

**Chattanooga Valley Presbyterian Church**  
**Order of Worship | Maundy Thursday Service**  
**April 1, 2021**

**Liturgist: David Marr | Sermon: Rev. Dennis Louis | Lead Musician: Scott Finch**

**Meditation: Deuteronomy 18:15-22**

L: The Lord your God will raise up for you a prophet like me from among you, from your brothers—it is to him you shall listen— just as you desired of the Lord your God at Horeb on the day of the assembly, when you said, “Let me not hear again the voice of the Lord my God or see this great fire any more, lest I die.” And the Lord said to me, “They are right in what they have spoken. I will raise up for them a prophet like you from among their brothers. And I will put my words in his mouth, and he shall speak to them all that I command him.

**ALL: And whoever will not listen to my words that he shall speak in my name, I myself will require it of him. But the prophet who presumes to speak a word in my name that I have not commanded him to speak, or who speaks in the name of other gods, that same prophet shall die.” And if you say in your heart, “How may we know the word that the Lord has not spoken?”— when a prophet speaks in the name of the Lord, if the word does not come to pass or come true, that is a word that the Lord has not spoken; the prophet has spoken it presumptuously. You need not be afraid of him.**

**Call To Worship: Psalm 121:1-2**

L: I lift up my eyes to the hills. From where does my help come from?

**ALL: My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.**

L: This is the Word of the LORD!

**ALL: Thanks be to God.**

**Opening Hymn: Beneath the Cross of Jesus | 251**

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 noon-tide heat and the burden of the day.

2. Upon the 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 or loss; my sinful self my only shame, my glory all the cross.

**Pastoral Prayer Followed by The 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, for ever. Amen.

## Confession of Sin

L: O LORD, we now pray in your presence this day for those servants you have gathered here in Chattanooga Valley.

**All: We confess the sins that we have deliberately and unintentionally committed. We have sinned against you. Also, our family members have sinned against you despite your clear commands.**

L: We stand justly condemned if it were not for your grace and forgiveness. We have acted very corruptly against you and have not kept the commandments you gave to your servant Moses nor have our motives been in keeping with Jesus' directives in the Sermon on the Mount.

**All: We are your children by your grace and yet we often live as if we were your enemies. We act as if we are cursed slaves rather than blessed sons and daughters as we are truly.**

L: O Lord, hear the prayers of your servants. Hear us, we who sincerely want to deeply love you and reverently fear your name.

**All: Give us success in this hour so that we may sincerely honor you as our Father from the inside out. Grant us more mercy and strength for the sake of Jesus Christ—the mediator of the New Covenant, our Savior, your only begotten Son, and our elder brother. (time of silent confession)**

## Prayer of Forgiveness

L: O God and gracious Heavenly Father, we give you thanks for providing a way for us to be forgiven in Christ of our transgressions.

**All: We praise you that though the wages of sin is death, the free gift of God is eternal life through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

L: We thank you that even now he is seated at your right hand and ever lives to intercede for us.

**All: We also give thanks for your Holy Spirit who groans within us in ways that are too deep even to express. He is our advocate and empowers us to walk in a manner worthy of the calling.**

L: Prosper the work of our hands and our hearts as your forgiven children so that we may adore you aright.

**All: Thank you for hearing us in Jesus name. Amen!**

## Song of Confession: Lord Have Mercy

1. Jesus, I've forgotten the words that you have spoken, promises that burned within my heart have now grown dim. With a doubting heart I follow in the paths of earthly wisdom. Forgive me for my unbelief and renew the fire again.

*Refrain:* Lord have mercy; Christ have mercy; Lord have mercy on me. *Repeat*

2. I have built an altar where I worship things of man, I have taken journeys that have drawn me far from you. So now I am returning to your mercies ever flowing. Please, pardon my transgressions; help me love your name again. *Refrain*

3. I have longed to know you and all your tender mercies: like a river of forgiveness ever flowing without end. So I bow my heart before you in the goodness of your presence; your grace forever shining like a beacon in the night. *Refrain 2x*

### **Old and New Testament Reading: Isaiah 53 & Philippians 2:1-11**

L: Who has believed what he has heard from us? And to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed? For he grew up before him like a young plant, and like a root out of dry ground; he had no form or majesty that we should look at him, and no beauty that we should desire him. 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. Surely he has borne our griefs and carried our sorrows; yet we esteemed him stricken, smitten by God, and afflicted. But he was pierced for our transgressions; he was crushed for our iniquities; upon him was the chastisement that brought us peace, and with his wounds we are healed. All we like sheep have gone astray; we have turned—every one—to his own way; and the Lord has laid on him the iniquity of us all.

**ALL: 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 silent, so he opened not his mouth. 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? 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. Yet it was the will of the Lord to crush him; he has put him to grief; when his soul makes an offering for guilt, he shall see his offspring; he shall prolong his days; the will of the Lord shall prosper in his hand. Out of the anguish of his soul he shall see and be satisfied; by his knowledge shall the righteous one, my servant, make many to be accounted righteous, and he shall bear their iniquities. Therefore I will divide him a portion with the many, 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 makes intercession for the transgressors.**

L: So if there is any encouragement in Christ, any comfort from love, any participation in the Spirit, any affection and sympathy, complete my joy by being of the same mind, having the same love, being in full accord and of one mind. Do nothing from selfish ambition or conceit, but in humility count others more significant than yourselves.

**ALL: Let each of you look not only to his own interests, but also to the interests of others. Have this mind among yourselves, which is yours in Christ Jesus, who, though he was in the form of God, did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped, but emptied himself, by taking the form of a servant, being born in the likeness of men. And being found in human form, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross. Therefore God has highly exalted him and bestowed on him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father.**

## Hymn of Preparation: Stricken, Smitten and Afflicted | 257

1. Stricken, smitten, and afflicted, see him dying on the tree!  
'Tis the Christ by man rejected; yes, my soul, 'tis he, 'tis he!  
'Tis the long-expected Prophet, David's son, yet David's Lord;  
by his Son God now has spoken: 'tis the true and faithful Word.
2. Tell me, ye who hear him groaning, was there ever grief like his?  
Friends thro' fear his cause disowning, foes insulting his distress;  
many hands were raised to wound him, none would interpose to save;  
but the deepest stroke that pierced him was the stroke that Justice gave.
3. Ye who think of sin but lightly nor suppose the evil great  
here may view its nature rightly, here its guilt may estimate.  
Mark the sacrifice appointed, see who bears the awful load;  
'tis the Word, the Lord's Anointed, Son of Man and Son of God.
4. Here we have a firm foundation, here the refuge of the lost;  
Christ's the Rock of our salvation, his the name of which we boast.  
Lamb of God, for sinners wounded, sacrifice to cancel guilt!  
None shall ever be confounded who on him their hope have built.

## Prayer of Illumination

### Luke 23:26-38

*Homily: Dennis Louis*

**26** And as they led him away, they seized one Simon of Cyrene, who was coming in from the country, and laid on him the cross, to carry it behind Jesus. **27** And there followed him a great multitude of the people and of women who were mourning and lamenting for him. **28** But turning to them Jesus said, "Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. **29** For behold, the days are coming when they will say, 'Blessed are the barren and the wombs that never bore and the breasts that never nursed!' **30** Then they will begin to say to the mountains, 'Fall on us,' and to the hills, 'Cover us.' **31** For if they do these things when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?" **32** Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. **33** And when they came to the place that is called The Skull, there they crucified him, and the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. **34** And Jesus said, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do." And they cast lots to divide his garments. **35** And the people stood by, watching, but the rulers scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself, if he is the Christ of God, his Chosen One!" **36** The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine **37** and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" **38** There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews."

## Song of Approach: Christ We Do All Adore Thee | 737

Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever.  
For on the holy cross hast thou the world from sin redeemed.  
Christ, we do all adore thee, and we do praise thee forever. *Interlude*  
Christ, we do all adore thee!

## Communion

**Doxology: Praise God from Whom All Blessing Flow**

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
praise Him all creatures here below;  
praise Him above ye heavenly host;  
praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen!

**Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26**

The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face to shine upon you and be gracious to you; the Lord lift up his countenance upon you and give you peace.

*Vision*

To see lives transformed  
through following Jesus.

*Mission*

Making disciples  
through worship,  
fellowship &  
service.



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