

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL  
*Sixth Sunday of Lent—Palm Sunday*  
*29 March 2015*

If you are reading this in worship, I want you to know something—you *are an answer to prayer*. Each Sunday before worship, I ask God to bring into our midst exactly who He desires would be there. Since you are with us today, I believe God has a blessing in store for you. I am prayerful as we worship together today, that blessing will be received and enjoyed.

To that end, this service of worship has been designed that we might know God and the glory of the gospel of Jesus Christ. From the summons to worship at the beginning to the sending out into the world at the benediction, that you might know God, the truth and joy of salvation, and be equipped to answer the call to be a disciple of Jesus Christ.

Following the service, feel free to approach one of our elders (the men who help serve the Lord's Supper) with any prayer needs or questions you may have. I believe you will find them to be warm, inviting, and eager to serve. Please know I would personally enjoy getting to meet you this morning following the service, so please stop by and see me at the front door of the chapel.

It is my sincere prayer that your experience today at Cornerstone Presbyterian Church is one that blesses you spiritually and strengthens your faith in the Lord.

Grace & Peace,  
Rev. Nate Shurden

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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*God calls His people to worship and come before Him. The Creator of all things reveals Himself through His Word and calls us into His presence.*

### **Prelude—Zion at Thy Shining Gates**

Zion, at thy shining gates Lo, the King of Glory waits;  
Haste thy monarch now to greet, Strew thy palms before his feet.

Christ, for thee their triple light, Faith and hope and love unite;  
This the beacon we display To proclaim thine advent day.

Come and give us peace within, Loose us from the bands of sin,  
Take away the galling weight Laid on us by greed and hate.

Give us grace thy yoke to wear, Give us strength thy cross to bear,  
Make us thine in deed and word, Thine in heart and life, O Lord.

So when thou shalt come again, Judge of angels and of men,  
We with all thy saints shall sing Alleluias to our King.

Text: Benjamin H. Kennedy, 1804-89, alt.; Music: K. Lee Scott, 1990

### **Announcements & Preparation**

#### **Children's Choir Introit—Daughter of Zion**

Daughter of Zion, shout for joy! Shout aloud, Jerusalem!  
Lo, thy King now comes to thee, Yea, He comes, the Prince of Peace.

Hail, hosanna, David's Son, Be Thou by Thy people blest!  
Thine eternal kingdom come! Praise be sung to Thee on high!

Hail, hosanna, David's Son, Be Thou welcome, gracious King!  
Firmly stands Thy throne of peace, Thou, the Father's only Son!

Text: Joh. J. Eschenburg, 1743-1820; Music: George Frideric Handel, 1685-1759.

#### **Call to Worship—John 12:13, Zechariah 9:9-12**

Pastor: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!

**All: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord, the King of Israel!**

Pastor: Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

**All: Behold, your king is coming to you.**

Pastor: He is righteous and bears salvation;

He is humble and mounted on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**All: Hosanna! Hosanna in the highest!**

Pastor: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: The Lord has established his throne in the heavens, and his kingdom rules over all.**

# Hymn of Praise—All Glory, Laud, and Honor

*The Children's Choir will sing verse 1. We will respond by singing the rest of the hymn as a congregation.*

## *Verse 1 (Children's Choir):*

All glory, laud, and honor to thee, redeemer, King,  
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!  
Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One!

The musical score is written in 4/4 time with a key signature of one flat (Bb). It consists of four systems, each with a vocal line (treble clef) and a bass line (bass clef). The lyrics are as follows:

The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee went; our  
Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we bring, who  
praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre - sent: to  
in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra - cious King! All  
thee be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of praise; to  
glo - ry, laud, and hon - or to thee, Re - deem - er, King, to  
thee, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.  
whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring!

Text: Theodulph of Orleans, ca. 820, Tr. John Mason Neale, 1854; Music: ST. THEODULPH, Melchoir Teschner, ca. 1615.

## Hymn of Praise—Crown Him With Many Crowns

Crown Him with man - y crowns, the Lamb up - on His throne. Hark!  
 Crown Him the Lord of life, who tri - umphed o'er the grave, And  
 Crown Him the Lord of love, be - hold His hands and side, Rich  
 Crown Him the Lord of years, the Po - ten - tate of time, Cre -

How the heav'n - ly an - them - drowns all mus - ic but its own. A -  
 rose vic - tor - ious in the - strife for those He came to save. His  
 wounds, yet vis - i - ble a - bove, in beau - ty glor - i - fied. No  
 a - tor of the roll - ing - spheres, in - eff - a - bly sub - lime. All

wake, my soul, and sing of Him who died for thee, And  
 glo - ries now we sing, who died, and rose on high, Who  
 an - gel in the sky can ful - ly bear that sight, But  
 hail, Re - deem - er, hail! For Thou has died for me; Thy

hail Him as thy match - less King through all e - ter - ni - ty.  
 died e - ter - nal life to bring, and lives that death may die.  
 down - ward bends his burn - ing eye at mys - ter - ies so bright.  
 praise and glor - y shall not fail through - out e - ter - ni - ty.

Text: Matthew Bridges, 1852; Music: DIADEMATA, George J. Elvey, 1868.

*(Please be seated)*

Testimony of God's Faithfulness

—Randy Allen

Scripture Reading and Prayers

## Hymn of Praise—The Earth With All That Dwells

The earth, with all that dwell there - in, With all its wealth un - told, Be -  
Lo, such are they that seek for God And blest by Him they live To  
Ye ev - er - last - ing doors, give way, Lift up your heads, ye gates! For

longs to God, who found - ed it Up - on the seas of old. What  
them His per - fect right - eous - ness The God of grace will give. Who  
now, be - hold, to en - ter in The King of Glo - ry waits. Who

man shall stand be - fore the Lord On Zi - on's ho - ly hill? The  
is this glor - ious King that comes? To claim His sov - 'reign right? It  
is this glor - ious King that comes To claim His right - ful throne? The

clean of hand, the pure of heart, The just who does His will.  
is the Lord om - ni - po - tent All con - quering in His might.  
Lord of Hosts, He is the King Of glo - ry, God a - lone.

Text: *The Psalter*, 1912, Psalm 24; Music: KINGSFOLD, Old English Folk Song

## GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

### The Reading of the Word—Luke 22:24-38

24 A dispute also arose among them, as to which of them was to be regarded as the greatest.  
25 And he said to them, “The kings of the Gentiles exercise lordship over them, and those in authority over them are called benefactors. 26 But not so with you. Rather, let the greatest among you become as the youngest, and the leader as one who serves. 27 For who is the greater,

one who reclines at table or one who serves? Is it not the one who reclines at table? But I am among you as the one who serves.

28 “You are those who have stayed with me in my trials, 29 and I assign to you, as my Father assigned to me, a kingdom, 30 that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom and sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.

31 “Simon, Simon, behold, Satan demanded to have you, that he might sift you like wheat, 32 but I have prayed for you that your faith may not fail. And when you have turned again, strengthen your brothers.” 33 Peter said to him, “Lord, I am ready to go with you both to prison and to death.” 34 Jesus said, “I tell you, Peter, the rooster will not crow this day, until you deny three times that you know me.”

35 And he said to them, “When I sent you out with no moneybag or knapsack or sandals, did you lack anything?” They said, “Nothing.” 36 He said to them, “But now let the one who has a moneybag take it, and likewise a knapsack. And let the one who has no sword sell his cloak and buy one. 37 For I tell you that this Scripture must be fulfilled in me: ‘And he was numbered with the transgressors.’ For what is written about me has its fulfillment.” 38 And they said, “Look, Lord, here are two swords.” And he said to them, “It is enough.”

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

All: **But the Word of our God will stand forever.**

## Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 95

*Jesus, Numbered Among the Transgressors*

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

## GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

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*The People of God respond to His Word by confessing their sins, repenting of their sinful ways, and seeking God's favor through the reconciling work of Jesus, the Son of God.*

### **Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Isaiah 1:2-6, 10-17**

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. You have brought us up like children,  
but we have rebelled against You.

**All: We are burdened with iniquity, we are evildoers who deal corruptly.  
We have forsaken and despised You, O Lord.**

Pastor: We continue to rebel—we are sick and our heart is faint.

**All: From the sole of our feet to the top of our head,  
there is no soundness in our bodies.**

Pastor: Hear the word of the Lord, and give ear to the teaching of our God.  
We have put our trust in our service and obedience.  
We have trampled His house with vain offerings and offensive prayers.

**All: We have burdened You, O Lord, with our fleshly obedience.**

Pastor: You call us to wash ourselves and to make ourselves clean;  
to remove the evil of our deeds from before your eyes.

**All: May we cease to do evil and learn to do good; to seek justice and correct oppression;  
to bring justice to the fatherless and plead the widow's cause.**

### **Silent Prayers of Confession**

#### **Assurance of Pardon—from Rom 7:25-8:1; I Tim 1:2; I Thess 5:23**

Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord! There is now no condemnation for those who are in Christ Jesus. And now grace, mercy, and peace are yours from God the Father and Christ Jesus our Lord. The God of peace Himself will sanctify you completely so that your whole spirit and soul and body may be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.



## Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN  
MEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -  
 Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might, -  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho - san - na in the high - est.  
 Heav'n and earth are full of Your glo - ry. Ho san - na in the high - est.  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the  
 Bless - ed is He who comes in the Name of the Lord. Ho - san - na in the high - est, Ho  
 high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est, Ho - san - na in the high - est. A - men.  
 san - nah in the high - est, Ho san - na in the high - est. A - men.

CCLI #11121087 Text: Is 6:3, Rev 4:8, Mt 21:9; Music: FRANKLIN SANCTUS, Gregory D Wilbur, 2009. ©2009 Greyfriars Press.

## Profession of Faith—The Apostles' Creed

We believe in God, the Father Almighty,  
 the Creator of heaven and earth,

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord,  
 who was conceived of the Holy Spirit,  
 born of the Virgin Mary,  
 suffered under Pontius Pilate,  
 was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell.

On the third day He rose again from the dead.

He ascended into Heaven

and now sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty,  
 from whence He shall come to judge the living and the dead.

We believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic\* church,

The communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins,

The resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

\* "Catholic" refers to the universal church of God's people throughout all time and from all places

## Words of Institution and the Lord's Table

### Guidelines for the Lord's Supper

*The Lord's Supper is the family meal for Christians. We invite all baptized Christians who are members of a congregation that proclaims the gospel, and who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ to join us.*

*If you are not a Christian, or if you are not prepared to share in this meal, we encourage you to spend this time in prayer. You can find some sample prayers on the next page. We hope that this time is helpful to you as you consider your relationship with Jesus Christ and with His people, the church.*

*At Cornerstone, we come forward to receive communion. You may take the bread at the first table and then proceed to either side for the wine/grape juice.*

### Hymn of Communion—Come, Ye Sinners



Come, ye sin - ners, — poor and need - y, Weak and wound-ed, — sick and sore;  
Come, ye thirst - y, — come, and wel - come, God's free bount - y — glor - i - fy;  
Come, ye wear - y, — heav - y lad - en, Lost and ru - ined by the fall;  
Let not con - science make you lin - ger, Nor of fit - ness fond - ly dream;



Je - sus read - y stands to save you, Full of pit - y, — love and power.  
True be - lief and true re - pen - tance, Ev - ery grace that brings you nigh. —  
If you tar - ry till you're bet - ter, You will nev - er — come at all. —  
All the fit - ness He re - quir - eth Is to feel your need of Him. —



I will a - rise and — go to Je - sus, He will embrace me — in His — arms;



In the arms — of my dear Sav - ior, O there are ten thousand charms.

Text: Joseph Hart, 1712-1768; Music: Southern Harmony, 1835.

## Hymn of Communion—Approach, My Soul, the Mercy Seat



Ap - proach, my soul, the mer - cy seat, Where Je - sus an - swers prayer; There  
Bowed down be - neath a load of sin, By Sa - tan sore - ly pressed, By  
O won - drous love! to bleed and die, To bear the cross and shame, That



hum - bly fall be - fore His feet, For none can per - ish there. Thy pro - mise is my  
war with - out and fears with - in, I come to Thee for rest. Be Thou my Shield and  
guil - ty sin - ners, such as I, Might plead Thy gra - cious name. "Poor tem - pest - toss - ed



on - ly plea, With this I ven - ture nigh; Thou call - est bur - dened  
hid - ing Place, That, shel - tered by Thy side, I may my fierce ac -  
soul, be still; My pro - mised grace re - ceive;" 'Tis Je - sus speaks: I



souls to Thee, And such, O Lord, am I. And such, O Lord, am I.  
cu - ser face, And tell him Thou hast died! And tell him Thou hast died!  
must, I will, I can, I do be - lieve. I can, I do be - lieve.

Text: John Newton, 1779; Music: APPROACH MY SOUL, Gregory Wilbur, 2011. ©2011 Greyfriars Press

### Prayers for Those Not Taking the Lord's Supper

If you are not able to partake in the Lord's Supper today, please use this time to meditate on one of the following prayers.

*Prayer for Those Searching for Truth.* Lord Jesus, you claim to be the way, the truth, and the life. Grant that I might be undaunted by the cost of following you as I consider the reasons for doing so. If what you claim is true, please guide me, teach me, and open me to the reality of who you are. Give me an understanding of you that is coherent, convincing, and that leads to the life you promise. Amen.

*Prayer of Belief.* Lord Jesus Christ, I admit that I am weaker and more sinful than I ever dared admit, but through you I am more loved and accepted than I ever dared hope. I thank you for paying my debt on the cross, taking what I deserved in order to offer me complete forgiveness. Knowing that you have been raised from the dead, I turn from my sins and receive you as my Savior and Lord. Amen.

*Prayer of Commitment.* Lord Jesus, you have called us to follow you in baptism and in a life of committed discipleship through membership in your church. Grant that I may take the necessary steps to be one with your people, and live in the fullness of your Spirit. Amen.

# GOD'S PEOPLE RESPOND IN GRATEFUL PRAISE

## Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

### *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, and the power, and the glory, forever. *Amen.*

## Hymn of Praise—Lift Up Your Heads

The musical score is written in 3/2 time and consists of three systems of music. Each system includes a vocal line (treble clef) and a piano accompaniment line (bass clef). The lyrics are printed below the vocal line.

Lift up your heads, ye mighty gates; Behold, the  
A Helper just He comes to thee, His chariot  
O blest the land, the city blest, Where Christ the  
Fling wide the portals of your heart; Make it a  
Re-deemer, come, with us abide; Our hearts to  
King of glory waits; The King of kings is  
is humil-ity, His king-ly crown is  
Ruler is confessed O happy hearts and  
temple, set apart From earth-ly use for  
Thee we open wide; Let us Thy in-ner  
draw-ing near; The Sav-ior of the world is here!  
ho-li-ness, His scept-er, pi-ty in dis-tress.  
happy homes To whom this King in tri-umph comes!  
heaven's employ, A-dorned with prayer and love and joy.  
pre-sence feel; Thy grace and love in us re-veal.

Text: Psalm 24, Georg Weissel, 1642, Tr by Catherine Winkworth, 1855; Music: TRURO, *Psalmodia Evangelica*, 1789.



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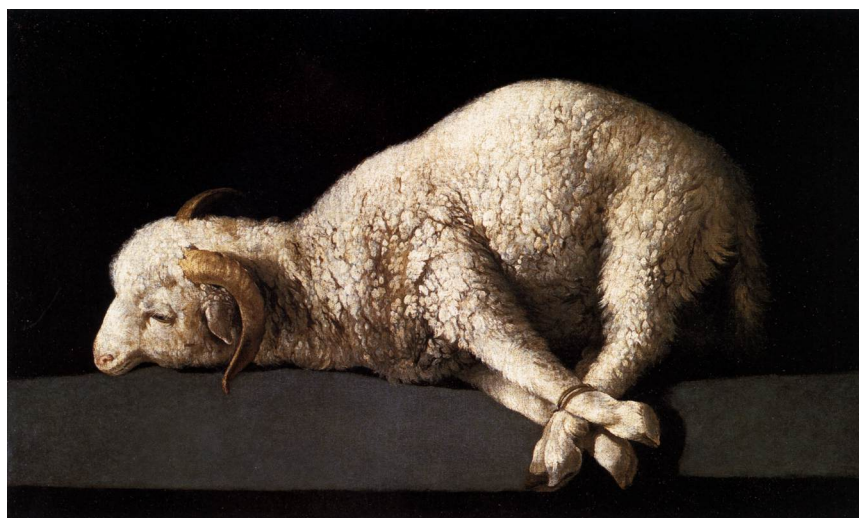
Sundays at 4-6 p.m., Michaud's house

## LITURGICAL CALENDAR AND EPIPHANY

God built within His people an innate desire to celebrate, to mark seasons and events, to set up “stones of remembrance” so that we do not forget His goodness and promises. One method that the Church has used over time is dividing each year according to the events in the life of Christ—a reminder of redemptive history. Although the Church Calendar is not prescribed by Scripture, it can be a useful framework or tool to help walk our hearts through the Gospel every year.

The major divisions of the liturgical year are:

- **Advent**—The four Sundays leading to Christmas; preparation for the coming of Christ and the need for a Savior
- **Christmas** and the Twelve Days—Celebration of the Incarnation and the Gift of Christ, our Redeemer
- **Epiphany**—January 6; Coming of the Magi for Christ is the Light of the World; Hope for the Gentiles; Kingship of Christ
- **Lent**—from Ash Wednesday to Easter; repentance and reflection; recognition that our sinfulness leads to the cross; intentional time to exercise the disciplines of grace
- **Holy Week**—Palm Sunday, Maundy Thursday, Good Friday; Jesus as King, Priest, Prophet; The remembrance that the shedding of blood was necessary for the forgiveness of sins
- **Easter**—Resurrection of the Living Lord; the conquering of death and sin
- **Ascension**—Christ in Power at the right hand of the Father; Christ interceding as the Mediator
- **Pentecost**—Coming of the Holy Spirit and the birth of the Church; God sends out His people as the Church
- **Ordinary Time**—The weeks between Pentecost and Advent; Living in light of the Gospel as the Church



*Good Friday Service*  
6:30pm

*Choral and congregational singing with Scripture readings from the Gospel of Luke.*

In Luke 22:24-38, a dispute breaks out among the disciples about who is the greatest and Jesus foretells Peter's denial, all the while the march to the cross grows closer. The questions below are designed to help you further understand and apply the teaching from today's message. Please take time to read and reflect on the questions with your family, home fellowship group, or a friend.

- There are a number of ironic juxtapositions in this text. How many can you identify? What do these ironic juxtapositions teach us?
- What disputes are rising up in your life because you're focused on your own greatness? How would a deeper embrace of Christ's greatness shift your focus away from yourself and toward serving others?
- Peter's self assurance is a weakness (see Proverbs 16:18). Why was it good that he was sifted like wheat? Can you recall a time when you were being sifted like wheat? What good design did God have in that hard trial for you?
- What comfort should we receive from Jesus' prayers for us in the midst of trial and failure (Hebrews 7:25)?
- Jesus says it must be fulfilled that he would be "numbered among the transgressors" (Isaiah 53:12). How is this fulfilled in the cross? Why is it good news for you and me that Christ was numbered among the transgressors?

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