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Worship, April 3, 2022, 11:15 am

Gathering Around the Word

Welcome and Announcements

Lighting of the Candle

Centering Music

+Call to Worship

L: This is the day that the Lord has made

P: Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

L: The Lord makes a new covenant with us.

P: We are God's people; the Lord is our God.

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; through Jesus Christ our Lord, who taught us to pray, 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.*

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 262). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

+Song: *Great is Thy Faithfulness* (276)

Call to Confession

This is the proof of God's great love: that while we were sinners, Christ died for us. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin before God and one another.

Prayer of Confession

Merciful God, you pardon all who truly repent and turn to you. We humbly confess our sins and ask your mercy. We have not loved you with a pure heart, nor have we loved our neighbors as ourselves. We have not done justice, loved kindness, or walked humbly with you, our God. Have mercy on us, O God, in your loving-kindness. In your great compassion, cleanse us from our sin. Do not cast us away from your presence, or take your Holy Spirit from us. Restore to us the joy of your salvation and sustain us with your bountiful Spirit. (moment of silence.)

Assurance of Forgiveness

L: Listen, so that you may live: the steadfast love of the Lord never fails. In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!

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

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 58-60). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Response *Father, Forgive Them**Father, forgive, for they know not what they do;**Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.***The Peace****Anthem** *Tears of the Father, Blood of the Son* by David Lantz III**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. Amen.**

Presbyterian Church. Book of Common Worship (p. 22). Presbyterian Publishing. Kindle Edition.

Scripture Isaiah 43:16-21 ¹⁶Thus says the LORD, who makes a way in the sea, a path in the mighty waters, ¹⁷who brings out chariot and horse, army and warrior; they lie down, they cannot rise, they are extinguished, quenched like a wick: ¹⁸Do not remember the former things, or consider the things of old. ¹⁹I 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. ²⁰The 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, ²¹the people whom I formed for myself so that they might declare my praise.**Hymn** *Be Thou My Vision* (339)**Gospel 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. ²There they gave a dinner for him. Martha served, and Lazarus was one of those at the table with him. ³Mary 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. ⁴But Judas Iscariot, one of his disciples (the one who was about to betray him), said, ⁵"Why was this perfume not sold for three hundred denarii and the money given to the poor?" ⁶(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.) ⁷Jesus said, "Leave her alone. She bought it so that she might keep it for the day of my burial. ⁸You always have the poor with you, but you do not always have me."**Sermon****Rev. Robert Wood****Responding to the Word****Affirmation of Faith****We trust in God, whom Jesus called Abba, Father. In sovereign love God created the world good and makes everyone equally in God's image, male and female, of every race and people, to live as one community. But we rebel against God; we hide from our Creator. Ignoring God's commandments, we violate the image of God in others and ourselves, accept lies as truth, exploit neighbor and nature, and threaten death to the planet entrusted to our care. We deserve God's condemnation. Yet God acts with justice and mercy to redeem creation. Thanks be to God. Amen.****Offering Prayer**

In response to God's goodness, let us give thanks to God. Let us pray:

Blessed are you, O God, maker of all things. Through your goodness you have blessed us with these gifts: our selves, our time, and our possessions. Use us, and what we have gathered, in feeding the world with your love; through the one who is the light of the world. Amen.

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sharing of Joys and Concerns

Great Prayer of Thanksgiving

L: The Lord be with you. **P: And also with you.**

L: Lift up your hearts. **P: We lift them to the Lord.**

L: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God. **P: It is right to give our thanks and praise.**

It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator and ruler of the universe...who forever sing to the glory of your name:

Chorus (all): *Holy, holy, holy, is the Lord of Hosts (2x)*

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

Holy is the Lord!

You are holy, O God of majesty...that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen.

Great is the mystery of faith: **Christ has died, Christ is risen, Christ will come again.**

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Communion of the People

Chorus (all): *Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and you will not hunger*

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will not thirst.

Prayer After Communion

Taking the Word into the World

+Song: *Take My Life and Let It Be (391)*

+Charge

+Benediction

+Stand as you are able

Great is Thy Faithfulness

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my father, there is no shadow of turning with thee,
Thou changest not, thy compassions they fail not; As thou hast been, thou forever will be.

(Refrain) Great is thy faithfulness! Great is thy faithfulness! Morning by morning new mercies I see;
All I have needed thy hand hath provided; Great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me.

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest, sun, moon and stars in their courses above.
Join with all nature in manifold witness to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

(Refrain)

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth; thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
Strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow, blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside.

(Refrain)

Be Thou My Vision

Be Thou my vision, O Lord of my heart;
Naught be all else to me, save that Thou art--
Thou my best thought, by day or by night,
Waking or sleeping, Thy presence my light.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise,
Thou mine inheritance, now and always:
Thou and Thou only, first in my heart,
Great God of heaven, my treasure Thou art.

Be Thou my wisdom, and Thou my true word;
I ever with Thee and Thou with me, Lord;
Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

Take My Life and Let It Be

Take my life and let it be consecrated, Lord to thee. Take my moments and my days,
Let them flow in ceaseless praise, let them flow in ceaseless praise.

Take my hands and let them move at the impulse of your love; take my feet and let them be
Swift and beautiful for thee, swift and beautiful for thee.

Take my voice and let me sing always, only for my king; take my lips and let them be
Filled with messages for thee, filled with messages for thee.

Take my silver and my gold, not a mite would I withhold; take my intellect and use
Every power as thou shalt choose, every power as thou shalt choose.

Take my will and make it thine, it shall be no longer mine; take my heart, it is thine own,
It shall be thy royal throne, it shall be thy royal throne.

Take my love; my lord I pour at thy feet it's treasure store. Take myself and I will be
Ever, only all for thee; ever, only, all for thee.