

## Responding to the Word

### Affirmation of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God. Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Spirit, we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel, whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father.

We trust in God the Holy Spirit, everywhere the giver and renewer of life.

In gratitude to God, empowered by the Spirit, we strive to serve Christ in our daily tasks and to live holy and joyful lives, even as we watch for God's new heaven and new earth, praying, "Come, Lord Jesus!"

With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.

### Offering

Prayer, Offertory Music

**Response** *Glory Be to the Father*  
#577

### Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Sharing of Joys and Concerns  
Invitation to the Table  
Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

### Notes

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... who forever sing to the glory of your name:

**Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of hosts**  
2x

**The whole world is full of God's glory** 3x

**Holy is the Lord!**

Great is the mystery of faith:

**Christ has died, Christ is risen,  
Christ will come again.**

**Breaking of the Bread  
Communion of the People  
Prayer After Communion**

### Going Into the World

**+Hymn** *God Be With You Till We Meet Again* #540

**+Charge and Benediction**

**+Postlude**



THE BODY OF CHRIST



Community of Faith Presbyterian Church  
April 7, 2019 Fourth Sunday in Lent  
+Stand as you are able  
*Leader reads plain type, Congregation reads bold*

### Preparing Ourselves

Prelude  
Welcome  
Call to Worship/Opening Prayer  
L: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.  
**P: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.**  
L: Lord is merciful and gracious,  
**P: slow to anger and abounding in love.**

Let us pray: **Almighty God, to whom all hearts are open, all desires known, and from whom no secrets are hid: Cleanse the thoughts of our hearts by the inspiration of your Holy Spirit, that we may perfectly love you and worthily magnify your holy name; through Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray together saying: *Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.***

**+Hymn** *God is Here!* #461

### Call to Confession

We come before God not as despised sinners, but as beloved children. With the confidence of children of God, let us humbly confess our sin.

### Prayer of Confession

**Almighty God, our redeemer, in our weakness we have failed to be your messengers of forgiveness and hope. Renew us by your Holy Spirit, that we may follow your commands and proclaim your reign of love. (moment of silence)**

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails.

**What does Jesus mean when he says "you always have the poor with you"?**

**How is the gospel story about God doing something new?**

Let us rejoice, for in Jesus Christ we are all forgiven!

**P: In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! Thanks be to God. Amen.**

**Response** *O Lord, Hear My Prayer*  
STF2200

### +Passing of the Peace

L: As God has forgiven us in Christ, let us forgive one another: the peace of Jesus Christ be with you all.

**P: And also with you.**

**Anthem** *How Deep the Father's Love for Us* - Shackley

### Hearing the Word Prayer for Illumination

**Lord, open our hearts and minds by the power of your Holy Spirit, that as the Scriptures are read and your Word is proclaimed, we may hear with joy what you say to us today.**

### Scripture Reading Isaiah 43:16-21

<sup>16</sup>Thus says the Lord, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, <sup>17</sup>who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: <sup>18</sup>Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. <sup>19</sup>I am about to do a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it? I will make a way in the wilderness and rivers in the

desert. <sup>20</sup>The wild animals will honor me, the jackals and the ostriches; for I give water in the wilderness, rivers in the desert, to give drink to my chosen people, <sup>21</sup>the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.

**Hymn** *Come Share the Lord*  
STF2269

### Scripture 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. <sup>2</sup>There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. <sup>3</sup>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. <sup>4</sup>But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, <sup>5</sup>"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" <sup>6</sup>(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.) <sup>7</sup>Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. <sup>8</sup>You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."

**Sermon** Rev. Sharon Carter