

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Palm Sunday, March 28, 2021
Crossnore Presbyterian Church



Welcome and Announcements (on PDF Attachment)

Choral Call to Worship (in the songs of worship) *In Christ Alone*

Text and Music: Keith Getty and Stuart Townend

Sing along with Kristyn Getty and Alison Krauss: <https://youtu.be/16KYvflc2bE>

In Christ alone my hope is found,
He is my light, my strength, my song
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
What heights of love, what depths of peace
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease
My Comforter, my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

Call to Worship:

This is the day that the Lord has made!

Let us rejoice and be glad in it!

Open wide the gates of your hearts.

Let the Savior enter!

Shout with joy, all you people.

The Savior has come forth bringing peace. AMEN.

Hymn of Praise # 196 *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

Text: Theodulph of Orleans; Music: VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

Sing along with Worship on YT: <https://youtu.be/h3a8fTTrAdE>

Refrain:

All glory, laud, and honor
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!

1 Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal Son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed One. [Refrain]

2. The company of angels
are praising thee on high,
and mortals joined with all things
created make reply. [Refrain}

3 To thee, before thy passion,
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise. [Refrain]

4 Thou didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King! [Refrain]

Call to Confession:

Let us open our hearts, minds, and souls to the One who loves us without condition, trusting that we will receive grace and mercy.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Merciful God, we offer you our lives, full as they are of shadow and light, of kindness and apathy, of hope and despair. Take what is broken and mend it; take what is wrong and right it; take what is destructive and disable it; take what is useless and make it useful. Heal our sin (moment of silent confession). In the name of Christ, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of Pardon:

God is not done with us, not by a long shot. We are more beloved than we can ever know, and God is working in us and in the world beyond our wildest imagining. The beginning of all that is forgiveness. So know that we are indeed forgiven, and be at peace. Amen.

Response to God's Grace and Mercy # 441 *Hear the Good News of Salvation (verse 1)*

Text: Native American (Dakota); John B. Renville, trans.: Emma Tibbet; Music: NETTLETON

Sing along with Tustin Presbyterian Church Singers, Tustin, CA: <https://youtu.be/y6KXRJ5AxQE>

1. Hear the good news of salvation: Jesus died to show God's Love
Such great kindness! Such great mercy! Come to us from Heaven above.

Refrain: Jesus Christ, how much I love you! Jesus Christ, you save from sin!
How I love you! Look upon me. Love me still and cleanse within.

2. All the sins I have committed, to my Savior now I bring.
I bow down with tears of anguish; Christ forgives and so I sing: [Refrain]

First Lesson: Mark 11:1-11

When they were approaching Jerusalem, at Bethphage and Bethany, near the Mount of Olives, he sent two of his disciples and said to them, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately as you enter it, you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden; untie it and bring it. If anyone says to you, "Why are you doing this?" just say this, "The Lord needs it and will send it back here immediately."' They went away and found a colt tied near a door, outside in the street. As they were untying it, some of the bystanders said to them, 'What are you doing, untying the colt?' They told them what Jesus had said; and they allowed them to take it. Then they brought the colt to Jesus and threw their cloaks on it; and he sat on it. Many people spread their cloaks on the road, and others spread leafy branches that they had cut in the fields. Then those who went ahead and those who followed were shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the coming kingdom of our ancestor David. Hosanna in the highest heaven!' Then he entered Jerusalem and went into the temple; and when he had looked around at everything, as it was already late, he went out to Bethany with the twelve.



"King of Kings" Mark Jennings

Special Music: *God So Loved the World* by John Stainer and sung by Bobby Taylor

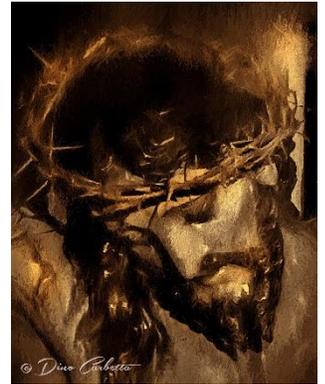
Hereford Cathedral Choir: <https://youtu.be/vLQSMOvT0I>

Second Lesson: John 19:14-30

Now it was the day of Preparation for the Passover; and it was about noon. He said to the Jews, 'Here is your King!' They cried out, 'Away with him! Away with him! Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Shall I crucify your King?' The chief priests answered, 'We have no king but the emperor.' Then he handed him over to them to be crucified.

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, 'Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.' Many of the Jews read this inscription, because the place where Jesus was crucified was near the city; and it was written in Hebrew, in Latin, and in Greek. Then the chief priests of the Jews said to Pilate, 'Do not write, "The King of the Jews", but, "This man said, I am King of the Jews."' Pilate answered, 'What I have written I have written.' When the soldiers had crucified Jesus, they took his clothes and divided them into four parts, one for each soldier. They also took his tunic; now the tunic was seamless, woven in one piece from the top. So they said to one another, 'Let us not tear it, but cast lots for it to see who will get it.' This was to fulfil what the scripture says, 'They divided my clothes among themselves, and for my clothing they cast lots.' And that is what the soldiers did. Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, 'Woman, here is your son.' Then he said to the disciple, 'Here is your mother.' And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home.

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfil the scripture), 'I am thirsty.' A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, 'It is finished.' Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit.



"Crucified Christ" Dino Carbetta

Sermon: "Love's Great Price"

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Affirmation of Faith: Portion of the PC (USA) Brief Statement of Faith

In life and in death we belong to God.

Through the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ,

the love of God,

and the communion of the Holy Spirit,

we trust in the one triune God, the Holy One of Israel,

whom alone we worship and serve.

We trust in Jesus Christ,

Fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

preaching good news to the poor

and release to the captives,

teaching by word and deed

and blessing the children,

healing the sick

and binding up the brokenhearted,

eating with outcasts,

forgiving sinners,

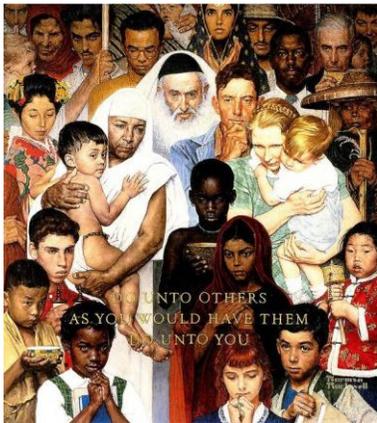
and calling all to repent and believe the gospel.

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition,
Jesus was crucified,
suffering the depths of human pain
and giving his life for the sins of the world.
God raised this Jesus from the dead,
vindicating his sinless life,
breaking the power of sin and evil,
delivering us from death to life eternal.

Hymn of Meditation # 727 *Will You Let Me Be Your Servant*

TEXT: Richard Gillard; Music: THE SERVANT SONG

Sing along with Bukas Palad Music Ministry: <https://youtu.be/FejoxTNwbiY>



Painting by Norman Rockwell

- 1 & 6. Will you let me be your servant, let me be as Christ to you?
Pray that I may have the grace to let you be my servant too.
2. We are pilgrims on a journey; we're together on the road.
We are here to help each other walk the mile and bear the load.
3. I will hold the Christ light for you in the nighttime on your fear.
I will hold my hand out to you, speak the peace you long to hear.
4. I will weep when you are weeping, when you laugh I'll laugh with you.
I will share your joy and sorrow till we've seen this journey through.
5. When we sing to God in heaven, we shall find such harmony,
born of all we've known together of Christ's love and agony.

Prayers of the People:

Christ, we pray that you would hear our prayers,
and graft in our minds the same mind that is in you,
that we might be vessels of your humility and grace.

Lord Jesus, you emptied yourself,
trading in the form of God for the form of a servant;
we pray for the Church, and all her people and ministers.
Form us into a Church that empties itself for others, and for you.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, you were born in human likeness,
and found in human form;
we pray for the whole human family, for the nations of the earth,
and for all who live in the midst of disaster, famine, or terror.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, even after humbling yourself in your incarnation,
you humbled yourself even to the point of death;
we pray for our nation, our leaders,
and all the people who live within these borders.
Bless us with your humility.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

Lord Jesus, your humility and your love for us
were so broad and deep, it cost you your life.
We pray for those who we love who have died,
and as you were highly exalted, may they rest with you in glory.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

In your exaltation, O Lord,
you were given the name that is above every name;
we pray in your name for those who are poor,
those who are hungry,
and those who are hurting in any way.
Give them your grace.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

We also pray, in your name O Lord,
for those who are suffering in body, mind, or spirit.
We lift up those on our prayer list
and those whose names are on our hearts this day. (pause)
Give them the gift of healing, strength, and life.
Lord in your mercy, **hear our prayer.**

You humbled yourself in the manger,
and you humbled yourself on the cross;
and to you, O Lord, we bend our knee
with those above and those below,
to the glory of God the Father.

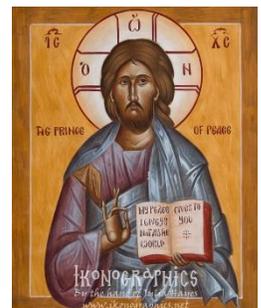
And we pray in the name of Jesus Christ,
who taught his disciples to pray:
Our Father who art in heaven,
Hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come,
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread
and forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors;
and lead us not into temptation
and deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever.
Amen.

Presentation of Our Tithes and Offerings:

As we begin our Holy Week journey with Jesus, let us offer our gratitude for God's love revealed completely in the life, the death, and the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Almighty and everlasting God, as we bring our gifts and lay them before you, we remember the crowds in Jerusalem who laid their cloaks on the road, shouting "Hosanna" as Jesus passed. We know they were looking for a Messiah who was different from who you sent Jesus to be – not one of political power and military might, but one who came in compassion and mercy to heal, love, and save.



Icon by Julia Bridget Hayes

Search our hearts that we might be confident that the Messiah for whom we long is the one you know we need – Jesus Christ, your anointed one, in whose name we pray. Amen.

Closing Hymn # 228 *Were You There*

Text: African American spiritual; Tune: WERE YOU THERE

Sing along with OCP Session Choir: <https://youtu.be/LLM1rF52z1I>

Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they crucified my Lord?

Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?

Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?
O! Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.
Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?

Charge and Benediction:

The story has been told,
and now we return to the world where we live and wait.
We watch for the hope that defies despair,
the life that defies death,
the beginning that defies the end.

While we wait, while darkness covers the land of faith,
remember that no matter how abandoned we may feel
we are not alone.

God has not and will not abandon us.

Thanks be to God. Amen.