



LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN
Presbyterian Church

IN PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

*King of glory, we adore you, our Savior and Lord.
You suffered on the cross and gave your life as a ransom for many.*

*We bless and thank you for the outpouring of your love
and offer our worship today out of unspeakable gratitude. Amen.*

—The Worship Sourcebook

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Leader: On this mountain the LORD Almighty will prepare a feast of rich food for all peoples. He will destroy the shroud that enfolds all peoples, the sheet that covers all nations; he will swallow up death forever.

All: The Sovereign LORD will wipe away the tears from all faces; he will remove the disgrace of his people from all the earth. In that day we will say, "Surely this is our God; we trusted in him, and he saved us. This is the LORD, let us rejoice and be glad in his salvation!"

* Hymn of praise 76, vv. 1, 2, 5

"Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven"

Praise, my soul, the King of heaven, to his feet your tribute bring;
ransomed, healed, restored, forgiven, who, like me, his praise should sing?
Praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise the everlasting King.

Praise him for his grace and favor to our fathers in distress;
praise him, still the same forever, slow to chide and quick to bless;
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, glorious in his faithfulness.

Angels, help us to adore him; you behold him face to face;
sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space,
praise him, praise him, praise him, praise him, praise with us the God of grace.
text by Henry F. Lyte, 1834, based on Psalm 103; music by John Goss, 1869, LAUDA ANIMA

* Prayer of adoration

Call to confession

Micah 7:18-19

Who is a God like you, who pardons sin and forgives the transgression of the remnant of his inheritance? You do not stay angry forever but delight to show mercy. You will again have compassion on us; you will tread our sins underfoot and hurl all our iniquities into the depths of the sea.

Prayer of confession

Leader: Merciful God, we confess to you that we have sinned.

All: We confess the sins that no one knows and the sins that everyone knows. We confess the sins that are a burden to us and the sins that do not bother us because we have grown used to them.

Leader: We confess our sins as a church.

All: We have not loved one another as Christ loved us. We have not forgiven one another as we have been forgiven. We have not given ourselves in love and service for the world as Christ gave himself for us.

Leader: Father, forgive us.

All: May your Holy Spirit move and convict our hearts, that we might live as you have created us to live.

adapted from Covenant Presbyterian Church, St. Louis

Silent prayers of confession

Choral meditation

“Spasěniye sodělal”

Covenant Chorale

Spasěniye sodělal yesí posredé ziemlí, Bózhe. Allilúiya.

Salvation is wrought in the midst of the earth, O God. Alleluia.

text by Pavel Chesnokov, 1912, based on Psalm 74; music by Pavel Chesnokov, 1912

* Assurance of God’s pardoning grace

Psalm 103:8-13

The LORD is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love. He will not always accuse, nor will he harbor his anger forever; he does not treat us as our sins deserve or repay us according to our iniquities. For as high as the heavens are above the earth, so great is his love for those who fear him; as far as the east is from the west, so far has he removed our transgressions from us. As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him.

* Hymn of assurance 264

“Jesus, Keep Me near the Cross”

Jesus, keep me near the cross; there a precious fountain,
free to all—a healing stream—flows from Calv’ry’s mountain.

Refrain: In the cross, in the cross, be my glory ever;
till my raptured soul shall find rest beyond the river.

Near the cross, a trembling soul, love and mercy found me;
there the Bright and Morning Star shed its beams around me. *Refrain*

Near the cross! O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me;
help me walk from day to day with its shadow o’er me. *Refrain*

Near the cross I’ll watch and wait, hoping, trusting ever,
till I reach the golden strand just beyond the river. *Refrain*
text by Fanny J. Crosby, 1869; music by William H. Doane, 1869, NEAR THE CROSS

Call to offering

Luke 21:1-4

Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Great is thy faithfulness, O God, my Father!
There is no shadow of turning with thee!
Thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not;
as thou hast been thou forever wilt be.

Great is thy faithfulness!
Great is thy faithfulness!
Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

Summer and winter and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon, and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy, and love.

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide,
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

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Morning by morning new mercies I see!
All I have needed thy hand hath provided—
great is thy faithfulness,
Lord, unto me!

*text by Thomas O. Chisholm, 1923; music by William Marion Runyan, 1923, FAITHFULNESS;
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*** Doxology**

**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.**

*** Prayer of dedication and thanksgiving**

³²Two others, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. ³³And 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. ³⁴And Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do.” And they cast lots to divide his garments.

³⁵And 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!” ³⁶The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine ³⁷and saying, “If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!” ³⁸There was also an inscription over him, “This is the King of the Jews.”

This is the Word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

Prayer of preparation for the study of God’s Word

Sermon

“The Cross, Part 1”
Brian Salter, lead pastor

1. The prophetic fulfillment of Jesus (vv. 32–33, 34b)
2. The astounding grace of Jesus (v. 34a)
3. The royal identity of Jesus (vv. 35–38)

Psalm 22:6–8, 16–18

⁶But I am a worm and not a man, scorned by mankind and despised by the people. ⁷All who see me mock me; they hurl insults at me; they wag their heads; ⁸“He trusts in the LORD; let him deliver him; let him rescue him, for he delights in him!”

¹⁶For dogs encompass me; a company of evildoers encircles me; they have pierced my hands and feet—¹⁷I can count all my bones—they stare and gloat over me; ¹⁸they divide my garments among them, and for my clothing they cast lots.

Isaiah 53:12b

¹²He 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.

Pastoral prayer

* **Hymn of response 310**, vv. 1, 2, 3, 5

“Rejoice, the Lord Is King”

Rejoice, the Lord is King: your Lord and King adore!
Rejoice, give thanks, and sing, and triumph evermore.

Refrain: Lift up your heart, lift up your voice!
Rejoice, again I say, rejoice!

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
when he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. *Refrain*

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o’er earth and heav’n;
the keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv’n. *Refrain*

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
and take his servants up to their eternal home. *Refrain*
text by Charles Wesley, 1746; music by John Darwall, 1770, DARWALL

* **Benediction**

* **Congregational response**

“Threefold Amen”

* **Postlude**

Toccata in B minor
arr. Eugène Gigout

Musicians for this week:

Covenant College Chorale under the direction of Dr. Scott Finch
Joshua Knight – organ, piano

IN MEMORIAM
Roger Kent Gulick
December 27, 1938 – March 21, 2025

WEEKLY ANNOUNCEMENTS

TODAY, WE WELCOME THE COVENANT COLLEGE CHORALE, under the direction of Dr. Scott Finch, to our sanctuary worship services.

THANK YOU TO THOSE WHO brought your pledge cards forward last Sunday. 62% of our operating budget has been pledged from 40% of our members. If you have not yet, please turn in your card to the offering plate or church office (more cards are available in the fellowship hall lobby and sanctuary Narthex) . You may also pledge online through Realm Connect or lmpc.org/give. Thank you for your faithful giving.

TO MAKE A CONTRIBUTION TOWARD EASTER FLOWERS in memory or in honor of a loved one, please do so by April 7 on Realm Connect by finding it listed on the Events page. For more information, call the church office.

MOMS FROM ALL STAGES OF LIFE, join us for our first “Moms’ Coffee” on Friday, April 11 at the Jane Harris Youth Building from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. We will enjoy breakfast, fellowship, and a panel discussion on navigating relationships, loneliness, and expectations in motherhood. Nursery will be available for infants through Pre-K.

THERE WILL BE A CALLED CONGREGATIONAL MEETING at the end of each worship service in the sanctuary and fellowship hall on Sunday, April 27, for two purposes: to elect the nominated elders and deacons to the class of 2028, and to receive a report concerning changes this fall to the worship schedule in order to begin a common Sunday school hour. A brochure about the officer candidates will be available electronically and in print closer to the date of the meeting.

PASTOR AARON TOLSON is taking a much-deserved sabbatical until June 16. Please pray for his rest. If you need assistance, contact Aaron’s assistant, Margaret Compton (margaretcompton@lmpc.org or 423-424-5974), who will direct you to someone to help with your specific need.

WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH VBS! We are excited to host VBS back on our church campus this summer, June 17-19, from 5:30 to 8:00 p.m. Please email Brennan Griffin if you are willing to serve, at brennan@lmpc.org. We need to plan in advance for volunteer screening and training.

LMPC HAS A JOB OPENING for the position of Director of Choral Ministries. For more information and to apply, please contact David Henry at davidh@lmpc.org.

To find out more about happenings at LMPC, visit lmpc.org/events.