



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 of Lent

March 13, 2016

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

Ringing of the Steeple Bell

Welcome and Announcements

Introit: Light Enters *Come All You People*

Alexander Gondo, arr. John Bell

* Call to Worship



Jesus stayed for forty days in the desert, asking hard questions about what it means to be human.

Jesus asked questions that we ask too: Can I admit I’m wrong?

We are journeying with Jesus toward the cross.

Remembering His life of radical love, service and sacrifice.

Together we are asking questions about what separates us from the love of God.

We await new life, remembering that those who give up their lives for God’s way will find them.

We are dust and to dust we will return.

But the steadfast love of the Lord endures forever.

* Hymn 697 *Take My Life*

HENDON

PRAYER FOR RECONCILIATION (adapted from *The Valley of Vision*)

O GOD OF UNSEARCHABLE GREATNESS,

Before thee I am nothing but vanity, iniquity, perishing; sin has forfeited thy favor, stripped me of thy image, banished me from thy presence, exposed me to the curse of thy law; I cannot deliver myself, and am in despair.

But a resource is found in thee, for without my desert or desire thou didst devise an everlasting plan, honorable to thy perfections, and which angels desired to look into.

And the Word that announces all the glory of this goodness is near me, invites me, beseeches me. May I, a convinced and self-despairing sinner, find Jesus as the power unto salvation, his death the center of all relief, the source of all gospel-blessings.

Help me to repair to that cross, be crucified to the world by it, and in it find deepest humiliation, motives to patience and self-denial, grace for active benevolence, faith to grasp eternal life, hope to lift up my head, love to bind me forever, to him who died and rose for me. May his shed blood make me more thankful for thy mercies, more humble under thy correction, more zealous in thy service, more watchful against temptation, more contented in my circumstances, more useful to others.

(Silent Prayer)

Sung Supplication *Lamb of God*

Paul Vasile

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Have mercy, have mercy on us. (2x)

Lamb of God, you take away the sins of the world: Grant us, O grant us thy peace.

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 Psalm 126

Anthem *Amazing Grace*

John Coates

Second Reading John 12:1-8

THE SERMON

Never/Ever Too Late?

The Rev. Dr. Craig Malbon

* **HYMN 630** *Fairest Lord Jesus*

CRUSADERS' HYMN

MINUTE FOR STEWARDSHIP

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, help us who have received so freely from You, to give as freely in our turn, and so to have the pleasure of giving as well as the happiness of true receiving. Amen.

PRAYERS OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

This Lent, the Worship and Music committee invites you to write your prayers on the strips of paper provided, and come forward to tie them on the wire cross. This is a period of communal meditation and music, brought to a close with a litany prayer in which you are encouraged to bring to heart and/or to voice those in your deepest care and concern.

* **HYMN 833** *O Love That Wilt Not Let Me Go*

ST. MARGARET

* **CHARGE TO THE CONGREGATION and BENEDICTION**

CHORAL RESPONSE *Hear our prayer, O Lord*

John Ness Beck

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 20 - PALM SUNDAY

- 9:00 Knitting at 9 in the Parlor
- 9:30 Worship Service with Special Easter Music presented by the Choir;
Childcare (ages 1 - 3); 7th Grade Program Balcony
- 9:45 Church School (Preschool through 6th Grade)
- 11:00 Children's Choir in the Choir Room
- 11:00 Confirmation Class in the Parlor