

FIRST PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

————— SAN FRANCISCO —————

April 5, 2020
Palm Sunday

REVERENCE

(movement 1)

*Glory be to the Father
And to the Son
And to the Holy Ghost
As it was in the beginning,
Is now and ever shall be,
World without end!
Amen, amen*

Call to Worship

Why do we worship? *Luke 19:28-20*

And when He had said these things, He went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When He drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples ahead.

He told them, “Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ you shall say this: ‘The Lord has need of it.’ ”

So those who were sent went away and found it just as He had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, “Why are you untying the colt?”

And they said, “The Lord has need of it.”

And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as He rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As He was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of His disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen.

They said, “Blessed is the King who comes in the Name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!”

And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to Him, “Teacher, rebuke Your disciples.”

He answered, “I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out.”

The Lord be with you
And also with you.
Lift up your hearts
We lift them up to God.

Psalm 118

Oh give thanks to the I AM for He is good

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let Israel say

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let the house of Aaron say

His steadfast love endures forever!

Let those who fear the I AM say

His steadfast love endures forever!

Out of my distress I called on the I AM

The I AM answered me and set me free

The I AM is on my side; I will not fear

What can man do to me?

The I AM is on my side as my helper

I will look in triumph on those who hate me

It is better to take refuge in the I AM

Than to trust in man.

Psalm 118, continued

It is better to take refuge in the I AM

Than to trust in princes.

All nations surrounded me

In the Name of the I AM I cut them off!

They surrounded me, surrounded me on every side

In the Name of the I AM I cut them off!

They surrounded me like bees; they went out like a fire among thorns

In the Name of the I AM I cut them off!

I was pushed hard, so that I was falling

But the I AM helped me

The I AM is my strength and my song

He has become my salvation

Glad songs of salvation are in the tents of the righteous:

The right hand of the I AM works mighty things!

The right hand of the I AM is lifted up!

The right hand of the I AM works mighty things!

I will not die, but I will live, and recount the deeds of the I AM.

The I AM has disciplined me severely

But He has not given me over to death

Psalm 118, continued

Open to me the gates of righteousness

That I may enter through them and give thanks to the I AM.

This is the gate of the I AM

The righteous will enter through it.

I thank You that You have answered me and have become my salvation

The stone that the builders rejected has become the cornerstone

This is the I AM's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

This is the day that the I AM has made

Let us rejoice and be glad in it.

Save us, we pray, I AM!

I AM, we pray, give us success!

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the I AM!

We bless you from the house of the I AM.

The I AM is God, and He has made His light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords, up to the horns of the altar!

You are my God, and I will give thanks to you

You are my God; I will extol you

Oh give thanks to the I AM, for He is good

His steadfast love endures forever!

Invocation

Before The Throne Of God Above

Before the throne of God above

I have a strong and perfect plea

A great High Priest whose name is love

Who ever lives and pleads for me

My name is graven on His hands

My name is written on His heart

I know that while in heav'n He stands

No tongue can bid me thence depart

No tongue can bid me thence depart

*When Satan tempts me to despair
And tells me of the guilt within
Upward I look and see Him there
Who made an end of all my sin*

*Because the sinless Savior died
My sinful soul is counted free
For God the Just is satisfied
To look on Him and pardon me
To look on Him and pardon me*

*Behold Him there, the risen Lamb
My perfect, spotless Righteousness
The great unchangeable I AM
The King of glory and of grace*

*One with Himself, I cannot die
My soul is purchased by His blood
My life is hid with Christ on high
With Christ my Savior and my God*

The Church's One Foundation

And I hear the savior say

Thy strength indeed is small

Child of weakness, watch and pray

Find in me thine all in all

Jesus paid it all

All to Him I owe

Sin had left a crimson stain

He washed it white as snow

*Lord, now indeed I find
Thy power and thine alone
Can change the leper's spots
And melt the heart of stone*

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*For nothing good have I
Whereby Thy grace to claim;
I'll wash my garments white
In the blood of Calv'ry's Lamb.*

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

*And when, before the throne,
I stand in Him complete,
“Jesus died my soul to save,”
My lips shall still repeat.*

*Jesus paid it all
All to Him I owe
Sin had left a crimson stain
He washed it white as snow*

Your Name

*As morning dawns and evening fades
You inspire songs of praise
That rise from earth to touch Your heart
And glorify Your Name*

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
But Your Name*

*Jesus, in Your Name we pray
Come and fill our hearts today
Lord, give us strength to live for You
And glorify Your Name*

*Your Name is a strong and mighty tower
Your Name is a shelter like no other
Your Name, let the nations sing it louder
'Cause nothing has the power to save
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RETURN *(movement 2)*

Confession

(we approach God, repenting from sin)

Heidelberg catechism, questions 7 and 8

Q. From where did humanity's depraved nature come?

A. From the fall and disobedience of our first parents, Adam and Eve, in Paradise, for there our nature became so corrupt that we are all conceived and born in sin.

Q. But are we so corrupt that we are totally unable to do any good and inclined to all evil?

A. Yes, unless we are born again by the Spirit of God.

Why do we confess our sin? *(based on Psalm 119:169-176)*

Let our cry come into Your presence Jesus

Give us understanding of Your word!

Let our pleas come into Your presence

Rescue us according to Your word

Our lips will pour our praise

Because You teach us Your law of love

Our tongues will sing of Your words

Because all Your commands are right

Let Your hand be ready to help us

For we choose chosen Your teaching

We long for Your salvation, Jesus

And Your law of love is our delight

Let our souls live and praise You

And let Your rules help us

We have strayed like lost sheep

Seek out Your children, for we do not forget Your commands

Dear Father,

Let our confession come into Your presence, hear us and save us from our failures and fears. Forgive us for all the times we've wandered and strayed. Teach us and guide us Holy Spirit and delight us in Your words and commands. Be quick to hear us and ready to help us, in Jesus's Name we pray. Amen.

**In Jesus' name we pray,
Amen.**

Silence

Absolution

(from Ezekiel 36:25-27)

I will sprinkle clean water on you

And you will be clean from all your uncleannesses

And from all your idols I will cleanse you

I will give you a new heart

And a new spirit I will put within you

I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh

And give you a heart of flesh

I will put my Spirit within you

And cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Offering / Song of Assurance

(we give thankfully, acknowledging that everything belongs to our God)

Create In Me a Clean Heart

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Create in me a clean heart, O God,
And renew a right spirit within me.*

*Cast me not away from Thy presence;
Take not Thy holy Spirit from me.
Restore unto me the joy of Thy salvation;
And renew a right spirit within me.*

Let us bless the Lord!

Praise Him with highest praise!

What sort of church are we seeking to God to make us? Acts 2:42-45

And they devoted themselves to the apostles' teaching and the fellowship, to the breaking of bread and the prayers. And awe came upon every soul, and many wonders and signs were being done through the apostles. And all who believed were together and had all things in common. And they were selling their possessions and belongings and distributing the proceeds to all, as any had need.

Prayer

(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)

Please feel free to ask for prayer at this time, so that we can pray together in community.

Those unable to share live in the Zoom meeting, or those with unspoken prayer requests, should use the Zoom chat or text Natalie at (412)223-7156.

Prayer

(because we are reconciled, we are free to call on God to act)

Our Father, Who is in heaven,

Holy is Your Name!

May Your kingdom come and Your will be done,

On earth as it is in heaven,

Give us today our daily bread

Forgive us our debts as we forgive our debtors,

Lead us out of temptation

Deliver us from the evil one

For Yours is the kingdom

The power, and

The glory forever

In Jesus' Name, amen.

REVELATION

(movement 3)

Sermon

(we hear from God)

John 17:6-26

⁶ I have manifested Your Name to the people who You gave Me out of the world. They were Yours, and You gave them to Me, and they have kept Your word. ⁷ Now they know that everything You have given Me is from You. ⁸ For I have given them the words You gave Me, and they have received them and have come to know in truth that I came from You; and they have believed that You sent Me.

⁹ I am praying for them. I am not praying for the world but for those You gave Me, for they are Yours.

¹⁰ All those who are Mine are Yours, and those who are Yours are Mine, and I am glorified in them. ¹¹

And I am no longer in the world, but they are in the world, and I am coming to You.

Holy Father, keep them in Your Name, which You have given Me, that they may be one, even as We are one. ¹² While I was with them, I kept them in Your Name, which You gave Me. I have guarded them,

and not one of them has been lost except the son of destruction, that the Scripture might be fulfilled. ¹³

But now I am coming to You, and these things I speak in the world, that they may have My joy fulfilled in themselves.

John 17:6-26, continued

¹⁴ I gave them Your word, and the world has hated them because they are not of the world, just as I am not of the world. ¹⁵ I do not ask You take them out of the world, but that You keep them from the evil one. ¹⁶ They are not of the world, just as I AM not of the world. ¹⁷ Sanctify them in the truth – Your word is truth. ¹⁸ As You sent Me into the world, so I have sent them into the world. ¹⁹ And for their sake I consecrate Myself, that they also may be sanctified in truth.

²⁰ I do not ask for these only, but also for those who will believe in Me through their word, ²¹ that they may all be one, just as You, Father, are in Me, and I in You, that they also may be in Us, so that the world may believe You sent Me. ²² The glory You gave Me I have given to them, that they may be one – even as We are one, ²³ I in them and You in Me, that they may become perfectly one, so the world may know that You sent Me and loved them even as You loved Me.

²⁴ Father, I desire that they also, those You gave to Me, may be with Me where I AM, to see My glory You gave Me because You loved Me before the foundation of the world.

²⁵ O righteous Father, even though the world does not know You, I know You, and these know that You sent Me. ²⁶ I made known to them Your Name, and I will continue to make it known, that the love with which You loved Me may be in them, and I in them.”

This is the word of the Lord.

Thanks be to God.

RENAISSANCE

(movement 4)

Communion

Let's proclaim together the mystery of our faith:

Christ has died

Christ is risen

Christ will come again

Praise Him!

The Apostle's Creed *(an ancient common affirmation of belief)*

What do you believe?

We believe in God the Father Almighty

Maker of heaven and earth

And in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord

Who was conceived by the Holy Spirit

Born of the virgin Mary

Suffered under Pontius Pilate

Was crucified, died, and was buried.

He descended into hell

The third day He rose again from the dead

He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the

Father Almighty

From there 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.

Response / Sending

How Deep The Father's Love For Us

How deep the Father's love for us

How vast beyond all measure

That He should give His only Son

To make a wretch His treasure

How great the pain of searing loss

The Father turns His face away

As wounds which mar the Chosen One

Bring many sons to glory

Behold the man upon a cross

My sin upon His shoulders

Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice

Call out among the scoffers

It was my sin that held Him there

Until it was accomplished

His dying breath has brought me life

I know that it is finished

*I will not boast in anything
No gifts, no power, no wisdom
But I will boast in Jesus Christ
His death and resurrection*

*Why should I gain from His reward?
I cannot give an answer
But this I know with all my heart
His wounds have paid my ransom*

Benediction

(we receive a blessing)

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow

Praise Him all creatures here below

Praise Him above ye heavenly host

Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost!

Amen

Announcements

Bible Studies

Tuesdays, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Chris & Thao

Thursday, 7:30 pm

Romans Bible Study, hosted by Cory & Natalie

Prayer Meetings

Wednesdays, 8 am

Men's Prayer Meeting

Wednesdays, 7:30 pm

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Fridays, 8 am

Whole Church Prayer Meeting

Saturdays, 9:30 am

Women's Prayer Meeting

To attend any of the above:

www.firstpresbyteriansf.org/live

password: Psalm91

Worship for the rest of the week

The Lord's day is the start of the week where we are refreshed spiritually and renewed in our faith and ought to set the pace for the rest of the week.

These are readings that complement the teaching today:

Monday – Numbers 6

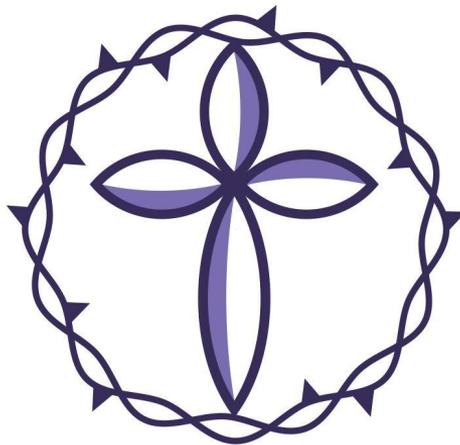
Tuesday – Job 38

Wednesday – 1 Peter 1

Thursday – Psalm 96

Friday – Genesis 17

Saturday – Revelation 22



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