

THE WEDNESDAY OF HOLY WEEK

March 23, 2016

12:00 noon



Outer Banks Presbyterian Church
907 S. Croatan Highway
Kill Devil Hills, NC 27948

THE ORDER OF SERVICE

✠ *Congregation stand as you are able.*

THE ORGAN PRELUDE: "There Is a Redeemer" arr. Kellner
Jason Evans, Organist

THE WORDS OF WELCOME

THE CALL TO WORSHIP (*Spoken Responsively*)

LEADER: Jesus said, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross, and follow me. Christ himself bore our sins in his body on the tree...

PEOPLE: **...that we might die to sin and live to righteousness.
All Glory to God the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. Amen.**

✠ THE HYMN NO. 223: "When I Survey the Wondrous Cross" HAMBURG

THE RESPONSIVE READING (*Spoken Responsively from Isaiah 53 using the Common English Bible*)

Who can believe what we have heard, and for whose sake has the Lord's arm been revealed?

**He grew up like a young plant before us, like a root from dry ground.
He possessed no splendid form for us to see, no desirable appearance.**

He was despised and avoided by others; a man who suffered, who knew sickness well.
Like someone from whom people hid their faces, he was despised, and we didn't think about him.

**It was certainly our sickness that he carried, and our sufferings that he bore,
but we thought him afflicted, struck down by God and tormented.**

He was pierced because of our rebellions and crushed because of our crimes.
He bore the punishment that made us whole; by his wounds we are healed.

Like sheep we had all wandered away, each going its own way, but the Lord let fall on him all our crimes.

He was oppressed and tormented, but didn't open his mouth. Like a lamb being brought to slaughter, like a ewe silent before her shearers, he didn't open his mouth.

**Due to an unjust ruling he was taken away, and his fate—who will think about it?
He was eliminated from the land of the living, struck dead because of my people's rebellion.**

His grave was among the wicked, his tomb with evildoers, though he had done no violence, and had spoken nothing false.

**But the Lord wanted to crush him and to make him suffer.
If his life is offered as restitution, he will see his offspring; he will enjoy long life.
The Lord's plans will come to fruition through him.**

THE GOSPEL LESSON Luke9: 23-24

Jesus said to everyone, "All who want to come after me must say no to themselves, take up their cross daily, and follow me. All who want to save their lives will lose them. But all who lose their lives because of me will save them.

LEADER: This is the Word of God for the people of God.

PEOPLE: **Thanks be to God.**

THE HOMILYThe Rev. Elizabeth D. Tyson

✦THE HYMN OF RESPONSE NO. 216: "Beneath the Cross of Jesus" ST. CHRISTOPHER

LEADER: Lord, have mercy.

PEOPLE: **Christ, have mercy.**

LEADER: Lord, have mercy.

THE PASTORAL PRAYER

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Spoken in Unison)*

Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial, and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours now and forever. Amen.

✦THE HYMN OF SENDING NO. 836: "Abide with Me" EVENTIDE

✦THE CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

THE ORGAN POSTLUDE: "At the Cross" arr. Evans

Jason Evans, Organist

*Please join us in the fellowship hall following the worship service
for a lunch prepared by Mighty Wind United Methodist Church.
The cost of the lunch is \$5.00.*

"Peace is found beneath the cross. Here one surrenders to God's will, here our own will comes to an end, here one finds repose and quiet in God, here one finds peace of conscience in the forgiveness of all our sins....Here is the only path in the world to peace with God."

Dietrich Bonhoeffer, Sermon at evening worship - March 9,1938

~ Scriptures Readings for Holy Week ~

Wednesday, March 23, 2016

Lamentations 2:1-9
Psalm 55, 74
II Corinthians 1:23-2:11
Mark 12:1-11

Thursday, March 24, 2016

Maunder Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14
Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19
I Corinthians 11:23-26
John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Friday, March 25, 2016

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12
Psalm 22
Hebrews 10:16-25
John 18:1-19:42

Saturday, March 26, 2016

Easter Vigil

Genesis 7:1-5, 11-18
Psalm 16 & 46
Zephaniah 3:14-20
Romans 6:3-11

Sunday, March 27, 2016

Resurrection of the Lord

Isaiah 65:17-25
Psalm 118:1-2, 14-24
I Corinthians 15:19-26
Luke 24:1-12