



The Setauket Presbyterian Church

“As active disciples of Jesus Christ, we celebrate and share the love of God among ourselves and with others.”

THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD’S DAY

5th Sunday in Lent

March 22, 2015

9:30 AM

PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP

We use this time to make the transition between “getting here” and “being here”.

Take these few minutes to find the still, deep places within you, where God’s Spirit dwells.

Relax the body; quiet the mind. Focus on breathing, feeling, being. Be mindful of your center—your reservoir of inner peace, strength, love. Be aware of being together in silence with others.

Feel the spirit of the community.

Prelude

Ringling of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit *I Will Cry Unto God Most High*

Robert Wetzler

* Call to Worship

I wait for the Lord, my soul waits, and in God’s word I hope;

my soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

O you faithful, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord there is steadfast love: with our God is great power to redeem. It is God who will redeem us from all our iniquities.

* Hymn 424 *Out of the Depths*

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CALL TO CONFESSION

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord, who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

PRAYER FOR CONFESSION

Gracious God, we are still a people who love darkness rather than light. We pass judgment on the weaknesses of others, all the while excusing our own. We make much of our occasional acts of virtue, while our shameful deeds we hide away. We do not stand up for justice, but protect ourselves instead. We shy away from your truth, and in so doing, fail to show forth your abundant life. Forgive us, we pray. Bring us into your light that we may see ourselves as you see us, and live the lives you created us to live. Teach us to prepare a place for others, as you have prepared a place for us, through Jesus Christ our Lord...

(period of silence for self-examination and confession)

Choral Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Assurance of God’s Grace

...Friends, believe the good news of the Gospel:

In Jesus Christ we are forgiven.

WITH THE CHILDREN AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

(Children should proceed to their church school class.)

HEARING THE WORD

Sung Prayer for Illumination

Hymn 460: *Break Thou the Bread of Life* (verse 1)

***Break Thou the Bread of Life, dear Lord, to me:
as Thou didst break the loaves beside the sea;
Beyond the sacred page, I seek Thee, Lord;
my spirit pants for Thee, O Living Word!***

First Reading Hosea 11:1-9

Anthem *Out of the Deep*

John Rutter

Second Reading John 14:1-7

THE SERMON *Circular Reasoning*

The Rev. Mary B. Speers

* HYMN 311 *Here, O Lord, Your Servants Gather*

TOKYO

INSTALLATION OF CHURCH OFFICERS

Questions to Officers-elect and to the Congregation

Prayer of Installation

Congregational Unison Prayer of Commitment and Support

God of grace, who called us to common ministry as ambassadors of Christ, trusting us with the message of reconciliation: give us courage and discipline to follow where your servants rightly lead us; that together we may declare your wonderful deeds and show your love to the world; through Jesus Christ the Lord of all. Amen.

Let us pray:

Eternal God, look mercifully upon this church, and upon these your servants, whose particular service we recognize today. We praise you for joy and accomplishments and for your grace which has nurtured and sustained us and them. Bind us ever closer to one another and draw us nearer to our Lord Jesus Christ, that we may continue to minister in this community with patience and love, wisdom and joy. Amen.

MINUTE FOR MISSION

One Great Hour of Sharing

THANKING GOD THROUGH OUR OFFERINGS

Offertory

(Please sign the Friendship Roster found at the end of the pew, noting the name of fellow worshippers when it is returned.)

* Offering Song, Hymn 708, verse 1 (*please rise as the offering is brought forward*)

**We give thee but thine own, whate'er the gift may be;
all that we have is thine alone, a trust, O Lord, from thee.**

* Prayer of Dedication

Almighty God, you who in the Resurrection have given us everything: help us, we beseech you, with all our gifts to yield ourselves unto you; that with body, soul and spirit devoted to you and your world, we may truly live your abundant life, and in so living find our deepest joy, through Christ Jesus our Risen Lord. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

* **HYMN 624** *I Greet Thee, Who My Sure Redeemer Art*

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* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Four-fold Amen*

Mark Orton

POSTLUDE

please rise in body or in spirit; **unison prayers are in bold.*

Large print bulletins, Bibles, hymnals and listening devices are available; please ask a Deacon.

NEXT SUNDAY, MARCH 29, PALM SUNDAY

9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor

9:30 Worship Service and the Rev. Mary Speers preaching; Palm Processional;
Childcare (ages 1 - 3)

9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)

11:00 Easter Egg Hunt in Field behind Fellowship Hall

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday, March 29



9:30am Worship Service

with Children's Palm Processional, Special Music from the Choir, and an Easter Egg Hunt for Children up through 5th Grade; Bring Your Own Basket

Maundy Thursday, April 2



6:00 pm Model Seder

with The Lord's Supper

Good Friday, April 3



12 noon - 3:00 pm

Community Service at Setauket United Methodist

8:00 pm Tenebrae Service at SPC

Easter Sunday, April 5



6:30 am Sunrise Service

9:30 am Worship Service

with Communion; Children's Choir; Childcare (ages 1-3); Special program for preschool and kindergarten age children during service

11:00am Worship Service with Communion