

The Lord's Day

February 18, 2018

10:30 AM

*We welcome you to worship today. It is a privilege to have you as our guest.
As you enter the sanctuary, begin to worship quietly with personal prayer.
Please turn off your cell phone and turn your thoughts toward God.*

We prepare for worship

Take a moment and meditate on this as you prepare for worship...

We see in these verses the cup of our Lord Jesus Christ's sufferings beginning to be filled. We see him betrayed by one of his disciples, forsaken by the rest, and taken prisoner by his deadly enemies. Never surely was their sorrow like his sorrow! Never may we forget, as we read this part of the Bible, that our sins were the cause of these sorrows! Jesus was "delivered for our offenses". (Rom 4:25) J. C. Ryle

Prelude

All is God's Free Grace

Rotermund

Mrs. Gloria Hague, Director of Music

We praise our great God

*Call to Worship (responsive)

Psalms 31:1-5 (ESV)

In you, O LORD, do I take refuge; let me never be put to shame; in your righteousness deliver me!

Incline your ear to me; rescue me speedily! Be a rock of refuge for me, a strong fortress to save me!

For you are my rock and my fortress; and for your name's sake you lead me and guide me; you take me out of the net they have hidden for me, for you are my refuge.

Into your hand I commit my spirit; you have redeemed me, O LORD, faithful God.

*Hymn No. 172

Let Us Love and Sing and Wonder

All Saints Old

Let us love and sing and wonder, let us praise the Savior's name!
He has hushed the law's loud thunder, he has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:
He has washed us with his blood, he has brought us nigh to God.

Let us love the Lord who brought us, pitied us when enemies,
Called us by his grace, and taught us, gave us ears and gave us eyes:
He has washed us with his blood, he presents our souls to God.

Let us sing, though fierce temptation threaten hard to bear us down!
For the Lord, our strong salvation, holds in view the conqu'ror's crown:
He who washed us with his blood soon will bring us home to God.

Let us wonder, grace and justice join and point to mercy's store;
When through grace in Christ our trust is, justice smiles and asks no more:
He who washed us with his blood has secured our way to God.

Let us praise, and join the chorus of the saints enthroned on high;
Here they trusted him before us, now their praises fill the sky:
"You have washed us with your blood; you are worthy Lamb of God!"

*Invocation

We embrace Christ our Savior

Psalter Reading (responsive)

Psalms 34

(Hymnal pg. 796)

I will extol the LORD at all times; his praise will always be on my lips.
My soul will boast in the LORD; let the afflicted hear and rejoice.

Glorify the LORD with me; let us exalt his name together.

I sought the LORD, and he answered me; he delivered me from all my fears.

Those who look to him are radiant; their faces are never covered with shame.

This poor man called, and the LORD heard him; he saved him out of all his troubles.

The angel of the LORD encamps around those who fear him, and he delivers them.

Taste and see that the LORD is good; blessed is the man who takes refuge in him.

Fear the LORD, you his saints, for those who fear him lack nothing.

The lions may grow weak and hungry, but those who seek the LORD lack no good thing.

Come, my children, listen to me; I will teach you the fear of the LORD.

Whoever of you loves life and desires to see many good days,

Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies.

Turn from evil and do good; seek peace and pursue it.

The eyes of the LORD are on the righteous and his ears are attentive to their cry;

the face of the LORD is against those who do evil, to cut off the memory of them from the earth.

The righteous cry out, and the LORD hears them; he delivers them from all their troubles.

The LORD is close to the broken-hearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

A righteous man may have many troubles, but the LORD delivers him from them all;

he protects all his bones, not one of them will be broken.

Evil will slay the wicked; the foes of the righteous will be condemned.

The LORD redeems his servants; no one will be condemned who takes refuge in him.

Assurance of Pardon (responsive)

Isaiah 53:4-6 (ESV)

Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows;

yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God and afflicted.

But he was wounded for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his stripes we are healed.

All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned everyone to his own way;

And the LORD has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

*Confession of Faith (unison)

The Heidelberg Catechism, Q. 37

What do you understand by the words, “He suffered”? **That He, all the time that He lived on earth, but especially at the end of His life, sustained in body and soul¹ the wrath of God against the sins of all mankind; that so by His passion, as the only propitiatory sacrifice,² He might redeem our body and soul from everlasting damnation, and obtain for us the favor of God, righteousness and eternal life.**

¹ 1 Pet. 2:24; Isa. 53:12 ² 1 Jn 2:2; Rom. 3:25

*Hymn No. 261

What Wondrous Love Is This

The Southern Harmony

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.

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!

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and when from death I'm free, I'll sing
on;

And when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joyful be, and through eternity

I'll sing on, I'll sing on, and through eternity I'll sing on!

Ordination and Installation

Aisquith Life and Opportunities

The Prayers of God's People and the Lord's Prayer (in unison)

We respond in gratitude for God's blessing

**The Doxology (Hymnal, pg. 731)* and Prayer of Dedication

God's Tithes and Our Offerings

The Offertory

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded
(Vs. 1, 3 Hymnal # 247)

Hassler

Musical Interlude

After the Offertory, children grades 1-4 may recess for Children's Church through the side door, or may remain with their families.

We hear God speak

Scripture Reading

Matthew 26:47-56

(Pew Bible, pg. 704)

Betrayal and Arrest of Jesus

⁴⁷ While he was still speaking, Judas came, one of the twelve, and with him a great crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. ⁴⁸ Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, "The one I will kiss is the man; seize him." ⁴⁹ And he came up to Jesus at once and said, "Greetings, Rabbi!" And he kissed him. ⁵⁰ Jesus said to him, "Friend, do what you came to do." Then they came up and laid hands on Jesus and seized him. ⁵¹ And behold, one of those who were with Jesus stretched out his hand and drew his sword and struck the servant of the high priest and cut off his ear. ⁵² Then Jesus said to him, "Put your sword back into its place. For all who take the sword will perish by the sword. ⁵³ Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? ⁵⁴ But how then should the Scriptures be fulfilled, that it must be so?" ⁵⁵ At that hour Jesus said to the crowds, "Have you come out as against a robber, with swords and clubs to capture me? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not seize me. ⁵⁶ But all this has taken place that the Scriptures of the prophets might be fulfilled." Then all the disciples left him and fled.

Sermon

"The King's Arrest"

Pastor Bell

We respond to God's grace

*Hymn No. 687

Make Me a Captive, Lord

Paradoxy

Make me a captive, Lord, and then I shall be free;
Force me to render up my sword, and I shall conqu'ror be;
I sink in life's alarms when by myself I stand;
Imprison me within thine arms and strong shall be my hand.

My heart is weak and poor until it master find;
It has no spring of action sure—it varies with the wind;
It cannot freely move till thou hast wrought its chain;
Enslave it with thy matchless love, and deathless it shall reign.

My pow'r is faint and low till I have learned to serve;
It wants the needed fire to glow, it wants the breeze to nerve;
It cannot drive the world until itself be driv'n;
Its flag can only be unfurled when thou shalt breathe from heav'n.

My will is not my own till thou hast made it thine;
If it would reach the monarch's throne, it must its crown resign;
It only stands unbent, amid the clashing strife,
When on thy bosom it has leaned, and found in thee its life.

*Benediction and Three-Fold *Amen* (*Hymnal*, pg. 740)
 Postlude *Partita*

Danish
 J. S. Bach

 *Those who are able, please stand.

We welcome our newly elected deacons today: Ken Schumann (1st term after a sabbatical) and Rick Willis (new deacon).

The deadline for Easter Tulips is March 4th! They are the same price again this year, \$8.50. The flower book will be on the back table. You can call Carolyn Clark at [410-931-6392](tel:410-931-6392) if you have questions.

Join us Wednesday night for a Soup and Salad supper and service to follow! If you can, bring soup! Salad and drinks (and cookies of course will be available.

The Tiemann Music Fund helps to provide guest musicians for our worship services and other special events. If you would like to give a special gift for our music ministry you can do so by using a pink pew envelope and marking it "Tiemann Music Fund."

Impact is collecting empty inkjet cartridges to raise funds for future mission's trips. There is a box on the steel racks in the kitchen where you can drop them off.

This Week at Aisquith

TODAY	10:30 AM Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) 6:30 PM Youth Group tonight!
TUESDAY	10:30 AM Ladies' Bible Study (church library) 10:30 AM Men's Bible Study (1 st floor classroom) 7:00 PM Ladies' Bible Study (church library) 7:30 PM Session Meeting
WEDNESDAY	6:30 PM Soup & Salad (rm. 11) 7:15 PM Service (rm. 11)
THURSDAY	7:30 PM Choir practice
NEXT SUNDAY	9:00 AM Sunday School 10:30 AM Worship Children's Church (grades 1-4) 6:30 PM Youth Group (grades 7-12)

Coming soon

**Sunday, February 25th Eric & Anna Graham,
 New MTW-Next appointees to Bogotá, Columbia**

**Wednesday, March 14th Lenten Service
 Soup & Salad at 6:30 PM and Service at 7:15 PM**

Maunday Thursday Service, March 29th at 7:00 PM at APC

Good Friday Service, March 30th at 7:00 PM at LRPC

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