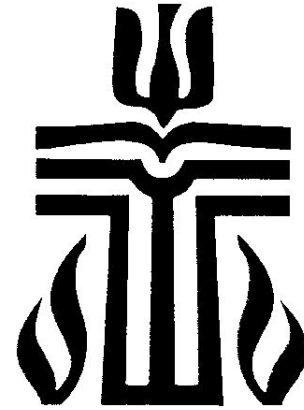


First Presbyterian Church of Pasadena

First Sunday in Lent

March 5, 2017

10:30 am



Jesus:
 You have heard our tears:
 the tears women have shed in silence
 because we were afraid to be heard;
 the tears women have held back
 thinking we deserved violence;
 the tears we have not held back
 but were not comforted;
 the tears women have wept alone
 because we would not ask to be held;
 the tears women weep together
 because our sisters cannot feed their children;
 because our sisters live in fear;
 because the earth herself is threatened.
 So we weep.

Janet Morley
An Iona Prayer Book

Mission Statement:

“Our mission is to live and share the good news of God’s love, grace, and mercy in Jesus Christ, to equip people for discipleship and service, and to work for social justice and peace.”

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Service for the Lord's Day

Gathering Around the Word of God

Welcome and Life of the Church

Minute for Mission

Prelude: *It Is Well With My Soul* (FPC Handbells)

Lloyd Larson

Introit #194: *When Jesus Wept*

William Billings

† Call to Worship:

Leader: The Lord is merciful and gracious,

All: slow to anger and abounding in love.

Leader: Tested by the devil in the wilderness, Jesus said:

All: You shall worship the Lord your God alone.

Let us worship God.

† **Hymn of Praise #386:** *Come, Worship God*

Call to Confession

Corporate Prayer of Confession:

God of mercy, your word was the sure defense of Jesus in his time of testing. Minister to us in the wilderness of our temptation, that we who have been set free from sin by Christ may serve you well into life everlasting. Amen.

Silent Confession

Liturgist: Amen

Assurance of Pardon

#71: *Surely, It Is God Who Saves Me* (refrain only)

Surely, it is God who saves me; I will trust and not be afraid.
For the Lord is my stronghold and my sure defense,
and God will be my Savior.

Leader: Friends, believe and live the good news of the gospel.

All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God!

† **Glory Be to The Father (Gloria Patri) #581**

† **Sharing the Peace of Christ**

Chancel Time with Children and Commissioning Reformation Pilgrims

"Praise Him, praise Him, all ye little children, God is love, God is love.
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Anthem: *The Only Road to Easter Morning*

John Carter

The only road to Easter morning is in the shadow of the cross.
The lonely road to Easter morning is paved with misery and loss.
The only road to resurrection will pass a hill called Calvary.
The lonely road to resurrection is dark as any road can be.

The only road to Alleluia is through a cry of grief and pain.
The lonely road to Alleluia is through the sound of death's refrain.
The only road to Easter morning is through a empty upper room.
The lonely road to Easter morning comes to an end before a tomb.

Proclaiming the Word of God

Prayer for Illumination #288: *Spirit of the Living God*

Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me;
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.
Melt me, mold me, fill me, use me.
Spirit of the living God, fall afresh on me.

First Lesson: Psalm 32 (p. 395)

Note: Selah can translate to "a pause, to reflect".

Sermon Lesson: Luke 23:26-38 (p. 748)

Sermon: "Father, forgive them..."

Rev. Jim Currie

Responding to the Word of God

† **Affirmation of Faith— Apostles' Creed (p. 35)**

† **Hymn of Affirmation #445:** *God, How Can We Forgive*

Offering Our Gifts to God

Offertory Music: *Ave Verum*

arr. Jan Sanborn

† **Doxology #606:** *Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

† **Prayer of Dedication**

Taking the Word of God into the World

Pastoral Prayer and Lord's Prayer (p. 35)

† **Hymn of Inspiration #436:** *God of Compassion, in Mercy Befriend Us*

† **Benediction**

† **Response #43** (refrain): *On Eagle's Wings*

Michael Joncas

And he will raise you up on eagle's wings,
Bear you on the breath of dawn,
Make you to shine like the sun,
And hold you in the palm of his hand.

† **Postlude:** *Gavotte*

J. S. Bach