATHANASIAN CREED PART 2

Whosoever will be saved, before all things it is necessary that he hold the catholic faith. And the catholic faith is this:

That we worship one God in Trinity, and Trinity in unity, neither confounding the persons, nor dividing the substance.

The Father was neither made nor created nor begotten; the Son was neither made nor created, but was alone begotten of the Father; the Spirit was neither made nor created, but he proceeds from the Father and the Son.

Thus there is one Father, not three fathers; one Son, not three sons; one Holy Spirit, not three spirits.

And in this Trinity, no one is before or after, greater or less than the other; but all three persons are in themselves, coeternal and coequal; and so we must worship the Trinity in unity and the unity in Trinity. Whoever desires to be saved should think thus about the Trinity.

PRAYER OF THE PEOPLE

OFFERTORY *Jesus, the Very Thought of Thee* SETTING BY NEIL HARMON

⌘ DOXOLOGY 731

☒ SURSUM CORDA
Lift up your hearts.
We lift them up to the Lord.
Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.
It is right to give our thanks and praise.

☒ PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

☒ 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.

THE COMMUNION

COMMUNION HYMN *Let Thy Blood in Mercy Poured* 429

*Let thy blood in mercy poured,
let thy gracious body broken,
be to me, O gracious Lord,
of thy boundless love the token.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Thou didst die that I might live;
blessed Lord, thou cam'st to save me;
all that love of God could give
Jesus by his sorrows gave me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*By the thorns that crowned thy brow,
by the spear wound and the nailing,
by the pain and death, I now
claim, O Christ, thy love unfailing.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

*Wilt thou own the gift I bring?
All my penitence I give thee;
thou art my exalted King,
of thy matchless love forgive me.
Thou didst give thyself for me,
now I give myself to thee.*

☒ HYMN OF DEPARTURE *Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah* 598

☒ CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE *Postlude in d minor* RINCK

MINISTER: Rev. Cody Gibson
WORSHIP LEADER: Bob Maucher
ORGANIST: Elaine H. Simpson

Missions Work Highlight

JEREMIAH & JULIE DIEDRICH

Northwestern Brazil

Over the last four years of our seventeen years' service as a pilot / mechanic family in Brazil we helped establish a helicopter station in western Brazil. Helicopters have a huge impact on the ministries in this region. After settling into our new home to begin work with JAARS in North Carolina we made final preparations to return to western Brazil in January to complete Bruno's training as the new helicopter pilot. Last year, the mission helicopter was destroyed by a windstorm and another had to be ordered. Recently, amid cheering, waving, and tears, we watched Jeremiah and Bruno land the new mission helicopter at the new hangar in Cruzeiro do Sul, Brazil. Soon, the first ministry flights to missionaries in remote locations will commence.

In early spring we plan to return to our new home in the States and apply ourselves to our new roles, training and recruiting future pilots with JAARS. There are so many things we are thankful for. Thank you for bringing our ministry and needs before the Lord in prayer. We pray we stay securely fastened to Christ. We pray the same for our friends at Westminster Church.

Announcements

It is our joy to welcome Rev. Cody Gibson to minister the Word and Sacrament to us this morning. Rev. Gibson is a PCA pastor looking at church planting in the Oneonta area.

Our weekly Lenten service is this Wednesday, 3/22, at 7 PM.

For Sunday School the adults are invited to join Robert David's Shorter Catechism class in the sanctuary today.

WELCOME TO WESTMINSTER

Westminster Church is both a place and a people. We gather in this sacred space to worship, to learn, and to serve God as he meets us in Christ. To this end we dedicate our time, our talent, and our resources. Here the Gospel of Christ is freely proclaimed: *We are weaker and more sinful than we ever dared admit, but through Christ we are more loved and accepted than we ever dared hope.* As a community of Christians, we are building a bridge to the future through faith and friendship. To this end, we pray God will give us strength, vision, and wisdom. We are thankful that you could join with us today. In the name of the Father, and of the Son, and of the Holy Spirit. Welcome to Westminster!

Westminster Stated Services

Worship	10:00AM
Sunday School (<i>Sept–June</i>)	11:45 AM
Sunday Evening Service	6:00 PM

Christ's Church of the Hudson Valley

Worship	11:00 AM
Sunday School	12:30 PM

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Cover

The Celtic cross reminds us, as Presbyterians, of our historical roots in the British Isles dating back at least to the fifth century. *Post Tenebras Lux* is a Latin slogan from the 16th-century Protestant Reformation meaning *After Darkness, Light*. The cross and the slogan combine to express our desire to be rooted in the ancient faith and to embrace the attainments of the Protestant Reformation.

Westminster was organized in 1854 and is affiliated with the Presbyterian Church in America (PCA).

Senior Minister

The Reverend Kevin Chiarot, Ph.D.

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