A Worshiper’s Script in Four Acts

Love Story

Christ Presbyterian Church

in downtown Canton, Ohio

Part One: Palm Sunday, April 14, 2019 @ 10:30am
Part Two: Maundy Thursday, April 18, 2019 @ 6:00pm
Part Three: Good Friday, April 19, 2019 @ 7:00pm
Part Four: Day of Resurrection, April 21, 2019 8:00am & 10:30am
Palm Sunday

April 14, 2019

10:30 am

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Preparation for Worship
Organ Voluntary  “Allegro vivace” from Symphony No. 5  Charles-Marie Widor

Introit  William Mathias
Lift up your heads, O ye gates, and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of glory shall come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory. – Psalm 24:7-10

Proclamation of the Entrance into Jerusalem  Matthew 21:1-11

Litany for the Palms  The Covenant of Peace, A Liberation Prayer Book

Leader: Who is this riding among us?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord!
People: Hosanna, his way is victorious.
Leader: Who is this riding the animal of peace?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed be the coming Kingdom of David.
People: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.
Leader: Who is the Liberator of Israel?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed be the freedom he brings.
People: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.
Leader: Who is this carrying the palm of peace?
People: Hosanna, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is our leader, the Prince of Peace.
People: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious.
Leader: Who is this that frees the oppressed from prison?
People: Jesus, the Prophet of Nazareth.
Leader: Blessed is the One who releases all captives.
People: Hosanna, may his Way be victorious. Amen.
Hymn in Procession No. 196

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Prayer of Adoration (unison)

We awake to the day of triumph for our Savior!
We give thanks for this day that leads to the cross!
We come with branches, hosannas, and songs!
We fill the air with words that welcome Jesus!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Call to Confession

The Lord sees our hearts and knows our innermost thoughts. We can deny our wrongs to ourselves but we cannot hide them from God. As we confess our sins, let us do so knowing we say nothing that is not already known to God, who is not fooled by our strength, but loves us in our weakness.

Prayer of Confession

Leader: Lord Jesus Christ, how well you know our hearts, John 13:1-17, 31b-35
People: and still you love us— you have loved us to the end.
Leader: We have denied you, People: and we have denied our calling to serve one another.
Leader: We have betrayed you, People: And we have betrayed your commandment to love one another.
Leader: Pour out your Spirit of grace upon us. People: Teach us to love and serve you faithfully and to love and serve one another by the example you have set for us; in your holy name we pray. Amen.

Kyrie (Trisagion) from New Plainsong; David Hurd

(please stand)

*Assurance of Pardon

Leader: Now the Lord Jesus Christ has been glorified, John 13:31
and God has been glorified in him.
Now the promise is fulfilled, and love’s redeeming work is done:
In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.
People: Thanks be to God.
*Response to the Assurance of Pardon

*Hymn No. 197 (stanza 3)

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

“Hosanna in the highest!” that ancient song we sing,
for Christ is our Redeemer; the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.

Children are now invited to walk to the chancel steps for the Message.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children

Following the message, children ages 3-5 are invited to follow our teachers out for Preschool Kids’ Church and can be picked up in the lower level following service. Children kindergarten and older will remain in service today to participate in Communion.

(reremaining seated)

Hymn No. 200

“A Cheering, Chanting, Dizzy Crowd”
Verses 1, 2, & 3 sung by the choir; verses 4 & 5 sung by all.

Gospel Reading

Jesus Stands Before Pilate
Luke 22:1-6, 14-23
People: Thanks be to God.
Pew Bible pages 857-859
Large print Pew Bible pages 105-108

Sermon

“To Be Empty”
Rev. David L. de Vries

“Then they led him away to crucify him.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith

The Nicene Creed: page 34

Offertory

Anthem

“Thee We Adore, O Hidden Savior, Thee” T. Frederick H. Candlyn

Please see the text of this anthem at Hymn No. 495 — attributed to Thomas Aquinas
*Doxology – Hymn No. 711 (stanza 1)  
   Lord of all good, our gifts we bring to you;  
   use them your holy purpose to fulfill,  
   tokens of love and pledges brought anew,  
   that our whole life is offered to your will.

*Prayer of Dedication (unison)  
   God of all good gifts,  
   we thank you for showing us how to care for each other.  
   May these gifts lead to great feasting  
   for those who have no banquets set before them.  
   May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer  
   for those who are homeless.  
   May these gifts proclaim your desire  
   that all your creation live in peace.  
   Grant us grateful hearts, O God,  
   in the name of Jesus Christ, our Savior. Amen.

*Invitation to the Lord’s Table  

*Hymn No. 496  
"Bread of Heaven, on Thee We Feed"

*The Great Thanksgiving  
   Leader: The Lord be with you.  
   People: And also with you.  
   Leader: Lift up your hearts.  
   People: We lift them to the Lord.  
   Leader: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.  
   People: It is right to give our thanks and praise.  
   Leader: It is truly right and our greatest joy to give you thanks and praise, O Lord our God, creator  
   and ruler of the universe. In your wisdom, you made all things and sustain them by your  
   power.  
   People: You made us in your image, setting us in your world to love and serve you  
   and to live in peace with your whole creation. From generation to  
   generation you have guided us, sending prophets to turn us from  
   wayward paths into the way of righteousness.  
   Leader: Out of your great love for the world you sent your only Son among us to redeem us and to be  
   the way to eternal life. Therefore we praise you, joining our voices with the choirs of heaven  
   and with all the faithful of every time and place, who forever sing to the glory of your name:
Leader: You are holy, O God of majesty, and blessed is Jesus Christ, your Son, our Lord. As one of us, he knew our joys and sorrows, and our struggles with temptation. He was like us in every way except sin. In him we see what you created us to be. Though blameless, he suffered willingly for our sin. Though innocent, he accepted death for the guilty. On the cross he offered himself, a perfect sacrifice, for the life of the world. By his suffering and death, he freed us from sin and death. Risen from the grave, he leads us to the joy of new life. We give you thanks that the Lord Jesus, on the night before he died, took bread and after giving thanks to you, he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying: “Take, eat. This is my body, given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.”

In the same way he took the cup, saying: “This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood, shed for you for the forgiveness of sins. Whenever you drink it, do this in remembrance of me.”

People: Remembering all your mighty and merciful acts, we take this bread and this cup from the gifts you have given us, and celebrate with joy the redemption won for us in Jesus Christ.

Leader: Accept this our sacrifice of praise and thanksgiving as a living and holy offering of ourselves, that our lives may proclaim the One crucified and risen. Great is the mystery of faith:

People: Christ has died,
Christ is risen,
Christ will come again.

Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and wine, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ.

People: As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world. Lead us, O God, in the way of Christ. Give us courage to take up our cross and, in full reliance upon your grace, to follow him.
Leader: Help us to love you above all else and to love our neighbor as we love ourselves, demonstrating that love in deed and word in the power of your Spirit. Give us strength to serve you faithfully until the promised day of resurrection, when, with the redeemed of all the ages, we will feast with you at your table in glory.

People: Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

Communion Anthem

Charles-Marie Widor

_Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi_  
_miserere nobis._

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

_Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi_  
_miserere nobis._

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, have mercy upon us.

_Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi_  
_dona nobis pacem._

Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world, grant us your peace.

The Closing Prayer, Prayers of the People, and the Lord’s Prayer

REENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church

(Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew and return it toward the center aisle, noting names of those with whom you are worshiping.)

*Hymn in Procession No. 224  
“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

*Benediction

Choral Response

_Love Unknown_

Here might I stay and sing, no story so divine:
ever was love, dear King, never was grief like thine.
This is my Friend, in whose sweet praise
I all my days could gladly spend.

Tolling of the Tower Bell

_During this Lenten season we anticipate the Day of Resurrection; we go out into the world today only with the sound of the tower bell, but festive organ toccatas will be heard each week in the Great Fifty Days, celebrating again Christ’s victory over the grave._

*Greeting One Another

_For anyone wishing confidential individual prayer, immediately following the service a member of the Stephen Ministry will be available in the Chapel._

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Maundy Thursday
April 18, 2019
6:00 pm

GATHERING FOR SUPPER IN AN UPPER ROOM
At Table in Westminster Hall

Grace
Leader: Blessed are you, Lord our God, Creator of the Universe.
Table Guests: Through your work, all things were made,
and by your goodness we have this food to share.
Leader: Bless this food to our bodies and may this evening nourish our souls.
Table Guests: Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Dinner & Fellowship

THE PASSOVER MEAL & COMMUNION
Beginning in Westminster Hall @ 7:00 pm

Call to Worship
Leader: We are starting down a road that will take us to the cross.
All: It is a journey we take together, and a journey each makes alone.
Leader: We are invited to notice things on the way –
All: To notice the sharp stones, the uneven ground,
the mercy of shade, the faithfulness of those who walk with us.
Leader: We carry little with us but that which is in our hearts:
All: Hope, trust, fear, apprehension, wonder, sorrow.
Leader: On this walk we rest and sing and pray and listen.
All: In our worship, we rest and sing and pray and listen.
Leader: Then let us worship God.

Call to Confession
Leader: We are all invited by God to examine our own spirits,
to see what is growing, to see what needs pruning,
to see what needs encouragement.
All: Let us come to God with what we see, and with what we hope.
Leader: Let us pray.
Confession of Sin  *(in unison)*

Holy God, giver of life and forgiver of sin,
We come to you now with hope –
  Hope that you will always love us,
  Hope that you will not hold our sin against us,
  Hope that you will turn us around from what is evil,
    Toward what is good.
Walk with us in this holy season,
  and help us to look clearly at our lives and the world,
That we may embrace all with love.
Through Christ we pray. Amen.

Pardon

*Leader:*  *Friends, this is the Good News:*

*All:*  *In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!*

*Leader:*  *And we are not only forgiven, we are also freed,*

*All:*  *so that we may go into the world as people made new in Christ.*

Hymn  “The Song of the Supper”  *Tune: AFTON WATER (Scottish Trad.)*

*Members of the choir sing the verses; ALL are invited to join in singing the refrain.*

1. The time was early evening, The place a room upstairs;
The guests were the disciples, Few in number and few in prayers.

  **REFRAIN:**

    Oh, the food comes from the baker.  The drink comes from the vine,
    The words come from the Savior, “I will meet you in bread and wine.”

2. The company of Jesus Had met to share a meal,
But he, who made them welcome, Had much more to reveal.

  **REFRAIN**

(solo)
3. “The bread and body broken The wine and blood outpoured,
The cross and kitchen table Are one by my sign and word.”

  **REFRAIN**

4. On both sides of the table, On both sides of the grace,
The Lord joins whose who love him To serve them and to save.

  **REFRAIN**

5. Lord, Jesus, now among us, Confirm our faith’s intent,
As, with your words and actions, we unite in this sacrament.

  **REFRAIN**
Remembering and Thanksgiving

Leader: When the world could wait no longer,
Women: The carpenters took up their tools,
Men: They made a cross for God's own son,
Women: Fashioned from wood and skill of human hands,
Men: Fashioned from hate and will of human minds.
Leader: He was a man of sorrows and acquainted with grief,
All: FOR US HE GRIEVED.
Leader: He was summoned to the judgement hall,
   An enemy of the state, a danger to religion,
All: BY US HE WAS JUDGED
Leader: He was lashed with tongues and scourged with thongs,
All: BY HIS STRIPES WE ARE HEALED.
Leader: He was nailed to the cross by human hands,
All: BONE OF OUR BONE, FLESH OF OUR FLESH.
Leader: He died, declaring God's forgiveness.
   He rose on the third day, transforming death.
   He ascended into heaven,
   That he might be everywhere on earth.
   He sent the Holy Spirit as the seal of his intention.
   He sets before us bread and wine,
   And invites us to his table.
   This is the place where we are made well again.
All: AND ALL WILL BE MADE WELL.
Leader: For God sent the Son into the world
   Not to condemn the word,
All: BUT THAT THE WORLD MIGHT BE SAVED THROUGH HIM.
Leader: The Lord Jesus, on the night of his arrest, took bread,
   and after giving thanks to God,
   he broke it, and gave it to his disciples, saying:
   Take, eat. This is my body, given for you.
   Do this in remembrance of me.
   In the same way he took the cup, saying:
   This cup is the new covenant sealed in my blood,
   shed for you for the forgiveness of sins.
   Whenever you drink it,
   do this in remembrance of me.
   Every time you eat this bread and drink this cup,
   you proclaim the saving death of the risen Lord,
   until he comes.
Leader: Let us share the bread and cup.
   Please serve the person to the right, offering words such as
   “The Body and Blood of Christ given for you.”
   (Response): “Thanks be to God” OR “Amen.”

Hymn No. 207 “Shadows Lengthen into Night” Tenebrae

All are invited to join in singing the refrain after each verse:

1. Sharing Paschal bread and wine as the daylight ebbs away,
   friends at table join to dine, One of them will soon betray.
   Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.
2. In a grove of olive trees underneath a darkening sky,
   Jesus warns as he foresees: Peter also will deny.
   Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.

THE COMMUNITY FOLLOWS CHRIST INTO THE GARDEN OF GETHSEMANE
All who are able process together through the church courtyard and singing:
(Some worshipers may wish to walk through Cloister Hall and through the front of the sanctuary.)

Holy Spirit, Come to Us

Worshipers please sit in the front pews of the sanctuary —
SILENCE IS OBSERVED
Lighting of the warming fire

Taizé song with several repetitions for meditation:

Scheming and Betrayal

SCRIPTURE READING  “Judas Agrees to Betray Jesus”  Matthew 26:14-16,20-25

MEDITATION and SILENCE  Heather Dominik

Hymn No. 427 (refrain), sung repeatedly by all:
Indifference

SCRIPTURE READING  “The Garden of Gethsemane”  Matthew 26:36-46

Hymn No. 207  “Shadows Lengthen into Night”  TENEBRAE

All are invited to join in singing the refrain after each verse:

3. In the garden, still and deep, those he asked to watch and pray,
heavy-lidded, fall asleep, weary from the anxious day.

*Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.*

4. Deeper in the garden’s chill, Jesus kneels to pray alone,
wrestling with God’s holy will, crying out, “Let it be done!”

*Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.*

MEDITATION and SILENCE  Nancy Irving

Hymn No. 204, sung repeatedly by all:
Treachery

SCRIPTURE READING

“With a Kiss” Matthew 26:47-50

Hymn No. 207

“Shadows Lengthen into Night” TENEBRAE

All are invited to join in singing the refrain after each verse:

5. All too soon, the silence rends, with a crash of club and sword.
Judas, still received as “Friend,” with a kiss betrays his Lord.

Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.

6. Christ’s disciples weak with fear, fail one further, stringent test—
So like us, with trouble near—fleeing far at his arrest.

Refrain: Shadows lengthen into night.

MEDITATION and SILENCE

Kate George

Hymn

ERHALT UNS, HERR

1. O blest are they who in their love compassion hold for those in need;
for they shall find, when faced by foes, the Lord is their defense indeed.

2. When all the evils earth can dream are cast on me, my faith to break,
their rage I temper through God’s grace, and bear them boldly for God’s sake.

3. The hands which shared my broken bread, my love with their deceit repaid;
and friends whose trust I counted mine have left me wounded and betrayed.
Violence

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 26:51-56a
“Peter confronts the servant’s high priest (Malchus)”

MEDITATION and SILENCE

Kevin Anderson

Hymn No. 215

Wondrous Love

1. What wondrous love is this, O my soul, O my soul,
what wondrous love is this, O my soul!
What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord of bliss
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul, for my soul,
to bear the dreadful curse for my soul!

2. When I was sinking down, sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down, sinking down,
when I was sinking down
beneath God’s righteous frown,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul, for my soul,
Christ laid aside his crown for my soul!

3. To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will sing,
to God and to the Lamb, I will sing;
to God and to the Lamb who is the great I am,
while millions join the theme, I will sing, I will sing;
while millions join the theme, I will sing!

Stripping of the Chancel

The candles are extinguished and all symbols, paraments, decorations, and banners are
removed from the worship space, signifying the barrenness of God’s people during the three
days of Christ’s passion and death. The congregation may bow or kneel in silent prayer.

Remain for Meditation or Depart in Silence. “Then all the disciples forsook him, and fled.”

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Friday and Easter — OR please hand this to an usher upon exiting. Thank you.
Good Friday

April 19, 2019
7:00 pm

THE GATHERING

Gathering in Silence

Introit

Tumbuka Hymn (Malawi); arr., John Bell

Refrain: Holy Lamb of God, raised high on the cross to bear for us the pain and loss.
Behold the holy Lamb of God, Yesu, the one who lifts for us a heavy load.
In silent grief and dignity; takes the cross and walks that way to set us free.
And there, outside the city wall, on the cross they nail the one who saves us all.
But listen to his heartfelt cry, God, my God, now will you leave me here to die?
Yesu, while dying on the tree, forgives our folly and our sins and set us free.

Call to Worship

Leader: Surely he has borne our griefs,
ALL: and carried our sorrows;
Leader: yet we accounted him stricken,
ALL: struck down by God, and afflicted.
Leader: But he was wounded for our transgressions, crushed for our iniquities;
ALL: upon him was the punishment that made us whole,
Leader: and by his bruises we are healed.
ALL: Blessed be the name of the Lord!

*Hymn No. 223

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

Litany for Good Friday

Leader: O crucified Jesus, Son of the Father, conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God.
ALL: we worship you.
Leader: O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God, dwelling place of the Most High,
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,
ALL: we worship you.
Leader: O crucified Jesus, sanctuary of justice and love, full of kindness, source of all faithfulness,
ALL: we worship you.
Leader: O crucified Jesus, ruler of every heart, in you are all the treasures of wisdom and
knowledge, in you dwells all the fullness of the Godhead,
ALL: we worship you.
Leader: Jesus, Lamb of God,
ALL: have mercy on us.
Leader: Jesus, bearer of our sins,  
All: have mercy on us.

Leader: Jesus, redeemer of the world,  
All: grant us peace. Amen.

After a brief silence, the leader concludes the litany:

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, forever and ever.

THE WORD

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 52:13-53:12  
Pew Bible pages 596-597  
Large Print Pew Bible pages 836-837

Psalm 22:1-15  
All sing the refrain:

Psalm 22:1-15
All sing the refrain:

Pew Bible pages 434-435  
Jerry R. Brubaker (Tone 8)

The Passion of Our Lord According to John

Narrator: Britt Cooper  +  Pilate: Rev. Michael Wallace  +  Jesus: Jon Peterson

THE SERVICE OF TENEBRAE

The Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

Leader: O my people, O my church, what have I done to you, or in what have I offended you?  
Answer me. I led you forth from the land of Egypt and delivered you by the waters of baptism, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Hymn No. 216

“Beneath the Cross of Jesus”

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.  
(Silent Meditation)
First Candle is Extinguished

Leader: I led you through the desert forty years, and fed you manna: I brought you through tribulation and penitence, and gave you my body, the bread of heaven, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Anthem

Giovanni Croce

Is it nothing unto you, ye that pass by? Behold and see, and consider, if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow.

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

Second Candle is Extinguished

Leader: What more could I have done for you that I have not done? I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard, I made you the branches of my vine; but when I was thirsty, you gave me vinegar to drink and pierced with a spear the side of your Savior, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Hymn No. 228 — Stanzas 1, 2 & 3  

“Were You There?”

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

Third Candle is Extinguished

Leader: I went before you in a pillar of cloud, and you have led me to the judgment hall of Pilate, I scourged your enemies and brought you to a land of freedom, but you have scourged, mocked, and beaten me. I gave you the water of salvation from the rock, but you have given me gall and left me to thirst, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Anthem from Mass in G Minor  

Ralph Vaughan Williams

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Christe eleison, Christ, have mercy upon us.

Kyrie eleison, Lord, have mercy upon us.

Solo Quartet: Jean Burnquist, Sara Pozderac-Chenevey, Michael Wallace, Jon Peterson

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

Fourth Candle is Extinguished

Leader: I gave you a royal scepter, and bestowed the keys to the kingdom, but you have given me a crown of thorns. I raised you on high with great power, but you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.
Hymn No. 221 — Stanzas 1 & 2

O sacred head, now wounded, with grief and shame weighed down;
now scornfully surrounded with thorns, thine only crown;
O sacred head, what glory, what bliss till now was thine!
Yet, though despised and gory, I joy to call thee mine.

What thou, my Lord, hast suffered was all for sinners’ gain:
mine, mine was the transgression, but Thine the deadly pain.
Lo, here I fall, my Savior! ’Tis I deserve thy place;
Look on me with thy favor, and grant to me thy grace.

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

Fifth Candle is Extinguished

Leader: My peace I gave, which the world cannot give, and washed your feet as a sign of my love, but you draw
the sword to strike in my name and seek high places in my kingdom. I offered you my body and blood,
but you scatter and deny and abandon me, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

Anthem Pange lingua

Sing, my tongue, the glorious battle; of the mighty conflict sing;
Tell the triumph of the victim, to his cross thy tribute bring.
Jesus Christ, the world’s Redeemer from that cross now reigns as King.

Thirty years among us dwelling, his appointed time fulfilled,
Born for this, he meets his passion, this the Savior freely willed;
On the cross the Lamb is lifted, where his precious blood is spilled.

Praise and honor to the Father, praise and honor to the Son,
Praise and honor to the Spirit, ever Three and ever One;
One in might and one in glory while eternal ages run.

All: Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

Sixth Candle is Extinguished

Leader: I sent the Spirit of truth to guide you, and you close your hearts to the Counselor. I pray that all may
be one in the Father and me, but you continue to quarrel and divide. I call you to go and bring forth fruit, but you cast lots for my clothing, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.
Lord, have mercy.
Hymn No. 227

**All:** Holy God, Holy and mighty, Holy immortal One, have mercy upon us.

(silence)

**Seventh Candle is Extinguished**

**Leader:** I grafted you into the tree of my chosen Israel, and you turned on them with persecution and mass murder. I made you joint heirs with them of my covenants but you made them scapegoats for your own guilt, and you have prepared a cross for your Savior. Lord, have mercy.

**Anthem**  “Beautiful Savior”  
F. Melius Christiansen

Fair are the meadows, Fairer the woodlands, Robed in flow'ers of blooming spring;  
Jesus is fairer, Jesus is purer, He makes our sorrowing spirit sing.  
Beautiful Savior! Lord of the nations! Son of God and Son of Man!  
Glory and honor, Praise, adoration, Now and forevermore be Thine!

The light of the world is carried out of the nave.

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Gathering in the Chapel and walking to the tomb.

Scripture Reading  
Luke 23:5-56

Hymn  
“Were You There?”

Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid Him in the tomb?

Litany

Leader: So there it is, the ugly shape of beautiful wood, rough hewn by human hands.
ALL: Lord, where are you now?
Leader: And there it is, a tight-shut tomb, a borrowed grave, sealed with stone and silence.
ALL: Lord, where are you now?
Leader: And there it is, your broken body, shrouded in linen, clothed in darkness.
ALL: Lord, where are you now?
Leader: And somewhere stand your people, crying though tired of crying, their eyes sore and bloodshot. They will not sleep tonight.
ALL: Lord, where are you now?
Leader: And out in the streets, the children have stopped their playing, the sound of music has gone sour, even the unlikely people fidget and wonder.
ALL: Lord, where are you now?
Leader: And here are we, saying, “If only,” murmuring, “Surely not,” counting the cost for once of our carelessness and our lovelessness and our sin. Trying so vainly to gain all, we’ve bartered you away in the transaction. We have lost the one who found us. With the Peters and Marys of all time, we wait, for only you can tell whether we are worth rising for. Amen.

Walking Through the Garden
**Hymn No. 204**

**“Stay with Me”**

Stay with me; remain here with me; watch and pray.

**Hymn No. 175**

**“Seek Ye First”**

1. Seek ye first the kingdom of God and its righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you.
   
   Allelu, alleluia!

   Refrain (descant):
   
   Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!
   
   Allelu, alleluia!

2. Ask, and it shall be given unto you; seek and you shall find; knock, and the door shall be opened unto you.
   
   Allelu, alleluia!

   Refrain (descant)

**Liturgy at the Door**

**Leader:** What is it you seek?

**ALL:** We seek our Lord.

**Leader:** He is not here! What is it you seek?

**ALL:** We seek his body.

**Leader:** It is not here. What is it you seek?

**ALL:** We seek the Kingdom of God.

**Leader:** The Kingdom of God is here; He is risen.

   Friends, the Lord is risen!

**ALL:** He has risen indeed!

**Leader:** Come, let us worship and celebrate.

**ALL:** Let us worship and celebrate together.

*(Please remain standing upon entering the sanctuary.)*
*The Great Noise of Jubilation

As the worshiping community enters the sanctuary, all are invited to celebrate the news of Christ’s Resurrection with bells and noise-makers, remaining standing in the front pews for singing and proclamation.

Organ Acclamation: “Toccata” from Symphony V

Charles-Marie Widor

As you enter into the Sanctuary please move to the front pews.

*Hymn No. 248

1. Christ is risen! Shout Hosanna! Celebrate this day of days!
   Christ is risen! Hush in wonder: all creation is amazed.
   In the desert all surrounding, see, a spreading tree has grown.
   Healing leaves of grace abounding bring a taste of love unknown.

2. Christ is risen! Raise your spirits from the caverns of despair.
   Walk with gladness in the morning. See what love can do and dare.
   Drink the wine of resurrection, not a servant, but a friend.
   Jesus is our strong companion. Joy and peace shall never end.

3. Christ is risen! Earth and heavennevermore shall be the same.
   Break the bread of new creation where the world is still in pain.
   Tell its grim, demonic chorus: “Christ is risen! Get you gone!”
   God the First and Last is with us. Sing Hosanna, everyone!

*Prayer of Adoration

All: Jesus Christ, we greet you!
   Your hands still have holes in them,
   your feet are wet from the dew;
   and with the memory of our names
   undimmed by three days of death
   you meet us, risen from the grave.

Leader: We fail to understand how; we puzzle at the reason why.

All: But you come: not to answer our questions,
   but to show us your face.

All: You are alive and the world can rejoice again. Hallelujah! Amen.

Prayer for Illumination

First Reading “Spreading the Good News” Acts 10:34-43

Leader: The Word of the Lord.
People: Thanks be to God.

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*Hymn No. 240

“Alleluia, Alleluia! Give Thanks”

Gospel John 20:1-18

People: Thanks be to God.

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Invitation to the Table

Holy Communion

Leader: 
All: 
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Hymn No. 552

*Sanctus (sung by all)

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All: 
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Leader: Gracious God, pour out your Holy Spirit upon us and upon these your gifts of bread and cup, that the bread we break and the cup we bless may be the communion of the body and blood of Christ. By your Spirit make us one with Christ that we may be one with all who share this feast, united in ministry in every place. As this bread is Christ’s body for us, send us out to be the body of Christ in the world.

ALL: Give us who are fed at his hand, grace to share our bread with the hungry and with the hungry of heart. Keep us faithful in your service until Christ comes in final victory, and we shall feast with all your saints in the joy of your eternal realm. Through Christ, all glory and honor are yours, almighty Father, with the Holy Spirit in the holy church, now and forever. Amen.

Sharing of the Bread and Cup

The Closing Prayer and Prayers of the People

*Hymn No. 232  “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today”

Leader: Alleluia! Christ is risen.
People: The Lord is risen indeed. Alleluia

*Benediction

Organ Voluntary “Carillon-Sortie” Henry Mulet
The Order For Morning Worship
The Day of Resurrection
Celebrating in the Triumph

April 21, 2019

Please silence all electronic devices prior to the service.
* At these moments, we invite you to stand in body or spirit.

ASSEMBLE IN GOD’S NAME

Preparation for Worship

We commence with the dim light of the early morning at the tomb.

Reading of Scripture
Mark 16:1-6a

Choral Introit
“Christ: True Love’s Example” Alice Parker
Most glorious Lord of life, that on this day Didst make thy triumph over death and sin, And having harrowed Hell didst bring away Captivity thence captive, us to win: This joyous day, dear Lord, with joy begin, And grant that we for whom thou didst die Being with thy dear blood clean washed from sin, May live for ever in felicity. And that thy love we weighing worthily, May likewise love thee for the same again; And for thy sake, that all like dear didst buy, With love may one another entertain: So let us love, dear love, like as we ought; Love is the lesson which the Lord us taught.
— Edmund Spenser (1552-99)

Invocation
Early on the first day of the week,
the disciples of Jesus went to the tomb where he had been buried only to find that the stone had been rolled away and the tomb was empty. Friends, we gather here as Christ’s disciples, on the first day of the week, to celebrate the good news of the gospel: Jesus Christ has risen from the dead!

The Easter Procession
“Toccata” from Symphony V Charles-Marie Widor
Representatives of the Body of Christ bring symbols of our Resurrection Faith and worship leaders process to the chancel:

1. The Paschal Candle: The Light of Christ
2. Acolytes transmit the light to all of the chancel area candles
3. The waters of baptism are brought forth and poured into the font
4. Banner of Christ the Sacrificial Lamb is brought forth in procession
5. Resurrection Banner is brought forth in procession
6. Easter floral array is completed with crowning glory
7. The Word of God is placed on the lectern and the Communion Table
8. The Chancel Choir
THE CONGREGATION STANDS AS:

9. The Processional Cross is brought forth; representing the whole Body of the Faithful
10. Pastors and Lay Leaders

Call to Worship

Leader: People of God, we are witnesses to these things:
ALL: that Christ died, hanging on a cross;
that God raised him from the dead on the third day;
that he is coming again in glory to reign.

Leader: This is the good news we tell to all the world:
The Lord is risen!
ALL: He is risen indeed!

GIVE PRAISE TO GOD

*Hymn No. 232 “Jesus Christ Is Risen Today!”

*Prayer of Adoration (unison)

Loving and ever-present God, you seek us up and down the roads of life,
assuring us we are your beloved children.
You choose to give us free will and release us to learn and grow.
Yet you remain with us.
Because of Easter we now know
that nothing can snatch us from your hand
or remove us beyond the reach of your care.
And so it is that we worship you.
We adore you and give thanks to you
for this astonishing message of Easter resurrection.

Call to Confession

Leader: Since sin and death came through a human being,
the resurrection of the dead has also come through a human being.
1 Corinthians 15:21-22

People: For as all die in Adam, all will be made alive in Christ.

Leader: Trusting in that promise of God, let us confess our sin.

Prayer of Confession (unison)

Gracious God, we have heard the good news:
how on the third day, Christ rose again.
Still we look for the living among the dead.
You rolled away the stone from the tomb.
Still we look for the living among the dead.
You sent messengers to proclaim the gospel.
Still we look for the living among the dead.
You were faithful to your promise; you have done wonderful things!
Still we look for the living among the dead.
Forgive us, Lord, we pray.
Teach us to trust your promise
and to believe the good news of salvation:
Christ is alive; Jesus is risen from the dead. Amen.
(Silence is observed for personal reflection.)

*Assurance of Pardon
Leader: When Christ comes to reign,
he will put an end to every ruler, every power, every authority;
he will put every enemy under his feet.
People: And the last enemy to be destroyed is death.
Leader: As we await that great and glorious day, we rejoice in the good news of the gospel:
All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven! Thanks be to God.

*Hymn No. 238 (stanzas 1 & 2) "Thine Is the Glory"
Children are now invited to walk to the chancel steps for the Message.

LISTEN FOR GOD’S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Message for Children
(Children will remain in worship following the Children’s Message.)

Prayer for Illumination
Living God, by your Holy Spirit, open our eyes to see the new light of this day; open our lips
to tell of the empty tomb; open our hearts to believe the good news; through Jesus Christ
our Lord. Amen.

Hebrew Reading Isaiah Proclaims a New Heaven and a New Earth Isaiah 65:17-25
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

Anthem “Easter Canticle” Stephen Sturk
Alleluia. Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us, therefore let us keep the feast, not with old
leaven, neither with the leaven of malice and wickedness, but with the unleavened bread of
sincerity and truth. Alleluia. Christ being raised from the dead dieth no more; death hath
no more dominion over him. For in that he died, he died unto sin once; but in that he liveth,
he liveth unto God. Likewise reckon ye also yourselves to be dead indeed unto sin, but alive
unto God through Jesus Christ our Lord. Alleluia! Christ is risen from the dead, and
become the first fruits of them that slept. For since by man came death, by man came also
the resurrection of the dead. For as in Adam all die, even so in Christ shall all be made alive.
Alleluia. —1 Corinthians 5:7-8; Romans 6:9-11; 1 Corinthians 15:2-22

Second Reading The Witness of the Apostle Peter Acts 10:34-43
Leader: The Word of the Lord.
All: Thanks be to God.

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Large print Pew Bible page 895
Large print Pew Bible pages 157-158
*Hymn No. 233 “The Day of Resurrection!”

Gospel Reading The Resurrection of Jesus, the Christ
All: Thanks be to God.

Children’s Anthem “At the Cross”

Sermon “Why Are You Crying” Rev. David L. de Vries

Jesus said to her, “Woman, why are you weeping? Whom are you looking for?” Supposing him to be the gardner, she said to him, “Sir, if you have carried him away, tell me where you have laid him, and I will take him away.”

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

*Affirmation of Faith (unison) The Apostles’ Creed: page 35

I believe in God, the Father almighty,
Maker of heaven and earth,
and in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord;
who was conceived by the Holy Ghost,
born of the Virgin Mary,
suffered under Pontius Pilate,
was crucified, dead, and buried;
he descended into hell;
the third day he rose again from the dead;
he ascended into heaven,
and sitteth on the right hand
of God the Father Almighty;
from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.
I believe in the Holy Ghost;
the holy catholic church;
the communion of saints;
the forgiveness of sins;
the resurrection of the body;
and the life everlasting. Amen.

Prayers of the People and 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.
Invitation to the Offering

Luke 6:38 Give, and it will be given to you.

Offertory

Anthem — based on The Song of Moses (Exodus 15)                    Edward C. Bairstow
Sing ye to the Lord, for He hath triumphed gloriously.
Pharaoh’s chariots and his host hath He cast into the sea.
Mighty Victim from the sky, hell’s fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light.
Now no more can death appall, now no more the grave enthrall;
Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise.
Mighty Victim from the sky, hell’s fierce powers beneath Thee lie;
Thou hast conquered in the fight, Thou hast brought us life and light;
Thou hast opened Paradise, and in Thee Thy Saints shall rise. Alleluia! Amen.

*Doxology                        LASST UNS ERFREUEN
Praise God from whom all blessings flow;
Praise Him all creatures here below; Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise Him, above, ye heavenly host;
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Alleluia . . . Alleluia!

Prayer of Dedication (unison)
We praise you, O God, and give you thanks
that you have given us such joy, such grace, and such hope,
in the resurrection of Jesus Christ our Lord.
Let our lives be proof of that good news.
Let all our words and actions, our love and service
bear witness to your resurrection power;
for the sake of our living Lord, Jesus Christ. Amen.

RE-ENTRY INTO THE WORLD TO SERVE THE LORD

Being Christ’s Church

Minute for Mission—Jerry Norton
(Please sign the Friendship Pad found in your pew and return it
toward the center aisle, noting names of those with whom you are worshiping.)

*Hymn No. 239  “Good Christians All, Rejoice and Sing”

*The Charge and Benediction

*Congregational Acclamation: Chorus from Messiah  (see music insert)  George F. Handel
Hallelujah!
For the Lord God omnipotent reigneth.
The kingdom of this world is become the kingdom of our Lord,
and of His Christ;
and He shall reign for ever,
Kings of Kings, and Lord of Lords.
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Hallelujah!

Please remain standing as the crucifer, acolytes, choir, and clergy process out.
Please wait for the conclusion of this musical offering before removing chancel flowers.

*Greeting One Another

For anyone wishing confidential individual prayer, immediately following the service a member of the Stephen Ministry will be available in the Chapel.

For Our Children & Youth in Worship:
For our older children and youth, we now have available Worship Note Pages to use to help follow along and focus in worship. You can grab a clipboard from the basket located at the front Lectern side door. Also located there are our Worship Activity Bags, as well as weekly children’s bulletins and coloring pages that follow each week’s Scripture. Please encourage your children to take advantage of these resources to better help them engage in Scripture and in Worship with the congregation.

Get ready to Celebrate!
Did you realize that we, the members of Christ Presbyterian Church will be celebrating our 200th birthday in 2021? In preparation the Archives committee is asking YOU to help. We are looking for pictures of our congregation and grounds from your archives. Of most interest are photos of weddings and special events of our church life together from the past 100 years. And we need a few good men and women to help us display them. One of our projects will include a documentary film including interviews of our Congregants. So please, please help us. You may contact Dale Davis davis73@kent.edu, Don Montgomery at donmonty61@gmail.com, or Beth Pansino at bpansino@aol.com, or see us after a worship service.

Friends of Our Food & Clothing Ministry:
The sun has been shining and we are starting to gear up for Spring! Our Clothing Room is switching to Spring clothing, so please keep in mind that we can not accept winter items. Our Pantry shelves are low—items like peanut butter, jelly, noodles, boxed potatoes and rice, as well as canned fruit will help to replenish our pantry; paper towels and dish soap as well. With Love—Lorraine
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WATOTO: A CHILDREN’S CHOIR FROM UGANDA IS COMING TO CHRIST CHURCH!
Sunday, June 2, 2019, at 6:00 pm

Watoto, an NGO in Uganda, East Africa, brings you the Watoto Children’s Choir performing their brand new album, “We Will Go”. The 6-month tour presents the story of abandoned African children and vulnerable women, who’ve been empowered to rise above their circumstances, and answer the call to be part of the new Africa - ready to make a difference in the world.

Watoto Children’s Choirs have traveled extensively since 1994, sharing a message of hope for Africa’s most vulnerable children and women. On almost every day of the year, the choir is performing somewhere in the world. Hundreds of thousands of people get to meet some of Africa’s future leaders. People see their smiles and are embraced by their hugs. The children have the distinct privilege of telling people, “It’s possible to have joy, to laugh and to have hope, no matter what you’re going through.”

Like Africa, the production is vibrant and colorful, taking you on an emotional journey from utter despair to joyous celebration, as the children and women share their personal stories of triumph in story and song.

Other than coming to Africa yourself, what better way to learn about all the good things happening in Uganda than through this stirring, musical experience. The front of our sanctuary and our chancel are not large enough for this amazing production, but we will be amazed at how skillfully these kids can adapt to our space and bring our whole building alive!