

Good Friday

April 18, 2025

GATHERING

(Silence during the Prelude is requested in preparation for worship.)

About the Prelude

The Prelude is a musical offering to help move the hearts and minds of the gathering community from the daily struggles of life to the worship of God.

About today's Prelude

While this piece is titled "Choral," it also includes a Passacaglia, Fantasie, and Fugue. The piece develops through the presentation of the various sections then the combinations of the themes while swelling and fading with large crescendos, chromaticism, ethereal melodies, and an overarching rhetorical structure that evokes contemplation and transformation.

PRELUDE

Choral II in B Minor

César Franck

SILENT PROCESSION

ANTHEM

Theodore Dubois

Christ We Do All Adore Thee

Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi.
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.
For on the holy cross thou hast the world from sin redeemed.
Adoramus te, Christe, et benedicimus tibi:
Christ, we do all adore Thee!

*OPENING SENTENCES

Christ Jesus bore our sins in his body on the cross
so that we might die to sin and live for righteousness.
Blessed is the name of the Lord.

*PRAYER OF THE DAY

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

**Almighty God, look with mercy on your family,
for whom our Lord Jesus Christ
was willing to be betrayed
and to be given over to the hands of sinners,
and to suffer death on the cross;
who now lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and forever. Amen.**

*HYMN 228

Were You There

WERE YOU THERE

THE WORD

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.**

FIRST READING

Hear the Word of God! **Our ears are open.**

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

(Old Testament, pages 683-684 in your pew Bible)

ANTHEM

Carl Heinrich Graun

Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs

Surely he has borne our griefs,
and carried our sorrows.

SECOND READING

Hebrews 10:16-25

(New Testament, pages 224-225 in your pew Bible)

ANTHEM

The Father's Love

Simon Lole

As the Father has lov'd me, so have I lov'd you.
Remain in my love.
This is my commandment:
that you love one another, as I have lov'd you.

God is love, and those who live in love.
Live in God and God lives in them.
God is love.

If you keep my commandments,
love one another, as I have lov'd you.
Then your joy will be complete.

GOSPEL READING

John 19:17-30

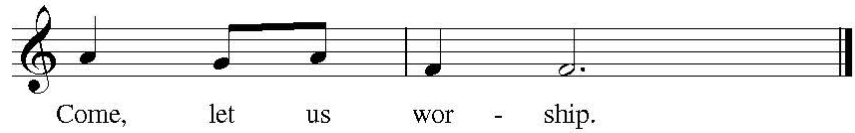
(New Testament, pages 113-114 in your pew Bible)

The Word of the Lord. **Thanks be to God!**

Ecce lignum Crucis: This is the Wood of the Cross

(The Congregation is invited to sing the Refrain)

Refrain:



Ecce lignum Crucis, in quo salus mundi pependit, pependit.

This is the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the Savior of the world. ***Refrain***

The royal banners forward go,
The Cross shines forth in mystic glow.
Where he through whom our flesh was made,
In that same flesh our ransom paid.
This is the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the Savior of the world. ***Refrain***

O tree of glory tree most fair,
Ordained those holy limbs to bear,
How bright in royal robe it stood,
The purple of a Savior's blood.
This is the wood of the Cross,
on which hung the Savior of the world. ***Refrain***

Ecce lignum Crucis.

THE SOLEMN INTERCESSION

The Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Beloved people of God,
as Jesus stretched out his arms on the cross...

We ask this through Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

(Silent prayer)

*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.

SOLEMN REPROACHES OF THE CROSS

Why Did You Ignore Me?

John L. Bell

Refrain:



Who said that we heard you?

Are we the right peo - ple?

Sure - ly there are oth - ers to

whom you could turn.

Why did you ignore me, whenever I called you,
whenever you heard me say your name?
Why did you ignore me? How did I offend you?
What made you respond as if in shame? **Refrain**

Why did you resist me when all that I offer
is meant to enrich and to fulfill?
Why did you resist me?
I never coerced you nor forced you to act
against your will. **Refrain**

Why did you forget me, and fail to remember
the mother who weaned, the father who fed,
the one who cared?
Why did you forget me? My name is your history,
your future the heaven I prepared. **Refrain**

And will you deny me? And will you betray me?
And will you avoid my searching eyes?
I'll never ignore you. I'll never resist you.
I'll never forget you in whom my yearning lies.

***HYMN 223** When I Survey the Wondrous Cross HAMBURG

SILENT RECESSION

(Please depart the Sanctuary in silence.)

**(Those who are able may stand.)*

Welcome

Westminster Presbyterian Church welcomes you to share our common journey to become more faithful disciples of Christ. Any who are interested in joining us in this journey are invited to contact Rev. Heidi Hudnut-Beumler by email at hhudnutbeumler@nashvillewpc.org or 615.292.5526 in the church office.

Today @ Westminster

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2s and 3s - Room 151

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Ordinary people testifying to the extraordinary light found in our Lord Jesus Christ.

"For it is the God who said, 'Let light shine out of darkness,' who has shone in our hearts to give the light of the knowledge of the glory of God in the face of Jesus Christ. But we have this treasure in clay jars, so that it may be made clear that this extraordinary power belongs to God and does not come from us."

(2 Corinthians 4:6-7)

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