



CENTRAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
6300 Trinity Drive, Pine Bluff, Arkansas
Friday, April 15, 2022



Good Friday

A Solemn Service of the Word

SOLEMN SERVICE OF THE WORD

Call to Worship

Leader: Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

Pastor: Surely, he has born our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.

L: But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole,

P: And with his stripes we are healed. [*A moment of silence is kept.*]

Hymn 212 Alas! And did My Savior Bleed

**1 Alas! and did my Savior bleed, and did my Sovereign die!
Would he devote that sacred head for sinners such as I?**

**2 Was it for crimes that I have done, he groaned upon the tree?
Amazing pity! Grace unknown! And love beyond degree!**

**3 Well might the sun in darkness hide, and shut its glories in,
when God, the mighty maker, died for his own creature's sin.**

**4 But drops of tears can ne'er repay the debt of love I owe.
Here, Lord, I give myself away; 'tis all that I can do.**

Litany

L: O Crucified Jesus, Son of the Father,
conceived by the Holy Spirit,
born of the Virgin Mary, eternal Word of God,

P: we worship you.

O crucified Jesus, holy temple of God,
dwelling place of the Most High,
gate of heaven, burning flame of love,

we worship you.

O crucified Jesus,
sanctuary of justice and love,
full of kindness, source of faithfulness,

we worship you.

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,

we worship you.

Jesus, Lamb of God,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, bearer of our sins,

have mercy on us.

Jesus, redeemer of the world,

grant us peace.

[*silence.*]

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.

Amen.

First Lesson: Isaiah 52:13-53:12

13 Behold, my servant shall prosper, he shall be exalted and lifted up, and shall be very high.¹⁴ As many were astonished at him— his appearance was so marred, beyond human semblance, and his form beyond that of the sons of men—¹⁵ so shall he startle many nations; kings shall shut their mouths because of him; for that which has not been told them they shall see, and that which they have not heard they shall understand.¹ Who has believed what we have heard? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?² For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or comeliness that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him.³ He was despised and rejected by men; a man of sorrows, and acquainted with grief; and as one from whom men hide their faces he was despised, and we esteemed him not.⁴ Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted.⁵ But he was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that made us whole, and with his stripes we are healed.⁶ 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.⁷ He was oppressed, and he was afflicted, yet he opened not his mouth; like a lamb that is led to the slaughter, and like a sheep that before its shearers is dumb, so he opened not his mouth.⁸ By oppression and judgment he was taken away; and as for his generation, who considered that he was cut off out of the land of the living, stricken for the transgression of my people?

9 And they made his grave with the wicked and with a rich man in his death, although he had done no violence, and there was no deceit in his mouth.¹⁰ Yet it was the will of the Lord to bruise him; he has put him to grief; when he makes himself an offering for sin, he shall see his offspring, he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand;¹¹ he shall see the fruit of the travail of his soul and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous; and he shall bear their iniquities.¹² Therefore I will divide him a portion with the great, and he shall divide the spoil with the strong; because he poured out his soul to death, and was numbered with the transgressors; yet he bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

The Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Second Lesson: Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

14 Since then we have a great high priest who has passed through the heavens, Jesus, the Son of God, let us hold fast our confession.¹⁵ For we have not a high priest who is unable to

sympathize with our weaknesses, but one who in every respect has been tempted as we are, yet without sin. ¹⁶ Let us then with confidence draw near to the throne of grace, that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

7 In the days of his flesh, Jesus offered up prayers and supplications, with loud cries and tears, to him who was able to save him from death, and he was heard for his godly fear. ⁸ Although he was a Son, he learned obedience through what he suffered; ⁹ and being made perfect he became the source of eternal salvation to all who obey him,

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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.

[A time of silence.]

Hymn # 216 Beneath the Cross of Jesus

**1. Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand,
The shadow of a mighty Rock Within a weary land;
A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way,
From the burning of the noontide heat, And the burden of the day.**

**2. Upon that cross of Jesus Mine eye at times can see
The very dying form of One, Who suffered there for me;
And from my stricken heart with tears, Two wonders I confess,
The wonders of redeeming love, And my unworthiness.**

**3. I take, O cross, thy shadow For my abiding place;
I ask no other sunshine than The sunshine of His face;
Content to let the world go by, To know no gain nor loss,
My sinful self my only shame, My glory all the cross.**

Solemn Reproaches of the Cross

L ; 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.

P: Lord, have mercy.

I led you through the desert forty years
and fed you with 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.

What more could I have done for you
that I have not done?
I planted you, my chosen and fairest vineyard,
I made you 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.

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.

I gave you a royal scepter
and bestowed the keys of 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.

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.

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.

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.

I came to you as the least of your brothers and sisters;
I was hungry and you gave me no food,
I was thirsty and you gave me no drink,
I was a stranger and you did not welcome me,
naked and you did not clothe me,
sick and in prison and you did not visit me,
and you have prepared a cross for your Savior.

Lord, have mercy.

[A time of silence is kept.]

A Reading from the gospel of Luke

Reader One: In those days a decree went out from Caesar Augustus that all the world should be enrolled. This was the first enrollment when Quirinius was governor of Syria.

Reader Two: Pilate then called together the chief priests and the rulers and the people and said to them, "You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and after examining him before you, behold, I did not find this man guilty of any of your charges against him. I will therefore chastise him and release him.

One: And all went to be enrolled to their own cities. And Joseph also went up from Galilee, from the city of Nazareth, to Judea, to the city of David, which is called Bethlehem, to be enrolled with Mary, his betrothed, who was with child.

Two: But they were urgent, demanding with loud cries that he should be crucified. And their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave sentence that their demand should be granted. He released Barabbas, the man who had been thrown into prison for insurrection and murder, who they asked for, but Jesus he delivered up to their will.

One: And while they were there, the time came for her to be delivered.

Two: And when they came to the place which is called the skull, there they crucified him and two criminals—one on the right and one on the left.

And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do."

One: And she brought forth her firstborn son and wrapped him in swaddling cloths....

Two: And they cast lots to divide his garments.

One:... and laid him in a manger because there was no room for them in the inn. And in that region there were shepherds out in the fields keeping watch over their flock by night.

Two: And the people stood by watching.

One: And an angel of the Lord appeared to them. And the glory of the Lord shone around them. And they were filled with fear! But the angel said to them, "Do not be afraid, for behold, I bring you good news of great joy which shall be for all people. For to you is born this day in the city of David a savior, who is Christ the Lord.

Two: But the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his chosen One!"

One: And this will be a sign for you....

Two: While the sun's light failed, the curtain of the temple was torn in two. And Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Father, into thy hands I commit my spirit!"

One: You will find the babe wrapped in swaddling cloths....

Two: Then Joseph of Arimathea took down the body of Jesus and wrapped it in a linen shroud....

One:... and lying in a manger.

Two:... and laid him in a rock-hewn tomb.

[Pause, as the tellers switch stories.]

Two: And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace among those with whom God is pleased."

One: The women who had come with Jesus from Galilee followed and saw the tomb and how his body was laid, and returned and prepared spices and ointments.

Two: When the angels had gone away from them into heaven, the shepherds said to one another, "Let us go over to Bethlehem and see this thing that has happened that the Lord has made known to us!"

One: And on the first day of the week at early dawn they went to the tomb.

Two: And they went with haste and found Mary and Joseph, and the babe lying in a manger.

One: And they found the stone rolled away from the tomb, but when they went in they did not find the body.

Two: And when the shepherds saw the babe lying in the manger, they made known the saying which had been told them concerning the child.

One: While they were perplexed about this, behold, two men stood by them in dazzling apparel; and the men said to them, "Why do you seek the living among the dead? Remember how they told you, while he was still in Galilee, that the Son of Man must be delivered into the hands of sinful men, and be crucified, and on the third day rise."

Two: And all who heard it wondered at what the shepherds had told them. But Mary kept all these things, pondering them in her heart.

One: And they remembered his words, and returning from the tomb they told all this to the eleven and to the rest.

Two: And the shepherds returned, glorifying and praising God for all that they had heard and seen, just as it had been told them.

One: But these words seemed to them an idle tale, and they did not believe them.

Two: The gospel of the Lord.

One: Praise be to Christ.

Listening to Hymn # 228 Were you there (in Silence)

(The People Depart in Silence)

Welcome to Central Presbyterian Church, where we come together to celebrate God's love, nurture growth, share our faith and serve the needs of others. This congregation opens wide its doors and hearts and welcomes all in the name of Jesus Christ.

Announcements

Good Friday, April 15th, the church sanctuary will be open from 11am to 1pm for prayer & quiet meditation.

Friday April 15th A Good Friday Service will be held @ 6pm.

Easter Sunday Events:

Easter Breakfast 9am

Egg Hunt 10am

**Worship Service with the choir presenting
Easter Cantata 11am**

Sunday School starts at 9:50am every Sunday Morning. Please join us for this time of learning!

You can catch live broadcasts of our services or watch them after the fact on our Facebook page! Find the link on our website, CentralPresPB.com

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