



CORNERSTONE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Fifth Sunday of Lent
29 March 2020

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE AND REVEALS HIMSELF

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.

Introit—Behold the Glories of the Lamb, Vs I

Be - hold the glor - ies of the Lamb A - midst His Fa - ther's throne. Pre -
pare new ho - nors for His name, And songs be - fore un - known.

The musical score is written in 4/4 time. The melody is in the treble clef, and the bass line is in the bass clef. The key signature has one sharp (F#). The lyrics are placed below the notes.

Text: Isaac Watts, 1688; Music: ST. ANNE, William Croft, 1678-1727

Call to Worship—Psalm 138:1-2, 6-8

Pastor: I give you thanks, O Lord, with my whole heart; before the gods I sing your praise;
I bow down toward your holy temple
and give thanks to your name for your steadfast love and your faithfulness,

All: for you have exalted above all things your name and your word.

Pastor: For though the Lord is high, he regards the lowly, but the haughty he knows from afar.

All: Though I walk in the midst of trouble, you preserve my life;
you stretch out your hand against the wrath of my enemies, and your right hand delivers me.

Pastor: The Lord will fulfill his purpose for me;

All: Your steadfast love, O Lord, endures forever. Do not forsake the work of your hands.

Hymn of Praise—Guide Me, O Thou Great Jehovah

Guide me, O Thou great Je - ho - vah, Pil - grim through this
O - pen now the cry - stal foun - tain, Whence the heal - ing
When I tread the verge of Jor - dan, Bid my an - xious
bar - ren land. I am weak, but Thou art might - y;
stream doth flow; Let the fire and cloud - y pil - lar
fears sub - side; Death of deaths, and hell's de - struc - tion,

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Hold me with Thy power - ful hand. Bread of Heav - en, Bread of Heav - en,
 Lead me all my jour - ney through. Strong De - liv - 'rer, strong De - liv - 'rer,
 land me safe on Can - aan's side. Songs of prais - es, songs of prais - es,

Feed me till I want no more; Feed me till I want no more.
 Be Thou still my Strength and Shield; Be Thou still my Strength and Shield.
 I will ev - er give to Thee; I will ev - er give to Thee.

Text: William Williams, 1745; Music CWM RHONDDA, John Hughes, 1907.

New Testament Reading—Hebrews 12:1-6, 12-14

1 Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us also lay aside every weight, and sin which clings so closely, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, 2 looking to Jesus, the founder and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is seated at the right hand of the throne of God.

3 Consider him who endured from sinners such hostility against himself, so that you may not grow weary or fainthearted. 4 In your struggle against sin you have not yet resisted to the point of shedding your blood. 5 And have you forgotten the exhortation that addresses you as sons?

“My son, do not regard lightly the discipline of the Lord, nor be weary when reproved by him.

6 For the Lord disciplines the one he loves, and chastises every son whom he receives.”

12 Therefore lift your drooping hands and strengthen your weak knees, 13 and make straight paths for your feet, so that what is lame may not be put out of joint but rather be healed. 14 Strive for peace with everyone, and for the holiness without which no one will see the Lord.

Elder: This is the Word of the Lord. All: Thanks be to God.

GOD CALLS HIS PEOPLE TO CONFESSION, REPENTANCE & RECONCILIATION

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.

Sung Preparation—Come, O Redeemer, Come

Fa - ther en - throned on high, Ho - ly, Ho - ly: An - cient e - ter - nal light, hear our prayer.
 Look now up - on our need, Lord be, with us; heal us and make us free, from our sin.

Come, O Re - deem - er, come, grant us mer - cy. Come, O Re - deem - er, come, grant us peace.

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Congregational Prayer of Confession—based on 2 Peter I:3-II

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Your divine power has granted to us all things that pertain to life and godliness, through the knowledge of Christ which calls us to his own glory and excellence.

All: As partakers of the divine nature,
we have escaped from the corruption that is in the world because of sinful desires.

Pastor: We are to make every effort to supplement our faith with virtue, and virtue with knowledge, and knowledge with self-control, and self-control with steadfastness.

All: But we supplement depravity with willful ignorance and indulgence
to try and escape responsibility.

Pastor: We are to supplement godliness with brotherly affection, and brotherly affection with love.

All: But we seek after our own interests and self-preservation.

Pastor: Thus we are ineffective and unfruitful in the knowledge of you, O Lord.

All: Because we lack these qualities we are nearsighted and blind
and we forget that we were cleansed from our former sins.

Pastor: Father, make us all the more diligent to confirm our calling and election
and to practice these qualities of godliness.

All: For we know that in this way we will be richly provided with an entrance
into the eternal kingdom of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—Psalm 28:6-9

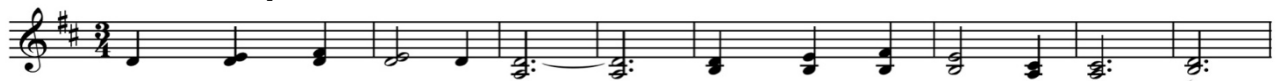
Blessed be the LORD! For he has heard the voice of my pleas for mercy.

The LORD is my strength and my shield; in him my heart trusts, and I am helped;
my heart exults, and with my song I give thanks to him.

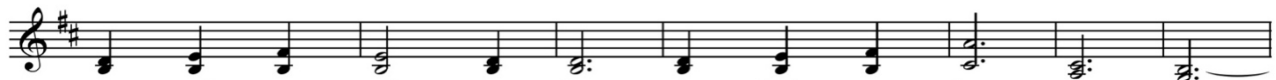
The LORD is the strength of his people; he is the saving refuge of his anointed.

Oh, save your people and bless your heritage! Be their shepherd and carry them forever.

Hymn of Praise—Thy Works, Not Mine, O Christ



Thy works, not mine, O Christ, Speak glad - ness to this heart;
Thy wounds, not mine, O Christ, Can heal my bruised soul;
Thy cross, not mine, O Christ, Has borne the awe - full load
Thy death, not mine, O Christ, Has paid the ran - som due;
Thy right - eous - ness, O Christ, A - lone can cov - er me;



They tell me all is done, They bid my fear de - part.
Thy stripes, not mine, con - tain The balm that makes me whole.
Of sins that none could bear But the in - car - nate God.
Ten thou - sand deaths like mine Would have been all too few.
No right - eous - ness a - vails Save that which is of Thee.



To whom save Thee, who canst a - - lone



For sin a - - tone, Lord, shall I flee?

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Philippians 2:12-13

¹² Therefore, my beloved, as you have always obeyed, so now, not only as in my presence but much more in my absence, work out your own salvation with fear and trembling, ¹³ for it is God who works in you, both to will and to work for his good pleasure.

Leader: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—Press on Toward the Goal: A Study of Philippians, Part 8

Work Out Your Salvation

—Ben Griffith, *Pastor*

Sung Response—O Praise the Father

The image shows a musical score for a sung response. It consists of two systems of music, each with a vocal line and a piano accompaniment. The key signature has one flat (B-flat) and the time signature is 3/4. The lyrics are: "O praise the Fa-ther, Praise the Son, The Lamb for sin - ners giv - en. And Ho - ly Spir-it, through whom a - lone Our hearts are raised to Heav - en." The music is written in a simple, hymn-like style with a steady bass line and a vocal line that carries the melody.

Text: John Mason, 1683; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2011.

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

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—Jesus, Draw Me Ever Nearer

Je - sus draw me ev - er near - er As I la - bor through the
Je - sus guide me through the tem - pest; Keep my spir - it staid and
Let the trea - sures of the tri - al Form with - in me as I

storm. You have called me to this pass - age, and I'll fol - low, though I'm
sure. When the mid - night meets the morn - ing, Let me love You ev - en
go - And at the end of this long pass - age, Let me leave them at Your

worn. May this jour - ney bring a bless - ing, May I rise on wings of faith; And at the
more.
throne.

end of my heart's test - ing, With Your like - ness let me wake.

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GOD SENDS HIS PEOPLE OUT TO BE LIGHT IN THE DARKNESS

After calling His people into His presence, forgiving their sins, instructing them in His Word, and providing a foretaste of the marriage supper of the Lamb, God sends His people into the world to show His light in the darkness.

Benediction—Jude I:24-25

Now to him who is able to keep you from stumbling and to present you blameless before the presence of his glory with great joy, to the only God, our Savior, through Jesus Christ our Lord, be glory, majesty, dominion, and authority, before all time and now and forever. Amen.

Sung Response—O Thou In Whose Presence, Vs II

Dear Shep - herd, I hear and will fol - low Thy call; I know the sweet
sound of Thy voice. Re - store and de - fend me, for Thou art my
All, And in Thee I will ev - er re - jice.

Text: Joseph Swain, 1791; Music: DAVIS, 1813.

All Scripture quotations from the English Standard Version