

# The Presbyterian Church at Tenafly



*Baptismal Font, Salisbury Cathedral, England*

## ***For Every Heart a Home***

**March 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2025 at 10:30am  
3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent**

**Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie**  
**Liturgist: Nancy Smith**

*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 the 10:30am worship service. Ask one of the ushers for directions if you would like to take your child through to join in.*



**Prelude**

**Welcome and Sharing the Peace**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Announcements**

**Call to Worship**

**\*Hymn (Psalm 134)**                      *Come, All You Servants of the Lord* (see page 6)

**Prayer of Approach and Confession (unison)**

Liturgist

We come before you God in the midst of the busy world around us. We gather at your calm well to drink your water of life. Help us to lay down our burdens, to share our joys and to be still in your presence.....

*Silence . . .*

**Kyrie Eleison**

<b>Martin sings:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Congregation, Choir &amp; Cantor:</b>	Kyrie Eleison
<b>Martin sings:</b>	Christe Eleison
<b>Congregation, Choir &amp; Cantor:</b>	Christe Eleison
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**Declaration of Forgiveness**

Liturgist

## 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**

## Collect for the Day

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

## Choir Anthem

*Be Thou My Vision*, by Bob Chilcott

*Be thou my vision, O Lord of my heart, be all else but naught to me, save that thou art; be thou my best thought in the day and the night, both waking and sleeping, thy presence my light. Be thou my wisdom, be thou my true word; be thou ever with me, and I with thee, Lord; Be thou my great Father, and I thy true son; be thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one. Be thou and thou only the first in my heart; O Sov'reign of heaven, my treasure thou art; great heart of my own heart, whatever befall, still be thou my vision, O Ruler of all.*

## Reading

Isaiah 55:1-9

Liturgist

Hear, everyone who thirsts; come to the waters; and you who have no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread and your earnings for that which does not satisfy? Listen carefully to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; listen, so that you may live. I will make with you an everlasting covenant, my steadfast, sure love for David. See, I made him a witness to the peoples, a leader and commander for the peoples. Now you shall call nations that you do not know, and nations that do not know you shall run to you, because of the LORD your God, the Holy One of Israel, for he has glorified you. Seek the LORD while he may be found; call upon him while he is near; let the wicked forsake their way and the

unrighteous their thoughts; let them return to the LORD, that he may have mercy on them, and to our God, for he will abundantly pardon. For my thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways my ways, says the LORD. For as the heavens are higher than the earth, so are my ways higher than your ways and my thoughts than your thoughts.

**\* Hymn (Psalm 63)**                      *O God, You Are My God Alone* (see page 7)

**Reading**                                      Luke 13:1-9                                      Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

At that very time there were some present who told Jesus about the Galileans whose blood Pilate had mingled with their sacrifices. He asked them, “Do you think that because these Galileans suffered in this way they were worse sinners than all other Galileans? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish as they did. Or those eighteen who were killed when the tower of Siloam fell on them—do you think that they were worse offenders than all the other people living in Jerusalem? No, I tell you, but unless you repent you will all perish just as they did.” Then he told this parable: “A man had a fig tree planted in his vineyard, and he came looking for fruit on it and found none. So he said to the man working the vineyard, ‘See here! For three years I have come looking for fruit on this fig tree, and still I find none. Cut it down! Why should it be wasting the soil?’ He replied, ‘Sir, let it alone for one more year, until I dig around it and put manure on it. If it bears fruit next year, well and good, but if not, you can cut it down.’ ”

**\*Hymn 626 (Psalm 42)**                      *As the Deer*

As the deer pants for the water, so my soul longs after you.  
You alone are my heart’s desire, and I long to worship you.

***Refrain:***

*You alone are my strength, my shield,  
To you alone may my spirit yield.  
You alone are my heart’s desire,  
And I long to worship you.*

I want you more than gold or silver; only you can satisfy.  
You alone are the real joy-giver, and the apple of my eye.      ***Refrain***

You're my friend and you are my brother, even though you are a King.  
I love you more than any other, so much more than anything. **Refrain**

**Sermon**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**Sharing our Gifts**

*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**

**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**

**Dedication Prayer**

Liturgist

**Prayers of Thanksgiving and Intercession**

Rev. Dr. Martin Ritchie

**\* Hymn 307**

*God of Grace and God of Glory (see page 8)*

**Benediction and Celtic Amen**

***Amen, Amen, Alleluia, Amen (x2)***

**Postlude**

**\*Those who are able, please stand.**

# 134A Come, All You Servants of the Lord

*Instrumental Introduction, Interlude and Ending*

Chords: Eb2 A<sup>b</sup>6(add9) Eb2 A<sup>b</sup>maj9 Eb2 A<sup>b</sup>6(add9) Fm7 Eb2/G B<sup>b</sup>sus B<sup>b</sup> Last time Eb

Chords: Eb Gm7 Ab Eb B<sup>b</sup>2/D Cm7 Eb2 Ab

1 Come, all you ser- vants of the Lord, who work and pray by  
 2 The Lord now bless from heaven a - bove and shine on you with

Chords: Fm7 Eb/G B<sup>b</sup>sus B<sup>b</sup> Cm7 Eb/B<sup>b</sup> F/A F<sup>7</sup>/A<sup>b</sup>

night, by day. Come, bless the Lord with - in this place;  
 ra - diant face; the Lord who heaven and earth has made

Chords: Eb/G Abmaj7 Fm B<sup>b</sup> Eb Db6 Eb

with lift - ed hands your hom - age pay.  
 il - lu - mine you with peace and grace.

# O God, You Are My God Alone

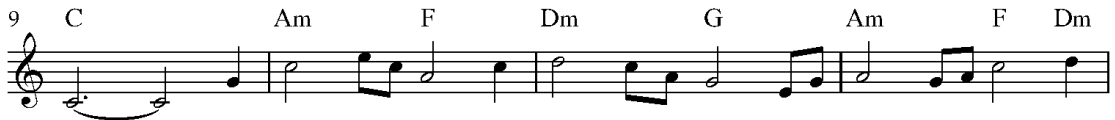
Trad. folk tune



1. O God, you are my God alone, whom ea - ger - ly I  
2. Your faith - ful love sur - pass - es life, e - vo - king all my  
3. Through - out the night I lie in bed and call you, Lord, to



seek, though long - ing fills my soul with thirst and leaves my bo - dy  
praise. Through ev - 'ry day, to bless your name, my hands in joy I'll  
mind; in dark - est hours I med - i - tate how God, my strength, is



weak. Just as a dry and bar - ren land a - waits a fresh - ening  
raise. My deep - est needs you sat - is - fy as with a sump - tuous  
kind. Be - neath the shad - ow of your wing, I live and feel se -



shower, I long with - in your house to see your  
feast. So, on my lips and in my heart, your  
cure; and dai - ly as I fol - low close, your



glo - ry and your power.  
praise has nev - er ceased.  
right hand keeps me sure.

# 307 God of Grace and God of Glory

1 God of grace and God of glo - ry, on thy peo - ple  
 2 Lo! the hosts of e - vil round us scorn thy Christ, as -  
 3 Cure thy chil - dren's war - ring mad - ness; bend our pride to  
 4 Save us from weak res - ig - na - tion to the e - vils

pour thy power; crown thine an - cient chur - ch's sto - ry; bring its  
 sail his ways! From the fears that long have bound us free our  
 thy con - trol; shame our wan - ton, self - ish glad - ness, rich in  
 we de - plore. Let the gift of thy sal - va - tion be our

bud to glo - rious flower. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 hearts to faith and praise. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 things and poor in soul. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,  
 glo - ry ev - er - more. Grant us wis - dom, grant us cour - age,

for the fac - ing of this hour, for the fac - ing of this hour.  
 for the liv - ing of these days, for the liv - ing of these days.  
 lest we miss thy king - dom's goal, lest we miss thy king - dom's goal.  
 serv - ing thee whom we a - dore, serv - ing thee whom we a - dore.



## Announcements

**NEXT SUNDAY:**  
**9:30am in the Sanctuary**  
**10:30am in the Chapel**

**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.

**THIS AFTERNOON Jason Hart Piano Concert** at 4:30pm in the Sanctuary. Come along to this free concert and enjoy music by Bach, Chopin, Beethoven and music in the style of Ragtime, Jazz and Boogie-Woogie.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is the PCUSA Lent appeal. Join with Presbyterians worldwide in sharing God's love with our neighbors-in-need by providing relief from natural disasters, food for the hungry, and support for the poor and oppressed. This Lenten season, please give generously to *One Great Hour of Sharing*. Please bring your offering (including fish banks) on Palm Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>. Remember: Giving a little adds up to a lot. Thank you! Mission Committee Co-chairs, Gillian Iappelli and Mary Jane Eimer

**Lent Study** is each Wednesday at 12noon in the Church House through April 16<sup>th</sup>. The theme of the Lent Study series will be "Radical Hospitality" using a resource called *Meeting Jesus at the Table*. Everyone is welcome, no preparation required. Bring your lunch, drinks and treats provided.

**Chris Lawrence**, our Mission partner in East Harlem will be visiting us on Sunday March 30<sup>th</sup> and will offer a talk and film showing in the Church House after 10:30am worship. Please come along and support him and hear about his work – snacks provided by the Mission Team!

**Community Choir and Orchestra.** We are throwing open our doors to the world with an invitation to take part in a community choir and orchestra project this spring. **Rehearsals will be on Tuesday evenings from April 1<sup>st</sup> in the Sanctuary**, leading up to a concert on the evening of Sunday June 1<sup>st</sup>. Repertoire includes Handel's Zadok the Priest, Schubert's Mass in G and Mozart's Jupiter Symphony. If you are a singer, please get in touch with

Jim to register your interest (dirmusic@tenaflypresby.org) Spread the word - the more the merrier!!

**PresbyReaders.** Our next meeting will be Sunday, April 13th at 4pm at Viki Shima's home. We will be reading *The Reporter Who Knew Too Much: The Mysterious Death of What's My Line TV Star and Media Icon, Dorothy Kilgallen* by Mark Shaw.

Jason Hart  
  
**PIANO**  
LIVE MUSIC CONCERT

**Bach, Beethoven, Chopin, and music in the style  
of Ragtime, Jazz, and Boogie-Woogie**



**March 23rd 4:30pm**



In the Sanctuary of  
The Presbyterian Church  
at Tenafly  
55 Magnolia Avenue

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# Tenaflly Community Choir and Orchestra



Repertoire includes Handel's *Zadok the Priest*, Schubert's *Mass in G* and Mozart's *Jupiter Symphony*.



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**REHEARSALS:** TUESDAY EVENINGS IN THE SANCTUARY  
STARTING APRIL 1ST 7-9PM  
55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE, TENAFLY

**CONCERT DATE:** JUNE 1ST

If you are a singer, age 14 and up, please get in touch with our Director of Music, Jim Millar to register your interest or for any questions.  
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FAMILY MOVIE NIGHT

# SATURDAY MAY 3RD

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DUMPLINGS,  
COOKIES AND  
POPCORN

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CHILDREN  
MUST BE  
ACCOMPANIED  
BY AN ADULT

## 4PM-6PM

AGES 3 YEARS-4TH GRADE

55 MAGNOLIA AVENUE  
TENAFLY

*Doodle away . . .*

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