



**Covenant Church
Presbyterian Church in America
Fayetteville, Arkansas**

**CELEBRATION OF WORSHIP
THE LORD'S DAY
May 2, 2021
10:30 a.m. Service**

† Call To Worship

Isaiah 12:4-6

And you will say in that day: "Give thanks to the LORD, call upon His name, make known His deeds among the peoples, proclaim that His name is exalted. Sing praises to the LORD, for He has done gloriously; let this be made known in all the earth. Shout, and sing for joy, O inhabitant of Zion, for great in your midst is the Holy One of Israel."

† Invocation & Lord's Prayer

Unison

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, and the power and the glory forever. Amen.

† Hymn of Praise

#293 (TH #194)

"O Come, O Come, Emmanuel"

† Confession of Sin

Adapted from Isaiah 59:2-3, 7-8, 20

O LORD, our iniquities have made a separation between us and our God, and our sins have hidden Your face from us so that You do not hear. For our hands are defiled with blood and our fingers with iniquity; our lips have spoken lies; our tongue mutters wickedness. Our feet run to evil, and they are swift to shed innocent blood; our thoughts are thoughts of iniquity; desolation and destruction are in their highways. The way of peace we do not know, and there is no justice in our paths; we have made our roads crooked; no one who treads on them knows peace. But You have declared that a Redeemer will come to Zion, to those in Jacob who turn from transgression. Have mercy on us for the sake of that Redeemer, the Lord Jesus Christ, in whose Name we pray. Amen.

Silent Confession

Assurance of Pardon

1 Peter 2:24-25

He himself bore our sins in His body on the tree, that we might die to sin and live to righteousness. By His wounds you have been healed. For you were straying like sheep, but have now returned to the Shepherd and Overseer of your souls.

† Hymn of Assurance

#338 (TH #252)

“When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”

† Confession of Faith

Heidelberg Catechism (1563)

Q. 1. What is your only comfort in life and in death?

A. That I am not my own, but belong—body and soul, in life and in death— to my faithful Savior, Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has delivered me from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven; in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, also assures me of eternal life and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.

Q. 2. How many things must you know to live and die in the joy of this comfort?

A. Three: first, how great my sin and misery are; second, how I am delivered from all my sins and misery; third, how I am to thank God for such deliverance.

Pastoral Prayer

Scripture Reading

Isaiah 53

¹ Who has believed our message and to whom has the arm of the Lord been revealed?
² He grew up before Him like a tender shoot, and like a root out of dry ground. He had no beauty or majesty to attract us to Him, nothing in His appearance that we should desire Him. ³ He was despised and rejected by mankind, a man of suffering, and familiar with pain. Like one from whom people hide their faces He was despised, and we held Him in low esteem. ⁴ Surely He took up our pain and bore our suffering, yet we considered Him punished by God, stricken by Him, and afflicted. ⁵ But He was pierced for our transgressions, He was crushed for our iniquities; the punishment that brought us peace was on Him, and by His wounds we are healed. ⁶ We all, like sheep, have gone astray, each of us has turned to our own way; and the Lord has laid on Him the iniquity of us all. ⁷ He was oppressed and afflicted, yet He did not open His mouth; He was led like a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before its shearers is silent, so He did not open His mouth. ⁸ By oppression and judgment He was taken away. Yet who of His generation protested? For He was cut off from the land of the living; for the transgression of my people He was punished. ⁹ He was assigned a grave with the

wicked, and with the rich in his death, though He had done no violence, nor was any deceit in His mouth. ¹⁰ Yet it was the Lord's will to crush Him and cause Him to suffer, and though the Lord makes His life an offering for sin, He will see His offspring and prolong His days, and the will of the Lord will prosper in His hand. ¹¹ After He has suffered, He will see the light of life and be satisfied; by His knowledge my righteous servant will justify many, and He will bear their iniquities. ¹² Therefore I will give Him a portion among the great, and He will divide the spoils with the strong, because He poured out His life unto death, and was numbered with the transgressors. For He bore the sin of many, and made intercession for the transgressors.

Sermon

Rev. Dr. Jay Bruce

“What You Must Know to Understand the Cross”

Worship with Tithes & Offerings

† Doxology

“Gloria Patri”

#567 (TH #731)

Prayer of Dedication

† Hymn of Preparation

“In Christ Alone”

#265

The Sacrament of the Lord's Supper

† Closing Hymn

“Lift High the Cross”

#287 (TH #263)

† Benediction

“What You Must Know to Understand the Cross”

Isaiah 53

INTRODUCTION

- I. The Surprise of the Cross (vv. 1-3)**
- II. The Substitution at the Cross (vv. 4-6)**
- III. The Sorrow of the Cross (vv. 7-9)**
- IV. The Satisfaction at the Cross (vv. 10-12)**

CONCLUSION

O Come, O Come, Emmanuel

1. O come, O come, Em - man - u - el, and ran - som cap - tive
 2. O come, O come, thou Lord of might, who to thy tribes, on
 3. O come, thou rod of Jes - se, free thine own from Sa - tan's
 4. O come, thou Day - spring from on high, and cheer us by thy
 5. O come, thou Key of Da - vid, come and o - pen wide our

Is - ra - el, that mourns in lone - ly ex - ile here,
 Si - nai's height, in an - cient times didst give the law
 • tyr - an - ny; from depths of hell thy peo - ple save,
 draw - ing nigh; dis - perse the gloom - y clouds of night,
 heav'n - ly home; make safe the way that leads on high,

un - til the Son of God ap - pear.
 in cloud and maj - es - ty and awe.
 • and give them vic - t'ry o'er the grave. Re - joice! Re - joice!
 and death's dark shad - ows put to flight.
 and close the path to mis - er - y.

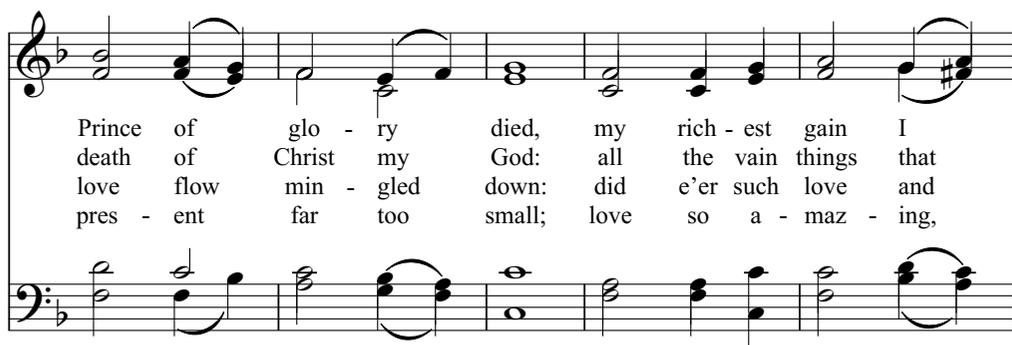
Refrain

Em - man - u - el shall come to thee, O Is - ra - el.

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross



1. When I sur - vey the won - drous cross on which the
2. For - bid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the
3. See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sor - row and
4. Were the whole realm of na - ture mine, that were a



Prince of glo - ry died, my rich - est gain I
death of Christ my God: all the vain things that
love flow min - gled down: did e'er such love and
pres - ent far too small; love so a - maz - ing,



count but loss, and pour con - tempt on all my pride.
charm me most, I sac - ri - fice them to his blood.
sor - row meet, or thorns com - pose so rich a crown?
so di - vine, de - mands my soul, my life, my all.

Isaac Watts, 1707, 1709

HAMBURG L.M.
Gregorian Chant
arr. Lowell Mason, 1824

Doxology

#567

Praise God from whom all bless - ings flow; praise him, all

crea - tures here be - low; praise him a - bove, ye heav'n - ly host:

praise Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

Thomas Ken, 1709

OLD 100th L.M.
Louis Bourgeois, 1551

In Christ Alone



1. In Christ a - lone my hope is found, he is my light, my strength, my
 2. In Christ a - lone! Who took on flesh, full - ness of God in help - less
 3. There in the ground his bod - y lay, light of the world by dark - ness
 4. No guilt in life, no fear in death: this is the pow'r of Christ in



song; this cor - ner - stone, this sol - id ground, firm through the
 babe! This gift of love, and righ - teous - ness, scorned by the
 slain; then burst - ing forth in glo - rious day, up from the
 me. From life's first cry to fin - al breath, Je - sus com -



fierc - est drought and storm. What heights of love, what depths of peace,
 ones he came to save. 'Til on that cross as Je - sus died,
 grave he rose a - gain! And as he stands in vic - to - ry,
 mands my des - ti - ny. No pow'r of hell, no scheme of man,



when fears are stilled, when striv - ings cease! My com - for -
 the wrath of God was sat - is - fied; for ev - 'ry
 sin's curse has lost its grip on me; for I am
 can ev - er pluck me from his hand; 'til he re -



ter, my all in all— here in the love of Christ I stand.
 sin on him was laid— here in the death of Christ I live.
 his and he is mine— bought with the pre- cious blood of Christ.
 turns or calls me home— here in the pow'r of Christ I'll stand.

Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

IN CHRIST ALONE L.M.D.
 Keith Getty and Stuart Townend
 arr. Ruth Coleman

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Lift High the Cross

Unison

(*Ref.*) Lift high the cross, the love of Christ pro - claim,

till all the world a - dore his sa - cred name. *Fine*

1. Come, breth - ren, fol - low where our Sav - ior trod,
2. Led on their way by this tri - um - phant sign,
3. O Lord, once lift - ed on the glo - rious tree,
4. Thy king - dom come, that earth's de - spair may cease
5. For thy blest cross which doth for us a - tone,

our King vic - to - rious, Christ, the Son of God.
the hosts of God in con - qu'ring ranks com - bine.
• as thou hast prom - ised, draw men un - to thee.
be - neath the shad - ow of its heal - ing peace.
cre - a - tion's prais - es rise be - fore thy throne. *D.C.*

George W. Kitchin, 1887
rev. Michael R. Newbolt, 1916; alt. 1990

CRUCIFER Irreg., ref.
Sydney H. Nicholson, 1916

**Devotional Readings
for May 3-8, 2021
“What You Must Know to Understand the Cross”
Isaiah 53**

Monday: Read Psalm 69. Relate this psalm to Isaiah 53.

Tuesday: Read Matthew 8:14–17. How does Jesus fulfill the prophecy of Isaiah 53 in this passage?

Wednesday: Read Mark 9:2–13. How does the Transfiguration provide a contrast with and a witness to Isaiah 53?

Thursday: Read Luke 22:35–38. Why does Jesus want his disciples to have swords, given Isaiah 53?

Friday: Read Luke 23:32–43. How does this passage, along with Isaiah 53, offer Christians comfort?

Saturday: Read Colossians 2:13–15. How does Jesus triumph at the cross?