



“And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe.

For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled...”

- John 19:35-36a

LEADERS:

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GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE
FRIDAY, MARCH 30, 2021

WELCOME

OPENING CONFESSION*

Leader: Who has believed our report? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?

All: Surely He has borne our griefs And carried our sorrows; Yet we esteemed Him stricken, Smitten by God, and afflicted.

Leader: But He was wounded for our transgressions, He was bruised for our iniquities; The chastisement for our peace was upon Him,

All: And by His stripes we are healed.

*Opening Hymn**

TUNE: TOULON 10.10.10.10.

"I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art"

Genevan Psalter, 1551.

I greet thee, who my sure Redeemer art,
my only trust and Savior of my heart,
who pain didst undergo for my poor sake;
I pray thee from our hearts all cares to take.

Our hope is in no other save in thee;
our faith is built upon thy promise free;
O grant to us such stronger hope and sure
that we can boldly conquer and endure.

OPENING PRAYER*

THE FIRST LESSON – JOHN 13:12-30

BETRAYAL

So when He had washed their feet, taken His garments, and sat down again, He said to them, "Do you know what I have done to you? ¹³You call me Teacher and Lord, and you say well, for so I am. ¹⁴If I then, *your* Lord and Teacher, have washed your feet, you also ought to wash one another's feet. ¹⁵For I have given you an example, that you should do as I have done to you. ¹⁶Most assuredly, I say to you, a servant is not greater than his master; nor is he who is sent greater than he who sent him. ¹⁷If you know these things, blessed are you if you do them. ¹⁸I do not speak concerning all of you. I know whom I have chosen; but that the Scripture may be fulfilled, 'He who eats bread with Me has lifted up his heel against Me.' ¹⁹Now I tell you before it comes, that when it does come to pass, you may believe that I am *He*. ²⁰Most assuredly, I say to you, he who receives whomever I send receives Me; and he who receives Me receives Him who sent Me." ²¹When Jesus had said these things, He was

troubled in spirit, and testified and said, "Most assuredly, I say to you, one of you will betray Me." ²²Then the disciples looked at one another, perplexed about whom He spoke. ²³Now there was leaning on Jesus' bosom one of His disciples, whom Jesus loved. ²⁴Simon Peter therefore motioned to him to ask who it was of whom He spoke. ²⁵Then, leaning back on Jesus' breast, he said to Him, "Lord, who is it?" ²⁶Jesus answered, "It is he to whom I shall give a piece of bread when I have dipped it." And having dipped the bread, He gave it to Judas Iscariot, *the son* of Simon. ²⁷Now after the piece of bread, Satan entered him. Then Jesus said to him, "What you do, do quickly." ²⁸But no one at the table knew for what reason He said this to him. ²⁹For some thought, because Judas had the money box, that Jesus had said to him, "Buy *those things* we need for the feast," or that he should give something to the poor. ³⁰Having received the piece of bread, he then went out immediately. And it was night.

Psalm

"Psalm 41:7-13"

TUNE: FOREST GREEN C.M.D.

Traditional English Melody, arr. by Ralph Vaughan Williams, 1906

All those who hate me whisper ill, Against me harm devise.
"Some evil holds him fast," they say, "Brought down he will not rise."
And even my familiar friend In whom my trust was real,
The one who ate my bread, has turned And lifted up his heel.

But You, O LORD, be merciful And raise me in Your grace;
And then a recompense complete Upon them I will place.
By this I know that I am held As precious in Your eyes:
My foes do not raise over me Their glad exulting cries.

And thus am I sustained by You To be complete and well,
And in Your presence evermore You make me safely dwell.
The LORD, the God of Is-ra-el, Be blessed and blessed again
From age to everlasting age. Amen, and still Amen.

THE SECOND LESSON – JOHN 15:18-27

REJECTION

"If the world hates you, you know that it hated Me before *it hated* you. ¹⁹"If you were of the world, the world would love its own. Yet because you are not of the world, but I chose you out of the world, therefore the world hates you. ²⁰"Remember the word that I said to you, 'A servant is not greater than his master.' If they persecuted Me, they will also persecute you. If they kept My word, they will keep yours also. ²¹"But all these things they will do to you for My name's sake, because they do not know Him who sent Me. ²²"If I had not come and spoken to them, they would have no sin, but now they have no excuse for their sin. ²³"He who hates Me hates My Father also. ²⁴"If I had not done among them the works which no one else did, they would have no sin; but now they have seen and also hated both Me and My Father. ²⁵"But *this happened* that the word might be fulfilled which is written in their law, 'They hated Me without a cause.' ²⁶"But when the Helper comes, whom I shall send to you

from the Father, the Spirit of truth who proceeds from the Father, He will testify of Me. ²⁷ And you also will bear witness, because you have been with Me from the beginning.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

Belgic Confession, Article 20 – The Justice and Mercy of God in Christ

All: *We believe that God-- who is perfectly merciful and also very just-- sent his Son to assume the nature in which the disobedience had been committed, in order to bear in it the punishment of sin by his most bitter passion and death.*

So God made known his justice toward his Son, who was charged with our sin, and he poured out his goodness and mercy on us, who are guilty and worthy of damnation, giving to us his Son to die, by a most perfect love, and raising him to life for our justification, in order that by him we might have immortality and eternal life.

THE THIRD LESSON – JOHN 18:28-19:15

TRIAL

Then they led Jesus from Caiaphas to the Praetorium, and it was early morning. But they themselves did not go into the Praetorium, lest they should be defiled, but that they might eat the Passover. ²⁹Pilate then went out to them and said, "What accusation do you bring against this Man?" ³⁰They answered and said to him, "If He were not an evildoer, we would not have delivered Him up to you." ³¹Then Pilate said to them, "You take Him and judge Him according to your law." Therefore the Jews said to him, "It is not lawful for us to put anyone to death," ³²that the saying of Jesus might be fulfilled which He spoke, signifying by what death He would die. ³³Then Pilate entered the Praetorium again, called Jesus, and said to Him, "Are You the King of the Jews?" ³⁴Jesus answered him, "Are you speaking for yourself about this, or did others tell you this concerning Me?" ³⁵Pilate answered, "Am I a Jew? Your own nation and the chief priests have delivered You to me. What have You done?" ³⁶Jesus answered, "My kingdom is not of this world. If My kingdom were of this world, My servants would fight, so that I should not be delivered to the Jews; but now My kingdom is not from here." ³⁷Pilate therefore said to Him, "Are You a king then?" Jesus answered, "You say *rightly* that I am a king. For this cause I was born, and for this cause I have come into the world, that I should bear witness to the truth. Everyone who is of the truth hears My voice." ³⁸Pilate said to Him, "What is truth?" And when he had said this, he went out again to the Jews, and said to them, "I find no fault in Him at all. ³⁹"But you have a custom that I should release someone to you at the Passover. Do you therefore want me to release to you the King of the Jews?" ⁴⁰Then they all cried again, saying, "Not this Man, but Barabbas!" Now Barabbas was a robber. So then Pilate took Jesus and scourged Him. ²And the soldiers twisted a crown of thorns and put it on His head, and they put on Him a purple robe. ³Then they said, "Hail, King of the Jews!" And they struck Him with their hands. ⁴Pilate then went out again, and said to them, "Behold, I am bringing Him out to you, that you may know that I find no fault in Him." ⁵Then Jesus came out, wearing the crown of thorns and the purple robe. And Pilate

said to them, "Behold the Man!" ⁶Therefore, when the chief priests and officers saw Him, they cried out, saying, "Crucify Him, crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "You take Him and crucify Him, for I find no fault in Him." ⁷The Jews answered him, "We have a law, and according to our law He ought to die, because He made Himself the Son of God." ⁸Therefore, when Pilate heard that saying, he was the more afraid, ⁹and went again into the Praetorium, and said to Jesus, "Where are You from?" But Jesus gave him no answer. ¹⁰Then Pilate said to Him, "Are You not speaking to me? Do You not know that I have power to crucify You, and power to release You?" ¹¹Jesus answered, "You could have no power at all against Me unless it had been given you from above. Therefore the one who delivered Me to you has the greater sin." ¹²From then on Pilate sought to release Him, but the Jews cried out, saying, "If you let this Man go, you are not Caesar's friend. Whoever makes himself a king speaks against Caesar." ¹³When Pilate therefore heard that saying, he brought Jesus out and sat down in the judgment seat in a place that is called *The Pavement*, but in Hebrew, Gabbatha. ¹⁴Now it was the Preparation Day of the Passover, and about the sixth hour. And he said to the Jews, "Behold your King!" ¹⁵But they cried out, "Away with Him, away with Him! Crucify Him!" Pilate said to them, "Shall I crucify your King?" The chief priests answered, "We have no king but Caesar!"

Psalm

TUNE: HAMBURG LM

"Psalm 35:19-21"

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

Let not my wrongful enemies Raise over me their joyful cries,
Nor those whose hate I merit not With secret scorning wink their eyes.
They speak not peace; deceit they plot Against the men of peaceful mien;
They open wide their mouth at me and say, "Aha! Our eyes have seen!"

THE FOURTH LESSON – JOHN 19:17-24

CRUCIFIXION

And He, bearing His cross, went out to a place called *the Place* of a Skull, which is called in Hebrew, Golgotha, ¹⁸ where they crucified Him, and two others with Him, one on either side, and Jesus in the center. ¹⁹ Now Pilate wrote a title and put *it* on the cross. And the writing was: JESUS OF NAZARETH, THE KING OF THE JEWS. ²⁰ Then many of the Jews read this title, for the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, Greek, and Latin. ²¹ Therefore the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, "Do not write, 'The King of the Jews,' but, 'He said, 'I am the King of the Jews.'" ²² Pilate answered, "What I have written, I have written." ²³ Then the soldiers, when they had crucified Jesus, took His garments and made four parts, to each soldier a part, and also the tunic. Now the tunic was without seam, woven from the top in one piece. ²⁴ They said therefore among themselves, "Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it, whose it shall be," that the Scripture might be fulfilled which says: "They divided My garments among them, And for My clothing they cast lots." Therefore the soldiers did these things.

Hymn*

TUNE: PASSION CHORALE 7.6.7.6.D

"O Sacred Head, Now Wounded"

Bernard or Clairvaux, 1091-1153

1. O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed down;
2. What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:
3. What lan - guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear - est Friend,

now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.
for this, thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?

O sa - cred Head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,

Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.
look on me with thy fa - vor, vouch - safe to me thy grace.
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.

THE FIFTH LESSON – MATTHEW 27:45-49

DARKNESS

Now from the sixth hour until the ninth hour there was darkness over all the land. ⁴⁶And about the ninth hour Jesus cried out with a loud voice, saying, “Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani?” that is, “My God, My God, why have You forsaken Me?” ⁴⁷Some of those who stood there, when they heard *that*, said, “This Man is calling for Elijah!” ⁴⁸Immediately one of them ran and took a sponge, filled *it* with sour wine and put *it* on a reed, and offered it to Him to drink. ⁴⁹The rest said, “Let Him alone; let us see if Elijah will come to save Him.”

RESPONSIVE READING

Psalm 69:16-18, 20a-21, 29-36

Leader: Hear me, O Lord, for Your lovingkindness is good; Turn to me according to the multitude of Your tender mercies.

All: And do not hide Your face from Your servant, For I am in trouble; Hear me speedily.

Leader: Draw near to my soul, and redeem it; Deliver me because of my enemies.

All: I looked for someone to take pity, but there was none; And for comforters, but I found none. They also gave me gall for my food, And for my thirst they gave me vinegar to drink.

Leader: But I am poor and sorrowful; Let Your salvation, O God, set me up on high. I will praise the name of God with a song, And will magnify Him with thanksgiving.

All: This also shall please the Lord better than an ox or bull, Which has horns and hooves. The humble shall see this and be glad; And you who seek God, your hearts shall live.

Leader: For the Lord hears the poor, And does not despise His prisoners. Let heaven and earth praise Him, The seas and everything that moves in them.

All: For God will save Zion And build the cities of Judah, That they may dwell there and possess it.

Leader: Also, the descendants of His servants shall inherit it, And those who love His name shall dwell in it.

THE SIXTH LESSON – LUKE 23:46-49

COMMITTAL

And when Jesus had cried out with a loud voice, He said, “Father, ‘into Your hands I commit My spirit.’” Having said this, He breathed His last. ⁴⁷So when the centurion saw what had happened, he glorified God, saying, “Certainly this was a righteous Man!” ⁴⁸And the whole crowd who came together to that sight, seeing what had been done, beat their breasts and

returned. ⁴⁹But all His acquaintances, and the women who followed Him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Psalm

TUNE: ST. THEODULPH 76.76.D.

“Psalm 31:1-5”

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

In You, LORD , I take refuge; Ashamed let me not be.
Your righteousness eternal Express by saving me;
Incline Your ear to hear me; With speed deliver me.
To me O be a strong rock A fort to rescue me.

You are my rock and fortress; For Your sake lead and guide.
Free me from nets they’ve hidden; My stronghold You abide.
I now commit my spirit Into Your outstretched hand.
I know You have redeemed me, LORD God of truths that stand.

THE SEVENTH LESSON — JOHN 19:28-37

DEATH

After this, Jesus, knowing that all things were now accomplished, that the Scripture might be fulfilled, said, “I thirst!” ²⁹Now a vessel full of sour wine was sitting there; and they filled a sponge with sour wine, put *it* on hyssop, and put *it* to His mouth. ³⁰So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, “It is finished!” And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit. ³¹Therefore, because it was the Preparation *Day*, that the bodies should not remain on the cross on the Sabbath (for that Sabbath was a high day), the Jews asked Pilate that their legs might be broken, and *that* they might be taken away. ³²Then the soldiers came and broke the legs of the first and of the other who was crucified with Him. ³³But when they came to Jesus and saw that He was already dead, they did not break His legs. ³⁴But one of the soldiers pierced His side with a spear, and immediately blood and water came out. ³⁵And he who has seen has testified, and his testimony is true; and he knows that he is telling the truth, so that you may believe. ³⁶For these things were done that the Scripture should be fulfilled, “Not *one* of His bones shall be broken.” ³⁷And again another Scripture says, “They shall look on Him whom they pierced.”

*Hymn**

TUNE: MARTYRDOM C.M.

“Alas! and Did My Savior Bleed”

Isaac Watts, 1707

1. A - las! and did my Sav - ior bleed, and did my Sov - ereign die!
 2. Was it for crimes that I had done he groaned up - on the tree!
 3. Well might the sun in dark - ness hide, and shut his glo - ries in,
 4. Thus might I hide my blush - ing face while his dear cross ap - pears;
 5. But drops of grief can ne'er re - pay the debt of love I owe;

Would he de - vote that sa - cred head for such a worm as I!
 A - maz - ing pit - y! Grace un - known! And love be - yond de - gree!
 • when Christ, the might - y Mak - er, died for man the crea - ture's sin.
 dis - solve my heart in thank - ful - ness, and melt mine eyes in tears.
 here, Lord, I give my - self a - way, 'tis all that I can do.

THE MESSAGE

John 19:30

"It is Finished!"

Pastor Marc Miller

³⁰ So when Jesus had received the sour wine, He said, "It is finished!" And bowing His head, He gave up His spirit.

Sermon Notes

Closing Hymn*

TUNE: HALLELUJAH! WHAT A SAVIOR! 7.7.7.8.

"Man of Sorrows, What a Name!"

Philip P. Bliss, 1875

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of two systems of music. The first system has five lines of lyrics. The second system has five lines of lyrics. The music is written for a single melodic line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The first system ends with a repeat sign, and the second system ends with a double bar line.

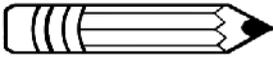
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2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, in my place con - demned he stood,
3. Guilt - y, vile, and help - less, we; spot - less Lamb of God was he;
4. Lift - ed up was he to die, "It is fin - ished!" was his cry;
5. When he comes, our glo - rious King, all his ran - somed home to bring,

ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
sealed my par - don with his blood: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
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now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah! what a Sav - ior!
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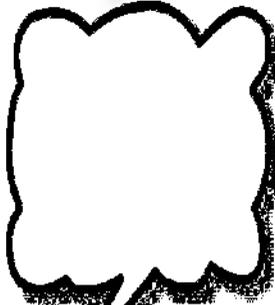
CLOSING PRAYER*

Sermon Notes FOR KIDS

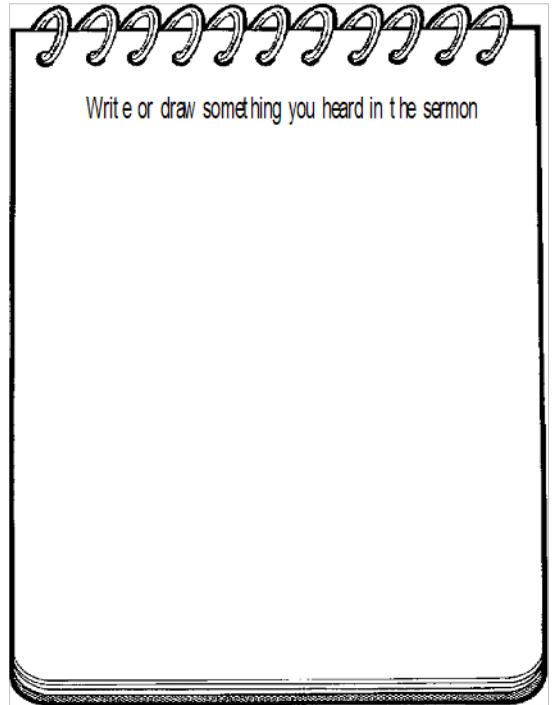
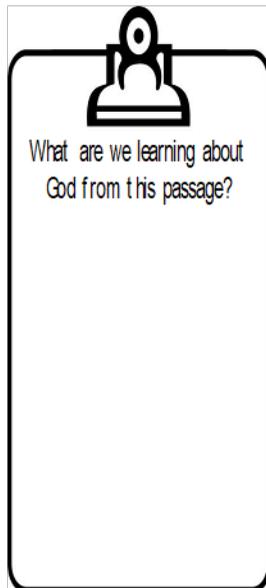
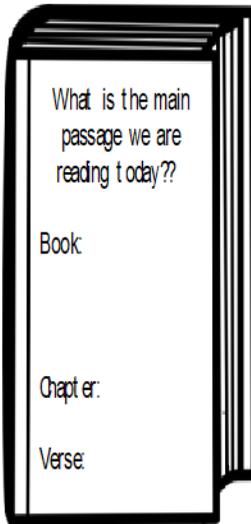
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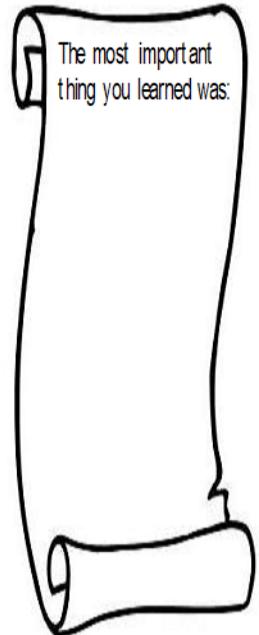
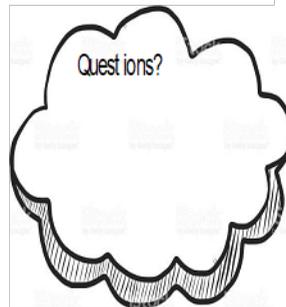
As you attend church services with your family, use this sheet to help you pay attention and learn. We want you to worship with us by singing to God and listening to the message.



Words you heard but don't know...



Write or draw something you heard in the sermon



Favorite song today was:



How does today's message apply to your life?

WELCOME!

If you are visiting our church today we welcome you to our worship service and Christian community. There are a few things that we would like you to know about West Erie Presbyterian Church.

- **We are Historically Reformed.**
 - This means that we believe in the inspired and inerrant Word of God.
 - This means we believe in the absolute sovereignty of God.
 - This means we hold to a covenantal framework of Scripture.
 - This means that we believe that salvation is a free gift of God.
- **We are Community Oriented.**
 - We seek to share the only hope that this world has: that is the Gospel of Jesus Christ.
 - We seek to be a church that is salt and light to the community around us and fulfill the Great Commission.
- **We are Confessional.**
 - As a Christian church, ancient statements such as the Apostles' Creed and the Nicene Creed help us to confess certain basic and essential truths of the Christian faith.
 - As a Presbyterian church, our confessional or doctrinal standards consist of the Westminster Confession of Faith and the Westminster Larger and Shorter Catechisms (copies of these documents are available from the church).
 - All of these statements are under the authority of Scripture.

We thank you for visiting today! If you have any questions regarding our style of worship please feel free to ask the pastor or one of our elders. We would be happy to talk with you. Also, we would ask you to stay after and enjoy the fellowship of our Christian community. West Erie Presbyterian Church is a congregation of the Presbyterian Church in America (www.pcanet.org).

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