

SERVICE OF CELEBRATION AND GOSPEL RENEWAL

Third Sunday of Lent

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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.

Prelude, Announcements & Preparation

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 for a piano, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has one sharp (F#), and the time signature is 4/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

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

Call to Worship—Psalm 10:16-18

Pastor: The LORD is king forever and ever; the nations perish from his land.

All: O LORD, you hear the desire of the afflicted;

Pastor: You will strengthen their heart; you will incline your ear

All: to do justice to the fatherless and the oppressed,

Pastor: So that man who is of the earth may strike terror no more.

Hymn of Praise—Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah

Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise. I will
Hap - py is the man that choos - es Is - rael's God to be his aid; his is
Food he dai - ly gives the hun - gry, sets the mourn - ing pris - 'ner free, rais - es
Hal - le - lu - jah, praise Je - ho - vah, O my soul, Je - ho - vah praise; I will

sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days. Put no
blessed whose hope of bles - sing on the Lord his God is stayed. Heav'n and
those bowed down with an - guish, makes the sight - less eye to see. Well Je -
sing the glo - rious prais - es of my God through all my days. O - ver

The musical score is written for a piano, featuring a treble and bass staff. The key signature has two sharps (F# and C#), and the time signature is 3/4. The melody is primarily in the treble staff, with the bass staff providing harmonic support. The lyrics are written below the notes.

con - fi - dence in princ - es, nor for help on man de - pend; he shall
earth the Lord cre - at - ed, seas and all that they con - tain; he de -
ho - vah loves the righ - teous, and the strang - er he be - friends, helps the
all God reigns for - ev - er, through all a - ges he is King; un - to

die, to dust re - turn - ing, and his pur - pos - es shall end.
liv - ers from op - pres - sion, righ - teous - ness he will main - tain.
fa - ther - less and wid - ow, judg - ment on the wick - ed sends.
him, your God, O Zi - on, joy - ful hal - le - lu - jahs sing.

Text: Psalm 146, *The Psalter*, 1912; Music: RIPLEY, Gregorian Chant, Arr. By Lowell Mason, 1839.

Psalm of Praise—Psalm 29: Now Unto Jehovah

Now un - to Je - ho - vah, ye sons of the might - y, All glor - y and strength
and do - min - ion ac - cord; As - cribe to Him glor - y, and ren - der Him
hon - or. In beau - ty of ho - li - ness, wor - ship the Lord. The
The
Each
voice of Je - ho - vah comes down on the wa - ters; In thun - der the God
voice of Je - ho - vah is might - y, is might - y; The voice of Je - ho -
one in His tem - ple His glor - y pro - claim - eth. He sat on the flood;
of the glor - y draws nigh; Lo, o - ver the waves of the wide - flow - ing
vah in ma - jest - y speaks; The voice of Je - ho - vah the ce - dars is
He is King on His throne. Je - ho - vah all strength to His peo - ple im -
wa - ters Je - ho - vah as King is en - thron - ed on high!
break - ing; Je - ho - vah the ce - dars of Leb - a - non breaks.
part - eth; Je - ho - vah with peace ev - er bless - eth His own.

Text: Verse 1, *The Psalter*, 1912, Verses 2-4, *Book of Psalms*, 1871; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2009. Used by permission.

(Please be seated)

Scripture Reading and Prayers

Hymn of Praise—Jesus, Thou Joy of Loving Hearts

Je - sus, thou Joy of Lov - ing hearts, Thou Fount of
 Thy truth un - changed hath ev - er stood; Thou sav - est
 We taste thee, O thou liv - ing Bread, And long to
 Our rest - less spir - its yearn for thee, Where - 'er our
 O Je - sus, ev - er with us stay; Make all our

life, thou Light of men, From the best bliss
 those that on thee call; To them that seek
 feast up - on thee still; We drink of thee,
 change - ful lot is cast; Glad, when thy grac -
 mo - ments calm and bright; Chase the dark night

that earth im - parts We turn un - filled to thee a - gain.
 thee thou art good, to them that find thee, all in all.
 the Foun - tain - head, And thirst our souls from thee to fill.
 ious smile we see, Blest, when our faith can hold thee fast.
 of sin a - way, Shed o'er the world thy ho - ly light

Text: St. Bernard of Clairvaux, 1091-1153, Tr. Ray Palmer, 1808-87; Music: Folk Melody

GOD TEACHES US THROUGH HIS WORD

The Reading of the Word—Luke 20:45-21:4

45 And in the hearing of all the people he said to his disciples, 46 “Beware of the scribes, who like to walk around in long robes, and love greetings in the marketplaces and the best seats in the synagogues and the places of honor at feasts, 47 who devour widows’ houses and for a pretense make long prayers. They will receive the greater condemnation.”

1 Jesus looked up and saw the rich putting their gifts into the offering box, 2 and he saw a poor widow put in two small copper coins. 3 And he said, “Truly, I tell you, this poor widow has put in more than all of them. 4 For they all contributed out of their abundance, but she out of her poverty put in all she had to live on.”

Elder: The grass withers, the flower fades;

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

Sermon—The Gospel of Luke, Part 92

Giving All We Have to Live On

—Nate Shurden, Pastor

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.

Corporate Confession of Sin—based on Psalm 51:I-4, 6-10, 11-12

Pastor: Lord, we come confessing. Have mercy on us, O God,
according to Your steadfast love.

All: According to Your abundant mercy, blot out our transgressions.

Pastor: Wash us thoroughly from our iniquity and cleanse us of our sins,
for we know only too well our transgressions, and our sin is ever before us.

**All: Against You, You only, have we sinned and done what is evil in Your sight,
so that you may be justified in Your words and blameless in Your judgment.**

Pastor: Behold, You delight in truth in the inward being,
and You teach wisdom in the secret of our hearts.

**All: Purge us with hyssop, and we shall be clean;
wash us, and we shall be whiter than snow.
Let us hear joy and gladness; let the bones that You have broken rejoice.
Hide Your face from our sins, and blot out all our iniquities.**

Pastor: Create in us a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within us.

All: Restore to us the joy of Your salvation, and uphold us with a willing spirit.

Silent Prayers of Confession

Assurance of Pardon—from Colossians 1:I3-I4

I, the Lord, have delivered you from the domain of darkness and transferred you to the kingdom of my beloved Son, in whom you have redemption, the forgiveness of sins.

Sung Response—Sanctus

WOMEN

Ho - ly, ho - ly, ho - ly, Lord. Ho - ly, ho - ly, God of pow'r and might,

MEN

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.

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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—Jesus, Faithful Friend of Sinners

1 C G/B F/A G Am Em F G

1. Je - sus, faith - ful Friend of sin - ners, God in - car - nate, pure and sin - less;
2. Je - sus, ten - der Shep - herd faith - ful, God in full - ness here be - low;
3. Je - sus, Ser - vant, pre - cious treas - ure, Gave Your life my life to win.
4. Je - sus, Sav - ior, blest Re - deem - er— Filled with mer - cy o - ver - flow - ing,

5 Am F Em F G Am G/B F G

I am full of all that hin - ders— Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - less;
I am anx - ious, dull, un - grate - ful, Prone to wan - der, full of woe;
I am vain, pur - su - ing pleas - ure, Full of hun - ger, self and sin;
I'm for - giv - en with - out meas - ure— Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!

9 Am Em F G C

Emp - ty, lone - ly, lost and friend - less.
Prone to wan - der, full of woe.
Full of hun - ger, self and sin.
Friend of sin - ners, glor - ious King!

Text: Douglas Bond, 2014; Music: Gregory Wilbur, 2014

Hymn of Communion—My Heart is Filled with Thankfulness



My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness To Him who bore my pain; Who
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness To Him who walks be-side; Who
My heart is filled with thank-ful-ness To Him who reigns a-bove; Whose

plumbed the depths of my dis-grace And gave me life a-gain; Who
floods my weak-ness-es with strength And caus-es fears to fly. Whose
wis-dom is my per-fect peace, Whose ev-'ry thought is love. For

crushed my curse of sin-ful-ness And clothed me with His light And
ev-'ry pro-mise is e-nough For ev-'ry step I take. Sus-
ev-'ry day I have on earth Is giv-en by the King. So

wrote His law of right-eous-ness With pow'r up-on my heart.
tain-ing me with arms of love And crown-ing me with grace.
I will give my life, my all, To love and fol-low Him.

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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—All For Jesus

All for Je - sus, all for Je - sus! All my be - ing's ran - somed powers:
Let my hands per - form His bid - ding, Let my feet run in His ways;
World - lings prize their gems of beau - ty, Cling to gild - ed toys of dust,
Since my eyes were fixed on Je - sus, I've lost sight of all be - side;
Oh, what won - der! how a - ma - zing! Je - sus, glor - ious King of kings,

All my thoughts and words and do - ings, All my days and all my hours.
Let my eyes see Je - sus on - ly, Let my lips speak forth His praise.
Boast of wealth and fame and plea - sure; On - ly Je - sus will I trust.
So en - chained my spir - it's vis - ion, Look - ing at the Cru - ci - fied.
Deigns to call me His be - lov - ed, Lets me rest be - neath His wings.

Text: Mary D. James, 1889; Music: WYCLIFF, John Stainer, *The Crucifixion*, 1887, Adapted 2007.

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 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—Christ Be With Me (*from St. Patrick's Breastplate*)

The musical score is written for piano and voice. It consists of three systems of music. Each system has a treble and bass staff. The key signature is one sharp (F#), and the time signature is common time (C). The lyrics are written below the treble staff. The first system covers the first line of lyrics, the second system covers the second line, and the third system covers the third line. The music is a traditional Irish hymn melody.

Christ be with me, Christ with-in me, Christ be-hind me, Christ be-fore me, Christ be-side me, Christ to

win me, Christ to com-fort and re-store me, Christ be-neath me, Christ a-bove me, Christ in qui-et, Christ in

dan-ger, Christ in hearts of all that love me, Christ in mouth of friend and stran-ger.

Text: *Atomring indui niurt tren*, St. Patrick, 372-466, Trans by Cecil Frances Alexander, 1818-95;

Music: ST. PATRICK CLONMACNOISE, Traditional Irish Hymn Melody.

Pray for Our Supported Ministries and Missions

WORLD

- Kurds: Servant Group International
- Italy: Dan & Julie Meyers with Pilgrim Road Ministries
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In Luke 20:45-21:4, Jesus warns his disciples about the hypocrisy of the scribes and commends the actions of a poor but generous widow. Take time to read and reflect on the questions below with your family, home fellowship group, or a friend.

- How is the pairing of the scribes with the poor widow a study in contrasts?
- Taking into account Jesus' criticisms of the scribes in Luke 20:45-48, how would you summarize the scribes' spiritual condition in one word?
- Consider your own life. What similarity do you notice between yourself and the scribes? Be honest with yourself and be prayerful as God reveals your heart.
- What makes the poor widow's gift greater than the large sums given by others? Is Jesus saying the amount we give does not matter?
- Would those who know you best call you generous? Why or why not?
- How does the gospel empower us to overcome our stinginess and release a spirit of generosity? How is God calling you to exercise joyful sacrificial giving right now?

"I do not believe we can settle how much we are to give. The only safe rule is to give more than we can spare. For if our charities do not at all pinch or hamper us, than our charities are almost certainly too small."—C.S. Lewis

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