



POMPTON REFORMED CHURCH

April 6, 2025

10:00 am

Prelude

Welcome and Lighting the Christ Candle

Jesus said, "I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life."

Call to Worship

Loving Lord,

As we continue this Lenten season,
we are met with the challenge of handing over
every bit of our lives that do not come from You.

**To rid ourselves of what clutters our lives,
and all that distracts us from the simple truth
of Your love for us.**

So, lead and guide us on this Lenten way.

May we walk with Jesus toward the hill just outside of Jerusalem.

May we like Him take up our cross and follow,
spending each moment of our lives living responsively to you,
just as Christ Himself did.

For that is the faithful way.

Lord let our souls rise to meet you as the day rises to meet the sun.

Glory to The Father and to The Son and to The Holy Spirit.

As it was in the beginning, is now and will be forever, amen.

Opening Song – Screens

"How Great Is Our God"

Prayer of Confession

As we come to a time of corporate confession today, we are thinking about everything we bring to the table as we come forward during communion. We bring our whole selves: our brokenness and our abilities, our hopes and our failures, knowing that we receive grace and peace from God. Let's pray together:

Loving God, we bring to this sanctuary and place on this table, our sin and brokenness, our self-image bruised and hurting, our fears, shame, doubts and anxieties, the raw materials we ask you to bless and change,

that in our dark tunnels we may begin to see light and in our desert experiences we may find You.

Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy on us.

Words of Assurance

Lord Christ, you came among us, and breathed into our broken souls, healed our pain and brought us back to you. You love us to the end, and triumph over all our hatred.

Friends, may the grace and peace of God be with you.

And also with you.

Living the Way of Jesus

With communion today, we reflect on this phrase: "This is my body, broken for you, do this in remembrance of me." Jesus gave his body, his life for the healing of the world.

And the bread we eat reminds us that God was physically here in this world. He had a body like we have a body. And as followers of Jesus, we embody his life for the world.

Let's reflect on this meditation from St. Teresa of Avila, who gave us a picture of what this means.

Christ has no body but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

Compassion on this world,

Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good,

Yours are the hands, with which he blesses all the world.

Yours are the hands, yours are the feet,

Yours are the eyes, you are his body.

Christ has no body now but yours,

No hands, no feet on earth but yours,

Yours are the eyes with which he looks

compassion on this world.

Christ has no body now on earth but yours.

Friends, let's live the way of Jesus wherever our lives take us. **Amen, let it be so.**

Announcements

Prayers of the People and the Lord's Prayer

Offering

Offertory – Green #143

"Jesus, Remember Me"

Choir Anthem

"When Jesus Wept"

Perez Morton

Doxology Green #19

"Holy, Holy, Holy, My Heart"

Scripture: Luke 23:32-43

Sermon: The True King

³² Two other men, both criminals, were also led out with him to be executed. ³³ When they came to the place called the Skull, they crucified him there, along with the criminals—one on his right, the other on his left. ³⁴ Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.”^[a] And they divided up his clothes by casting lots.

³⁵ The people stood watching, and the rulers even sneered at him. They said, “He saved others; let him save himself if he is God’s Messiah, the Chosen One.”

³⁶ The soldiers also came up and mocked him. They offered him wine vinegar ³⁷ and said, “If you are the king of the Jews, save yourself.”

³⁸ There was a written notice above him, which read: THIS IS THE KING OF THE JEWS.

³⁹ One of the criminals who hung there hurled insults at him: “Aren’t you the Messiah? Save yourself and us!”

⁴⁰ But the other criminal rebuked him. “Don’t you fear God,” he said, “since you are under the same sentence? ⁴¹ We are punished justly, for we are getting what our deeds deserve. But this man has done nothing wrong.”

⁴² Then he said, “Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.”^[a]

⁴³ Jesus answered him, “Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in paradise.”

Sacrament of the Lord's Supper – (see insert)

**We are offering Gluten-free bread only.*

Communion Song

“At the Cross”

Chris Tomlin

Closing Song – Screens

“In Christ Alone/The Solid Rock”

Benediction

Postlude

TODAY'S WORSHIP LEADERSHIP

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