

Virtual Worship Service for the Lord's Day
Sixth Sunday in the Season of Lent, March 26, 2023
Crossnore Presbyterian Church
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Welcome and Church Family News (PDF attachment)

Choral Call to Worship #399 *God Welcomes All* (sung three times)

<https://youtu.be/G-Bwe5xzQAA> - St David's Church, Exeter, UK

God welcomes all, strangers and friends;
God's love is strong, and it never ends.

THEMBA AMEN

Call to Worship from Psalm 95:

Come, let us sing to the Lord; let us make a joyful noise to the rock of our salvation!

Let us come into his presence with thanksgiving; let us make a joyful noise with songs of praise!

In God's hand are the depths of the earth; the heights of the mountains, the sea and the dry land,
which his hands have formed.

Come, let us worship and bow down, let us kneel before the Lord, our Maker!

For he is our God, and we are the people of his pasture, and the sheep of his hand.

Hymn of Praise: #475 *Come Thou Fount of Every Blessing*

<https://youtu.be/4xJXzgonLdQ> -Rosemary Siemens

NETTLETON

Come, thou Fount of every blessing;
tune my heart to sing thy grace;
streams of mercy, never ceasing,
call for songs of loudest praise.

Teach me some melodious sonnet,
sung by flaming tongues above;
praise the mount! I'm fixed upon it,
mount of God's unchanging love!

Here I raise my Ebenezer;
hither by thy help I'm come;
and I hope, by thy good pleasure,
safely to arrive at home.

Jesus sought me when a stranger,
wandering from the fold of God;
he, to rescue me from danger,
interposed his precious blood.

O to grace how great a debtor
daily I'm constrained to be!
Let that grace now, like a fetter,
bind my wandering heart to thee.
Prone to wander, Lord, I feel it,
prone to leave the God I love;
here's my heart; O take and seal it;
seal it for thy courts above.

Call to Confession:

That song says it all: We are prone to wander. Lord, we feel it. Let us come before God with our confessions of wandering.

Unison Prayer of Confession:

Lord God, maker of heaven and earth and us, we confess that we are like the Israelites complaining about life in the desert. Not enough water. Not enough conveniences. Not enough patience, and way too much grumbling. We pray that when we again hear the story this morning, we see ourselves in their grumbling lack of faith in your guidance and your plans. When we again hear the story of the woman at the well, that in spite of what she thought she knew, her heart broke open to the presence and the gift of Jesus Christ and his living water for all the world. Help us to also be open, as the woman was, to the Stranger at the well who brings the living water to us all. In Christ we pray, Amen.

Time of Silent Confession**Assurance of Pardon:**

Romans 5:1-3: As Paul confirms our pardon, he writes: "Therefore, since we are justified by the faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ, through whom we have obtained access to this grace in which we stand; and we boast in the hope of sharing the glory of God."

Response to God's Grace and Mercy: Hymn# 673 *Jesus, Light of Joy*

LAUDA ANIMA

https://youtu.be/EW45_Foo18 - Westminster Presbyterian Church, Sacramento

Jesus, light of joy, surround us;
let your splendid glory shine:
source of every earthly blessing,
heaven's everlasting sign.
Alleluia, alleluia, we adore you, light divine.

Now the shadows fall around us;
now the evening has begun:
still your gracious light is with us,
brighter than the morning sun.
Alleluia, alleluia, God of glory, Three-in-One.

With the saints we lift our voices,
God of power, God of might.
All creation shines with glory,
singing praises day and night:
Alleluia, alleluia, holy, holy, holy light.

First Lesson: Exodus 17:1-7

From the wilderness of Sin the whole congregation of the Israelites journeyed by stages, as the Lord commanded. They camped at Rephidim, but there was no water for the people to drink. The people quarreled with Moses, and said, "Give us water to drink." Moses said to them, "Why do you quarrel with me? Why do you test the Lord?" But the people thirsted there for water; and the people complained against Moses and said, "Why did you bring us out of Egypt, to kill us and our children and livestock with thirst?" So Moses cried out to the Lord, "What shall I do with this people? They are almost ready to stone me." The Lord said to Moses, "Go on ahead of the people, and take some of the elders of Israel with you; take in your hand the staff with which you struck the Nile, and go. I will be standing there in front of you on the rock at Horeb. Strike the rock, and water will come out of it, so that the people may drink." Moses did so, in the sight of the elders of

Israel. He called the place Massah and Meribah, because the Israelites quarreled and tested the Lord, saying, "Is the Lord among us or not?"

Choir Anthem: *God So Loved the World*

Sir John Stainer

<https://youtu.be/m5p2F7P8uTQ> - Manchester Chorale

Second Lesson: John 4:5-15

So he came to a Samaritan city called Sychar,
near the plot of ground that Jacob had given to his son Joseph.
Jacob's well was there, and Jesus,
tired out by his journey, was sitting by the well.
It was about noon.

A Samaritan woman came to draw water,
and Jesus said to her, "Give me a drink."
(His disciples had gone to the city to buy food.)
The Samaritan woman said to him,
"How is it that you, a Jew, ask a drink of me, a woman of Samaria?"
(Jews do not share things in common with Samaritans.)

Jesus answered her,
"If you knew the gift of God, and who it is that is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,'
you would have asked him, and he would have given you living water."

The woman said to him, "Sir, you have no bucket, and the well is deep.
Where do you get that living water?
Are you greater than our ancestor Jacob, who gave us the well,
and with his sons and his flocks drank from it?"

Jesus said to her, "Everyone who drinks of this water will be thirsty again,
but those who drink of the water that I will give them will never be thirsty.
The water that I will give will become in them a spring of water gushing up to eternal life."
The woman said to him, "Sir, give me this water,
so that I may never be thirsty or have to keep coming here to draw water."

The Word of the Lord; Thanks be to God.

Sermon: "Are You Thirsty?" (PDF attachment)

Rev. Kathy Campbell

Hymn of Response: #697 *Take My Life*

HENDON

<https://youtu.be/g5nPdAd2EEY> - The Keaton Family Reunion 2017

**Take my life and let it be
consecrated, Lord, to thee;
take my moments and my days;
let them flow in ceaseless praise;
let them flow in ceaseless praise.**

**Take my voice and let me sing
always, only, for my King;
take my lips and let them be
filled with messages from thee,
filled with messages from thee.**

**Take my hands and let them move
at the impulse of thy love;
take my feet and let them be
swift and beautiful for thee,
swift and beautiful for thee.**

**Take my silver and my gold;
not a mite would I withhold;
take my intellect and use
every power as thou shalt choose,
every power as thou shalt choose.**

**Take my will and make it thine;
it shall be no longer mine.
Take my heart, it is thine own;
it shall be thy royal throne,
it shall be thy royal throne.**

**Take my love; my Lord, I pour
at thy feet its treasure store;
take myself and I will be
ever, only, all for thee,
ever, only, all for thee.**

Affirmation 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. . . With believers in every time and place, we rejoice that nothing in life or in death can separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord."

Presentation of our Tithes and Offerings: Count your blessings one by one and see all the wonderful things God has done. Consider how you want to share your gratitude through your offering of your time, your talents, and your treasures in this coming week. Let us receive this morning's offering.

Doxology #609

<https://youtu.be/qZfWUsFcaCA> - River Road Presbyterian Church

**Praise God from whom all blessings flow.
Praise God, all creatures high and low. Alleluia alleluia!
Praise God in Jesus fully known: Creator, Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!**

Unison Prayer of Dedication and Thanksgiving:

Life-giving God, we offer you ourselves and our resources. Use us and our gifts, that we may be water bearers to a world thirsty for love, for meaning, for justice, and for hope. May all your people encounter fullness of life through the love of Christ, which lives within us. Amen.

Prayers of the People

Holy God, whose Spirit moved over the waters at the dawn of creation,
hear our prayers for all who thirst today.

We pray for those who are spiritually thirsty,
who long to know Your presence, but don't know where to find You.
We pray for those who are alone and without hope,
those who long to feel needed and loved,
those who are searching for meaning and purpose.
O Healing River, pour down Your waters, and heal Your people.

We pray for all who are physically thirsty,
who don't have enough water to drink, or feed their animals,
whose fields are parched, whose crops have withered;
those who have to walk long distances to find enough water to survive,
or who have to be content with water that is unclean.
We pray for those whose homes and villages are torn apart
because of drought or famine.
O Living Water, quench our thirst and heal your creation.

We pray for those who are thirsty for justice,
who long for an equal sharing of resources among peoples and nations;
those who put their lives at risk to protect streams and rivers and oceans;
those who are working to find clean water,

and make it available to those who need it.

O Water of Justice, fill our parched souls and teach us to share.

God, we ask that you would open our hearts to the needs of all who thirst.

Give us courage to work together for justice,

and to stand alongside those who are thirsty,

so that all people, everywhere, may live without want or fear,

and may discover the abundant life You promise to each one.

In the name of Jesus Christ—the source of Living Water, we pray,

who taught his disciples to pray, Our Father... **Amen.**

Closing Hymn: #37 *Let All Things Now Living*

ASH GROVE

<https://youtu.be/OqH0vHJC0MA> - The Holy Childhood Schola Cantorum and the Twin Cities Schola Cantorum,
conducted by Bruce A. Larsen

Let all things now living a song of thanksgiving

To God our Creator triumphantly raise,

Who fashioned and made us, protected and stayed us,

By guiding us on to the end of our days.

God's banners are o'er us, Pure light goes before us,

A pillar of fire shining forth in the night,

Til shadows have vanished, all fearfulness banished,

As forward we travel from light into light.

By law God enforces. The stars in their courses,

The sun in its orbit, obediently shine;

The hills and the mountains, the rivers and fountains,

The deeps of the ocean proclaim God divine,

We too should be voicing our love and rejoicing,

With glad adoration a song let us raise,

Till all things now living unite in thanksgiving

To God in the highest, hosanna and praise.

Charge and Benediction:

We have encountered the living God

through the love of the living Christ.

We have been refreshed by living water.

Go now to live in the hope this encounter inspires.

Be water bearers to a dry and parched world,

knowing that the God of love and hope

goes before you and with you always. Amen.