

INDEPENDENT
Presbyterian Church

A NEW PEOPLE. A NEW MEMPHIS.

THE FIRST WORD ON WORSHIP

This morning, we begin a journey in a book that not many of us have studied in depth — because it is often too painful to go there. The Book of Lamentations is a series of five poems, written after the devastation of the burning of Jerusalem in 586 BC. And while the destruction of the city and the exile of the people were the result of their sin — it doesn't make it any less painful nor tragic.

This is a fitting book for us because it will teach us what it looks like to grieve before our faithful God — to grieve, to name our hurts and losses, to wail and mourn, yet always with an eye to hope because ultimately we grieve in God's presence and trust in his righteousness, his faithfulness, his mercy, his grace.

Our service is built around this theme of lament — from the call to worship drawn from Psalm 44 (which we should recognize from our studies of Romans 8) to our hymns and prayers. Let us come to the God who is righteous, who will remember his covenant with his people, even in the midst of our difficulties and sorrows.

THE LORD'S DAY WORSHIP

THE NINETEENTH DAY OF APRIL, TWO THOUSAND AND TWENTY
Eleven O'clock

THE WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

THE MEDITATION

“Brethren, We Have Met to Worship” Moore/arr. Reynolds
Arron Powell, James Brown, Harrison Howle, and Philip Johnson
The Men's Quartet

THE CALL TO WORSHIP

Psalm 44

The Minister: We have heard it with our ears, O God; our ancestors have told us what you did in their days, in days long ago.

The Congregation: It was not by their sword that they won the land, nor did their arm bring them victory; it was your right hand, your arm, and the light of your face, for you loved them.

The Minister: But now you have rejected and humbled us. You gave us up to be devoured like sheep and have scattered us among the nations.

The Congregation: I live in disgrace all day long, and my face is covered with shame at the taunts of those who reproach and revile me, because of the enemy, who is bent on revenge.

The Minister: Awake, Lord! Why do you sleep? Rouse yourself! Do not reject us forever.

All: Rise up and help us; rescue us because of your unfailing love.

The Reverend Jeremy Jones, Assistant Pastor

THE HYMN OF PRAISE

“O God, We Have Heard of Your Works”

Psalm 44

Foundation



1. O God, we have heard of your works with our
2. But you have for - sak - en, to shame brought our
3. Now all the day long I be - hold my dis -
4. O why are you sleep - ing? A - rouse your - self,



ears; our fa - thers have told what you did in past
boasts; no more in - to bat - tle you go with our
grace, and feel deep with - in me the shame of my
Lord! A - wake! Do not leave us for - ev - er ig -



years: suc - cess did not come from the
hosts. You sell us like sheep to be
face. Be - cause the blas - phem - er and
nored. Our flesh turns to clay and our



sword in their hand, nor by their arm's
slaugh - tered for food, a - mong all the
scof - fer I hear, As foe and a -
soul sinks to dust. O help us! Re -



strength did they con - quer the land.
na - tions dis - persed and pur - sued.
ven - ger be - fore me ap - pear.
deem us! In your love we trust.

THE PRAYER OF ADORATION

THE ASCRIPTION OF PRAISE

St. Anne

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come,
our shelter from the stormy blast, and our eternal home:

Under the shadow of your throne your saints have dwelt secure;
sufficient is your arm alone, and our defense is sure.

THE HYMN OF SUPPLICATION

“From the Depths of Woe”

Stanzas 1 and 2

Elaine Clowers and Christley Vaughn, Sopranos

Arron Powell, Violin James Brown, Guitar

Words: Martin Luther, 1523

Music: Christopher Miner



1. From depths of woe I raise to thee the voice
2. To wash a - way the crim - son stain, grace, grace



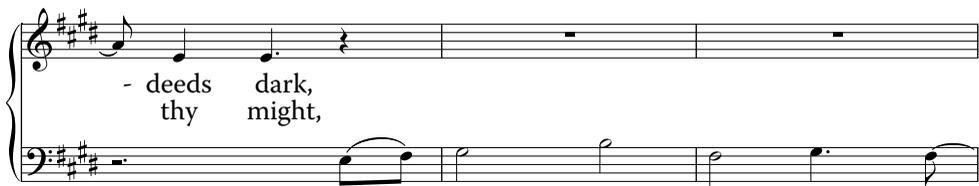
of la - men - ta - tion; Lord, turn a gra - cious ear
a - lone a - vail - eth; our works, a - las! are all



to me and hear my sup - pli - ca - tion; if
in vain; in much the best life fail - eth; no



thou in - i - qui - ties dost mark, our sec - ret sins and mis -
man can glo - ry in thy sight, all must a - like con - fess



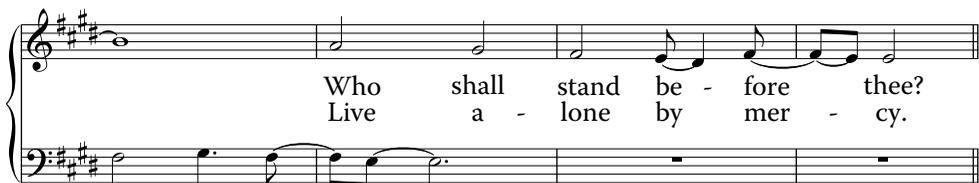
- deeds dark,
thy might,

O who shall stand be - fore
And live a - lone by mer -



Who shall stand be - fore thee?
Live a - lone by mer - cy.

thee? O who shall
- cy. and live a -



Who shall stand be - fore thee?
Live a - lone by mer - cy.

THE CORPORATE CONFESSION OF SIN

O Lord, be merciful to me a sinner. I confess to you that I have sinned against you in thought, word, and deed. I know that, if you were to mark my sins, I would be completely undone. But Lord, I plead the blood and righteousness of Jesus my Savior. Look at him and forgive me; cleanse me from all unrighteousness; and grant me new strength to forsake my sins and follow you in new paths of obedience. For I pray this in Jesus' name, *Amen*.

THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON

“There is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me. Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth! For I am God, and there is no other.” — *Isaiah 45:21-22*

THE HYMN OF ASSURANCE

“From the Depths of Woe”

Stanzas 3 and 4

Words: Martin Luther, 1523

Music: Christopher Miner

3. There - fore my trust is in the Lord, and not
4. Though great our sins and sore our woes his grace
in mine own mer - it; on him my soul shall rest
much more a - bound - eth; his help - ing love no lim -
his word up - holds my faint - ing spir - it; his
it knows, our ut - most need it sound - eth. Our
prom - ised mer - cy is my fort, my com - fort and my sweet
shep - herd, good and true is he, who will at last his Is -

sup - port:
rael free

I From wait all for their it sin with pa - sor -

Wait for it with pa - tience.
All their sin and sor - row,

- tience. I from wait for
- row, from all their

Wait for it with pa - tience.
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THE STATEMENT OF FAITH

Heidelberg Catechism, Lord's Day 16

The Minister: Why did Christ have to suffer death?

The Congregation: Because God's justice and truth require it: nothing else could pay for our sins except the death of the Son of God.

The Minister: Why was he "buried"?

The Congregation: His burial testifies that he really died.

The Minister: Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

The Congregation: Our death does not pay the debt of our sins. Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.

The Minister: What further benefit do we receive from Christ's sacrifice and death on the cross?

The Congregation: By Christ's power our old selves are crucified, put to death, and buried with him, so that the evil desires of the flesh may no longer rule us, but that instead we may offer ourselves as a sacrifice of gratitude to him.

The Minister: Why does the creed add, "He descended to hell"?

The Congregation: To assure me during attacks of deepest dread and temptation that Christ my Lord, by suffering unspeakable anguish, pain, and terror of soul, on the cross but also earlier, has delivered me from hellish anguish and torment.

THE PRAYER OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name. Your kingdom come. Your 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 yours is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

THE ANTHEM

“Blessed Be the Name”

Hudson/arr. Reynolds

The Men’s Quartet

O for a thousand tongues to sing, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
The glories of my God and King, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

Jesus, the name that calms my fears, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
’Tis music in the sinners ears, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

He breaks the power of canceled sin, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
His blood can make the foulest clean, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord!
Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name, Blessed be the name of the Lord.

THE SERMON

Lamentations 1:1-22

The Minister: This is the Word of the Lord.

The Congregation: Thanks be to God!

“My City of Ruins”

Dr. Sean Michael Lucas

Senior Pastor

SERMON NOTES

1. Survey of the city (1-11)

A. Total

B. Tears

C. Tragic

2. Speeches of the citizens (12-22)

A. God

B. Grief

C. Grace

THE HYMN OF RESPONSE

No. 689

“Be Still, My Soul”

Be still, my soul: the Lord is on your side;
bear patiently the cross of grief or pain;
leave to your God to order and provide;
in ev'ry change he faithful will remain.
Be still, my soul: your best, your heav'nly Friend
through thorny ways leads to a joyful end.

Be still, my soul: your God will undertake
to guide the future as he has the past.
Your hope, your confidence let nothing shake;
all now mysterious shall be bright at last.
Be still, my soul: the waves and winds still know
his voice who ruled them while he dwelt below.

Be still, my soul: when dearest friends depart,
and all is darkened in the vale of tears,
then shall you better know his love, his heart,
who comes to soothe your sorrow and your fears.
Be still, my soul: your Jesus can repay
from his own fullness all he takes away.

Be still, my soul: the hour is hast'ning on
when we shall be forever with the Lord,
when disappointment, grief, and fear are gone,
sorrow forgot, love's purest joys restored.
Be still, my soul: when change and tears are past,
all safe and blessed we shall meet at last.

THE BENEDICTION

THE RESPONSE

Our God, our help in ages past, our hope for years to come:
O be our guard while troubles last, and our eternal home.

St. Anne

THE POSTLUDE

“Old Hundredth”
Emilee Garrett, Organ

arr. Held



IN THE SANCTUARY TODAY

The arrangement in the Sanctuary is presented to the glory of God.

DEATHS

We extend our sympathy to

Jane Simmons on the death of her father, Jack Gordon, on April 9.

We extend our sympathy to

the family of Marie Alston on her death on April 11.

CHURCH GIVING

During this challenging time, please remember that much of IPC's support comes from giving during Sunday morning offerings. With the suspension of in-person attendance at worship services and the closing of the campus, members are encouraged to continue their financial gifts by mail or other options. If you normally give by check or cash during the offering, please consider mailing your gift to the church.

Mail to:

Independent Presbyterian Church
Attention: Kerrie O'Brien
4738 Walnut Grove Road
Memphis, TN 38117

Other ways to give include:

- Using our online giving link
 - Using the IPC app
- Using your bank's bill pay service to send money electronically to IPC.

Questions? Please email Kerrie O'Brien, kobrien@ipcmemphis.org.

IPC DAILY GUIDE DEVOTIONALS

Sean and Jennifer have put together a daily worship guide for individuals and families to use each week to stay grounded in the Word and grow in our faith as we face the challenging and uncertain days ahead.

To download the Daily Guide's devotionals, hymns, and prayers, go to ipcmemphis.org.

IPC CHILDREN'S MINISTRY RESOURCES

IPC has some great discipling materials for parents and grandparents to use with their children during this unique season being isolated at home together. From Bible stories and lessons to fun activities and music, you'll find lots of tools that will bless your time as a family hoping in the Gospel of Jesus. You can even download our Children's Bulletin to use while watching the livestream of our 11:00 a.m. Worship Service this Sunday.

To access our Children's Ministry Resources page, go to ipcmemphis.org.

IPC COVID-19 FACE MASK MINISTRY

*Help Us **Make** Our Goal of 5,000 Masks!*

The IPC Missions Committee is partnering with Neighborhood Christian Centers and Agape Child and Family Services to produce and deliver 5,000 cotton masks that will be distributed to underserved communities where people do not have masks, may not know how to make them, and are not aware of the infection risks of not having one. The masks can be made using materials you already have at home.

Visit ipcmemphis.org for more details.

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growing in community, and going out in love.



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