



REDEEMER

WINTER HAVEN

To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer opens wide her doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.

The Gospel

ENCOUNTERING JESUS

April 10, 2022 – Palm Sunday

Season of the Cross: Purple for Palm Sunday

Since the early church, Christians have observed the week leading up to Easter as a time of particular devotion. The first Sunday of Holy Week is commonly called "Palm Sunday." It's important to capture the irony of the day. This is the day on which Jesus entered the city in triumph, but as a part of his journey to the cross; this is the week in which the crowd's cries of "Hosanna" would soon turn to "Crucify him!"

Call to Worship: Matthew 21:7-10

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

They brought the donkey and the colt and put on them their cloaks, and he sat on them. Most of the crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. And the crowds that went before him and that followed him were shouting, "Hosanna to the Son of David! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord! Hosanna in the highest!" And when he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred up, saying, "Who is this?"

Song of Ascent

The first song we sing together guides us as we "go up" or approach the presence of God to worship Him. This song is meant to rouse us to worship and awaken our hearts.

All Creatures of Our God and King/Hosanna

Reading of the Law: Isaiah 57:15

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous; it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

For thus says the One who is high and lifted up, who inhabits eternity, whose name is Holy: "I dwell in the high and holy place, and also with him who is of a contrite and lowly spirit, to revive the spirit of the lowly, and to revive the heart of the contrite.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Confession of Sin

In a culture that avoids talk of sin and culpability, regular prayers of confession foster honesty and openness in our relationship with God. We confess sin in the context of the covenant Lord's love shown to us through Jesus Christ. We offer our confession as part of a covenantal relationship.

Leader: Like the people who greeted Jesus as he entered Jerusalem and later pronounced, "Crucify him," we are fickle people who often deny Christ in our thoughts, words, and deeds. Remembering the events of Jesus' last week helps us see ourselves for what we are: sinners in need of a savior, a savior—praise God—we have in Christ. In honesty and hope, we confess now our sins to God.

ALL: O King of Glory, we confess that our praise of your majesty has often been faint, our performance as citizens of your kingdom treasonous. For our treason you died, Lord Jesus. For our restoration, you rose again. Draw us closer to you in this Holy Week, that our eyes may catch the vision of your tears, and our hearts, the wonder of your grace. By the Holy Spirit's continuing discipline, let us be loyal and loving servants of the King. Praise be to you, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. Amen.

Song of Repentance

In this song of repentance we acknowledge our sin and our need of a Savior.

All Things New

Assurance of Pardon: Psalm 34:18

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

The LORD is near to the brokenhearted and saves the crushed in spirit.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Song of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

Christ Our Hope in Life and Death
Come Thou Fount (Above All Else)

Worship Through Giving: Give Online at redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this church and the kingdom of God.

Announcements & Kids' Worship Dismissal

*Children **through fifth grade** are dismissed for kids' worship.*

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what he has done and ask him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

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Luke 19:37-40

Sacrament of Communion

The ritual meal of Communion is a sign and seal of the grace we have in Jesus. That is, it symbolizes the work Christ did for our salvation (sign) and communicates the grace and mercy we have been given (seal) as a result of His death and resurrection.

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Jesus I My Cross Have Taken

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word

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37 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, 38 saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" 39 And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." 40 He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

Pg. 878 (Luke 19:37-40 ESV)

Resources

Deitrich Bonhoeffer, *The Cost of Discipleship*

C.S. Lewis, *Screwtape Letters*

Dane Ortland, *Gentle and Lowly*

Nicolas Wolterstorff, *Lament for a Son*

Family Worship/Group Discussion Questions

1. Prayerfully reflect on your heart, circumstances, relationships, etc. How did you "come" into worship today?
2. Where did the gospel "dwell in you richly" in the service today? In the prayers? In the singing? In the sermon?
3. Specifically, how were you led to turn from sin and trust in Jesus?
4. What is the one thing from the sermon this morning that you would most want to pass on to someone else?

Sermon Series: The Gospel: 2022

Sermon Title: Jesus' Obedience (And Ours)

Date: April 10, 2022

I. THE CONQUERING KING

"The once and future king." - the tomb stone of King Arthur of Camelot.

II. THE WEeping KING

"The tears of God are the meaning of history." - Nicolas Wolterstorff

Application: Jesus' tears can give you a mission and a voice!

Lenten Devotional

“THE PREDICTION”

SCRIPTURE: John 12:20-33 (ESV)

John devotes much of his Gospel to the last six days of Jesus' life. In John 12, Jesus predicts “what kind of death he was going to die” — one that would loosen Satan's death grip on the world, raise Jesus in victory from the horrors of the crucifixion and grave, and draw people from all over the world to him (v. 32). But here he also reiterates his sobering template for all who would follow after him and be known as his disciples.

From the early days of his ministry in John, Jesus has been alluding to his “hour” — the appointed time when he would undergo suffering and death for the sins of the world. But through this humiliation Jesus also strangely radiates the “glory” of God to humanity. God “glorifies his name” not only through the earthly ministry of Christ but also his death. John foreshadows this reality early on by concluding “we have seen (or ‘beheld’) his glory ... full of grace and truth” (1:14).

Equally striking is the very human Jesus we encounter here, honest enough to admit “now is my soul troubled” (v. 27) as he starts to feel the agony he is about to undergo. It is an amazing picture of a person completely abandoned to God in the face of unspeakable pain, knowing that God's glory ultimately is the only thing that matters. And it becomes a teaching moment for the disciples as well.

Seeds are living things that must die in order to reproduce; they carry the promise of future life. On the surface, Christ's death looks to the world like a disaster, but by falling “into the earth” (v. 24), he is able to raise up followers and bring “many sons to glory” (Hebrews 2:10). However, following Christ carries a cost: many of the original disciples were to die excruciating deaths themselves, leading Tertullian to conclude that “the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church.” Christ's disciples must always “die” to themselves to find “living hope” (1 Peter 1:3-5) in Christ. Here Dietrich Bonhoeffer's observation on discipleship rings true: “when Christ calls a man, he bids him come and die.”

PRAYER

Risen Lord, you loved us so much that you died to save us from sin. We pray that this reality gives us humility, leads us to praise you always, and gives us a boldness to live fully abandoned to your loving will. In your mercy make these things so, for we pray them in your name. Amen.

Taken from Redeemer NYC's Daily Lenten Devotional

Visit redeemerwh.org/lent for more resources

Announcements

Marriage Conference: Registration is open for our marriage conference with Ray & Jani Ortlund on **Saturday, April 23, 9am-2pm**. Visit redeemerwh.org/rsvp to register.

Maundy Thursday: Our Maundy Thursday service (**April 14, 6pm**) is when we celebrate Jesus' last meal with his disciples before his arrest. We gather in Covenant Hall and share a meal together as families. Following the meal, we have a short worship service and communion at our tables. ***There is no childcare for Maundy Thursday as we will be sitting together as families.***

Good Friday: Our Good Friday service (**April 15, 6pm**) is a reflective service where we meditate on the Passion and Cross of Christ. ***We will have childcare for through kindergarten.***

Easter Sunday: We are having TWO worship services on **Easter Sunday, April 17, 9 & 10:30am**. ***Childcare will be available through 5th grade for both service times.*** However, we will only be live streaming the 9am service.

Ladies Night Out: Ladies, please plan to join us **Friday, May 6, from 6-8pm at Marley McAdams' home (1115 Interlochen Blvd)** for a ladies night out. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert or appetizer and we'll provide the drinks.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Our Mission

Our mission is to make Jesus' invisible kingdom visible in Winter Haven, Polk County, and the world.

Church Planting

One of the ways we hope to accomplish our mission is by planting new churches throughout Polk County. We proudly partner with Renew Polk (renewpolk.org) and the Florida Church Planting Network (flchurchplanting.org).

Community Groups

We also meet during the week in homes for what we call Community Groups. They are intended to be the primary "church" experience for all who are a part of Redeemer. If you are interested in visiting a community group, contact Jonathan Winfree, jonathan@redeemwinterhaven.org.

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