

INVITATION TO CONFESSION

As we begin the season of Lent, we are invited by God to examine our own spirits, to see what is growing, to see what needs pruning, to see who needs encouragement. Let us come to God with what we see, offering our spirit to the One who loves us. Let us pray.

CONFESSION OF SIN

**Holy God, we come before You in humility,
for we do not live as we ought.**

We do not love You with our whole heart and mind and strength.

We do not love our neighbor as ourselves.

**So we pray, in all humility,
that You will change our hearts and minds,
that You will show us again how to love others the way You love us,
that You will put power and courage in our hearts to do your will.**

SILENT PRAYERS

SUNG RESPONSE

Kyrie eleison. (4x)

Christe eleison. (4x)

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(translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy.)

HS No. 70

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

*What then are we to say? Should we continue in sin in order that grace may abound?
By no means! How can we who died to sin go on living in it? Do you not know that all
of us who have been baptized into Christ Jesus were baptized into his death? Therefore
we have been buried with him by baptism into death, so that, just as Christ was raised
from the dead by the glory of God, so we too might walk in newness of life.
(Romans 6:1-4)*

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

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*CONGREGATIONAL RESPONSE

**All glory to our Lord and God for love so deep, so, high so broad:
The Trinity who we adore Forever and forevermore.**

No. 83

*SHARING OF THE PEACE

The peace of Christ be with you. And also with you.

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS FOR THE CHURCH AND COMMUNITY

GOD'S WORD TO US

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

THE GOSPEL LESSON

Luke 3:7-18

(NT pg. 56)

ANTHEM

Under the Sun

Michael O'Connor

THE OLD TESTAMENT LESSON Exodus 14:10-16, 21-25, 30, 31

(OT pg. 58)

THE SERMON

What Shall We Do?

Ken Henry

OUR RESPONSE TO GOD

*AN AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

What shall we do?

We shall love the Lord our God with all our hearts, minds, and souls.

We shall follow the teachings of Jesus and listen to him.

We shall put our trust in God's Holy Spirit.

We shall walk by faith and not by sight.

We shall pray without ceasing.

We shall seek to unmask idolatries in church and culture.

We shall welcome the prodigal home.

What shall we do?

We shall love our neighbors as we love ourselves.

We shall respect the wisdom of our elders.

We shall protect the lives and the reputations of those around us.

We shall cherish the relationships entrusted to us.

We shall not take what is not ours.

We shall learn the value of enough.

We shall work for justice and feed the hungry.

What shall we do?

**With believers in every time and place, we shall rejoice that nothing in life
or in death will separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus
our Lord. Amen.**

PRAYER CONCERNS AND PRAYERS OF THE CONGREGATION

THE OFFERING

OFFERTORY (8:30)
(11:00)

*Recercar
Be Still and Know*

Girolamo Frescobaldi
Ronald Nelson

PRESENTATION OF BREAD AND CUP

HS No. 52

**Lord, who love in humble service bore the weight of human need,
Who upon the cross, forsaken, worked your mercy's perfect deed:
We, your servants, bring the worship, not of voice alone, but heart;
Consecrating to your purpose every gift which you impart.**



Westminster Presbyterian Church

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

Invitation to the Lord's Table

The Great Thanksgiving and the Lord's Prayer

(Hymnal, page 16)

The Lord be with you.

And also with you.

Lift up your hearts.

We lift them up to the Lord.

Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

It is right to give God thanks and praise...

...in joyful praise.

Congregational sung response

HS No. 75

**Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of power and might,
Heaven and earth are full of your glory.
Hosanna in the highest.
Blest is the one, O blest is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest. Hosanna in the highest.**

Breaking of the Bread and Communion of the People

Communion Music *Toccata Quarta alla levatione* Girolamo Frescobaldi

*PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

*HYMN *How Can I Keep From Singing*

HS No. 42

*THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY *Have mercy on me, O God* J. S. Bach

*During the season of Lent,
the congregation will be seated during the Closing Music for a short period of meditation.*

**SILENT
PRAYER AND
MEDITATION**

*Think of a time
when your spirit
was refreshed.
Think of a song that
moved you to tears,
or a prayer that
inspired you to act.
Think of laughter
shared with friends
or the care of your
family. Think of a
stranger who made
you feel welcome or
of someone who
said, 'I love you.'
Think of the
suffering and
forgiving love of
Jesus. Think of the
Maker and
give thanks.
Amen.*

Charlottesville, Virginia

SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

First Sunday of Lent
March 5, 2017

PREPARING TO HEAR GOD'S WORD

OPENING VOLUNTARY *By the waters of Babylon* J. S. Bach

*CALL TO WORSHIP

What shall we do?

We shall mount up on eagles' wings.

What shall we do?

We shall run and not be weary.

What shall we do?

We shall walk and not faint.

What shall we say?

Say to this mountain,

"Be taken up and thrown into the sea,"

... and it will be done for you.

What shall we say?

Let the weak say "I am strong."

What shall we sing?

Sing to the Lord all the earth. Break forth into joyous song.

Let us worship God.

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*HYMN *The Glory of These Forty Days* No. 87

*Congregation may stand. #Latecomers seated.
Please turn off cell phones during the service.