

The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



For Every Heart a Home

**March 17th, 2024 at 10:30am
5th Sunday in Lent**

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Liturgist: Mickey Sechrist

Cantor: Gay Willis

Welcome to worship! If you are visiting or here for the first time and would like to stay in touch with us, please consider filling in one of the contact cards that you will find alongside the hymnals or you can use this QR code. These can be placed in the offering plate or handed to an usher. Church School for children happens during our worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.



Prelude

Welcome and Announcements

Liturgist

Joys and Concerns

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Call to Worship

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*** Hymn 692** *Spirit, Open My Heart*

Prayer of Approach to God and Confession

Liturgist

Kyrie Eleison

Martin sings:	Kyrie Eleison
Congregation & Cantor:	Kyrie Eleison
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Declaration of Forgiveness

Liturgist

Choir Anthem: *Wondrous Cross*, by Philip Wilby

*When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died,
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.
Forbit it, Lord, that I should boast save in the cross of Christ my God;
all the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.
See from his head, hands, his feet, sorrow and love mingling down;
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown!
Were the whole realm of nature mine love so amazing, so divine,
demands my soul, my life, my all; My soul, my all.*

First Reading

Jeremiah 31:31-34

Liturgist

The days are surely coming, says the LORD, when I will make a new covenant with the house of Israel and the house of Judah. It will not be like the covenant that I made with their ancestors when I took them by the hand to bring them out of the land of Egypt—a covenant that they broke, though I was their husband, says the LORD. But this is the covenant that I will make with the house of Israel after those days, says the LORD: I will put my law within them, and I will write it on their hearts, and I will be their God, and they shall be my people. No longer shall they teach one another or say to each other, “Know the LORD,” for they shall all know me, from the least of them to the greatest, says the LORD, for I will forgive their iniquity and remember their sin no more.

***Hymn 421** (Psalm 51) *Have Mercy, God, Upon My Life*

Second Reading

John 12:20-33

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Now among those who went up to worship at the festival were some Greeks. They came to Philip, who was from Bethsaida in Galilee, and said to

him, "Sir, we wish to see Jesus." Philip went and told Andrew, then Andrew and Philip went and told Jesus. Jesus answered them, "The hour has come for the Son of Man to be glorified. Very truly, I tell you, unless a grain of wheat falls into the earth and dies, it remains just a single grain, but if it dies it bears much fruit. Those who love their life lose it, and those who hate their life in this world will keep it for eternal life. Whoever serves me must follow me, and where I am, there will my servant be also. Whoever serves me, the Father will honor. "Now my soul is troubled. And what should I say: 'Father, save me from this hour'? No, it is for this reason that I have come to this hour. Father, glorify your name." Then a voice came from heaven, "I have glorified it, and I will glorify it again." The crowd standing there heard it and said that it was thunder. Others said, "An angel has spoken to him." Jesus answered, "This voice has come for your sake, not for mine. Now is the judgment of this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And I, when I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all people to myself." He said this to indicate the kind of death he was to die.

***Hymn**

Be Unto Your Name

We are a moment, You are forever, Lord of the ages, God before time.
We are a vapor, You are eternal, Love everlasting reigning on high.

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises honor and glory, be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

We are broken, You are the healer, Jesus, redeemer, mighty to save.
You are the love son, we'll sing forever, bowing before You, blessing
Your name.

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises honor and glory, be unto Your name, be unto Your name.*

*Holy, holy Lord God Almighty, worthy is the Lamb who was slain.
Highest praises honor and glory, be unto Your name, be unto Your name.
Be unto Your name. Be unto Your name.*

Sermon

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

Sharing our Gifts during which we hear Gay Willis sing, *Seed, Scattered and Sown*

If you are visiting or would like to make an extra offering on top of your usual contribution to the church, you can use your smart phone to scan this QR code to make a donation by credit card (3% surcharge) or by debit card (no surcharge). Cash and check donations are always acceptable!

GENERAL OFFERING



***Doxology**

Prayer of Dedication

Liturgist

Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession

Rev Dr Martin Ritchie

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,
The power and the glory, forever. **AMEN**

***Hymn**

At the Name of Jesus (see over)

Charge, Benediction and Celtic Amen

Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)

Postlude

***If you are able, please stand.**

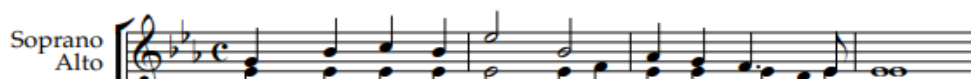
Livestreaming of Worship. Today's service is broadcast live online. You can watch the service again later via our website homepage if you wish to. Huge thanks to our entire technical team.

Doodle away . . .

At the Name of Jesus

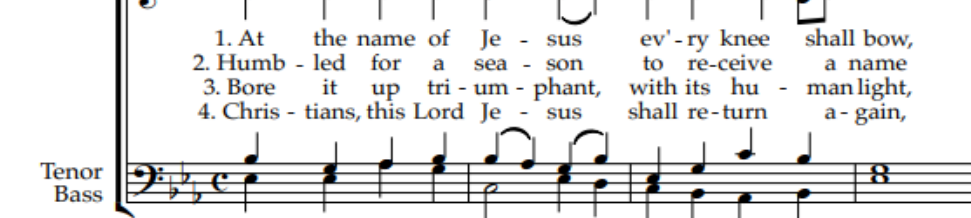
EVELYN

Soprano
Alto



1. At the name of Je - sus ev' - ry knee shall bow,
2. Humb - led for a sea - son to re - ceive a name
3. Bore it up tri - um - phant, with its hu - man light,
4. Chris - tians, this Lord Je - sus shall re - turn a - gain,


Tenor
Bass



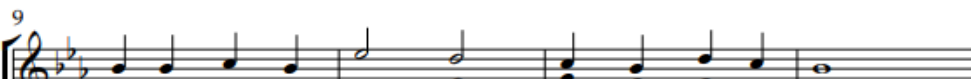
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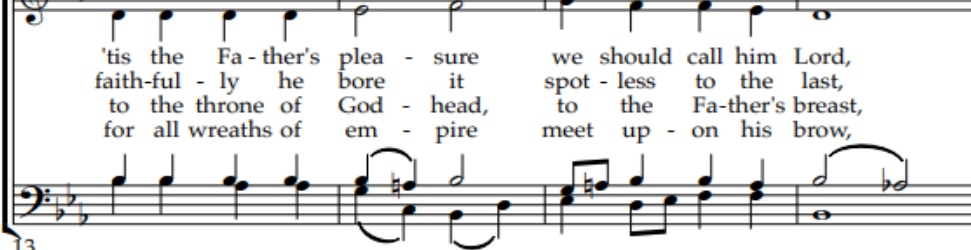
ev' - ry tongue con - fess_ him King of glo - ry now;_
from the lips of sin - ners un - to whom he came,_
through all ranks of crea - tures, to the cen - tral height,_
with his Fa - ther's glo - ry o'er the earth to reign:_




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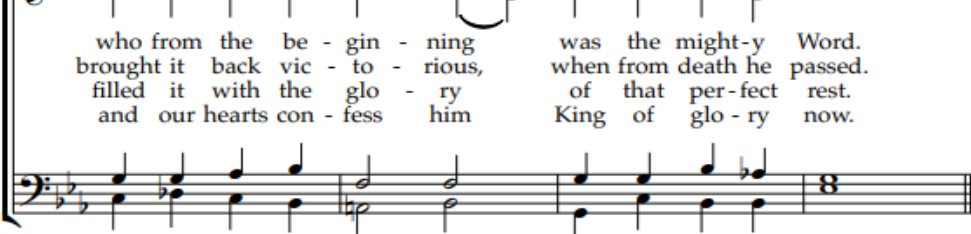
'tis the Fa - ther's plea - sure we should call him Lord,
faith - ful - ly he bore it spot - less to the last,
to the throne of God - head, to the Fa - ther's breast,
for all wreaths of em - pire meet up - on his brow,



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who from the be - gin - ning was the might - y Word.
brought it back vic - to - rious, when from death he passed.
filled it with the glo - ry of that per - fect rest.
and our hearts con - fess him King of glo - ry now.



Announcements

The flowers this morning are given to the glory of God by the Reilley family in loving memory of Thomas and Phyllis Norton.

Lent Study This year we'll be focusing on the Book/Movie/Show *Les Miserables* for a special Lent series that looks at the major Christian themes which emerge through the characters and plot of this iconic piece of culture! ***Cookies and drinks provided - bring your lunch.*** **Two more session on Wednesdays 20th and 27th at noon in the church house.**

Fish Banks! You're invited to bring back your filled up fish banks next Sunday – Palm Sunday. Thank you!

Invite a friend or neighbour at Easter! We would love to fill up the church for our Easter morning 10:30am celebration service. Why not invite someone along? Invitation cards are available in the narthex today.

PCAT Women's Group will celebrate St. Patrick's Day a little late by going to an Irish pub this time around. We hope you can join us! Please let us know if you plan on coming. Marilyn (201) 888-0402 and Christina (917) 887-0308

Date: Thursday, March 21st Time: 6pm

Place: Tommy Fox's, 32 South Washington Avenue, Bergenfield

PCAT Men's Group will share their next meal out on Wednesday April 10th at *Dantes* in Leonia at 7pm. Sign up with Jim Crook rjamescrook@gmail.com or Pastor Martin pastorpcat@gmail.com

Do you enjoy coffee hour following worship? Would you consider hosting? It's easy! Just bring in your choice of goodies (cookies, donuts, muffins), some fruit, and juice. That's it! Chris Schwab takes care of all the set up; coffee and tea and milk are all provided. Please help us to continue this social time following worship. Call the church office at (201) 567-0111 if you can help from time to time.

NEW WELCOME TEAM being developed – we would love to have many of you join this new effort to make Sunday mornings even richer.

PCAT has seen great progress over the past many months since we fully came out of the Covid period. With Pastor Martin's arrival and the increased level of activities for us all

to experience, we now want to make Sunday morning a special time for our regular members and our guests who come to “try us out” or visit on special occasions.

After Covid, we merged the Greeters and the Ushers into a single team leveraging a small group that volunteered to serve as greeters, ushers, and to collect the offering. We are now considering a return to a team approach like we had prior to Covid. Our ideas for this new approach include:

- Establish 4 or 5 teams that will rotate across the weeks on a regular cycle
- Each team to have 5-6 individuals with one volunteer serving as the captain of the team
- Team responsibilities will be similar to our current process ... welcome members and guests as they arrive, distribute bulletins, collect the offering and support other logistical matters as required
- 3 team members will be required at each service – meaning the captain will coordinate which of the 5 or 6 team members are on duty for a particular Sunday (this will allow for personal schedule issues during the year)
- Request those on duty to arrive 30 minutes before the service since some do arrive early – especially visitors.

If you are interested in being a part of this effort, please contact Nancy in the church office, speak with Martin or contact Brian Coats-Thomas via email (cgbrian.thomas@gmail.com). Thank you for thinking about this opportunity – it will not require a significant time commitment but allows you to support what we do every Sunday morning.

PresbyReaders Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 7 at 4:00 p.m. at Carolyn and Al Rocco’s home. We will be discussing James McBride’s, *The Color of Water*.

Regular Groups at PCAT

PCAT provides meeting space for the *Tenafly Morning Glory Group of Alcoholics Anonymous*, which convenes every Saturday morning at 10.30am in Jim Henry Hall. The Open Speaker meeting is OPEN to anyone who believes they may have a problem with alcohol or who is interested in learning more about the AA program of recovery.

Adventures in Faith: Wednesdays at 12noon in the church house. Contact Pastor Martin
PresbyReaders: Meets monthly on Sunday afternoons. Contact Mary Jane Eimer.
Bell Choir: Contact Jim Millar
Choir: Sundays 9am in the chapel. Contact Jim Millar
Church School: Every Sunday 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley
Childcare: Every Sunday at 10:30am. Contact Sherrie Reilley
Cro-Knitters: Tuesdays 2-4pm in the lounge. Contact Mickey Sechrist
English as a Second Language (ESL): Meets in Spring & Fall (10x's). Contact Jun Motai
Mommy/Daddy and Me group: Saturday mornings from 9.30-11am. Contact Christina Chan
Women and Men's Groups: meet periodically.

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Children, Youth and Family

HOLY WEEK ACTIVITIES

Presbyterian Church at Tenafly
55 Magnolia Ave

PALM SUNDAY PARADE - MARCH 24TH 10:30AM

Children meet in the Narthex a few minutes early
to get palms and organize.

YOUTH GOOD FRIDAY REFLECTION - MARCH 29TH

3-4pm in the chapel
5th grade and older

EASTER - MARCH 31ST 10:30AM

Families are invited to come to worship together.
Children will then go to the Church House for
age appropriate Easter activities

EGG HUNT

Weather permitting,
on the front lawn after worship

Holy ⁺Week **SCHEDULE**

March 28th
(Maundy Thursday)

6:30pm *Middle Eastern dinner* in Jim Henry Hall
8:00pm *Service of Tenebrae* by candlelight in the chapel

March 29th
(Good Friday)

1:00pm *Ecumenical Walk of Witness* starts at Church of the Atonement. **Calling at PCAT at 1:30pm**

March 31st
(Easter Sunday)

5:30am *Dawn service* in the Memorial Garden
10:30am *Easter celebration*

Easter Egg hunt following worship
