



MIDTOWN  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

# Evening Worship

Fifth Sunday of Lent

04.07.2019

Welcome to Worship at Midtown!

We are really glad to have you with us for worship today. Whether you have been a Christian for many years, or are trying to sort out what the Christian faith is all about, or are just here as a favor to your friend, we're happy to have you.

We have a nursery provided for little ones in the narthex. You are welcome to keep them in the service with you if you prefer.

## Reflection

But everything is different now. With one slanderous blogpost or tweet, we can destroy someone's reputation in the eyes of thousands—all within a few hours. And because we do it from the privacy of our home, any reproof from the community comes too late. Once the bell of slander has been rung, it cannot be unheard. Some people will never look at the slandered person in the same way. The acid of slander has permanently marred them.

—Jay Sklar

# The Word

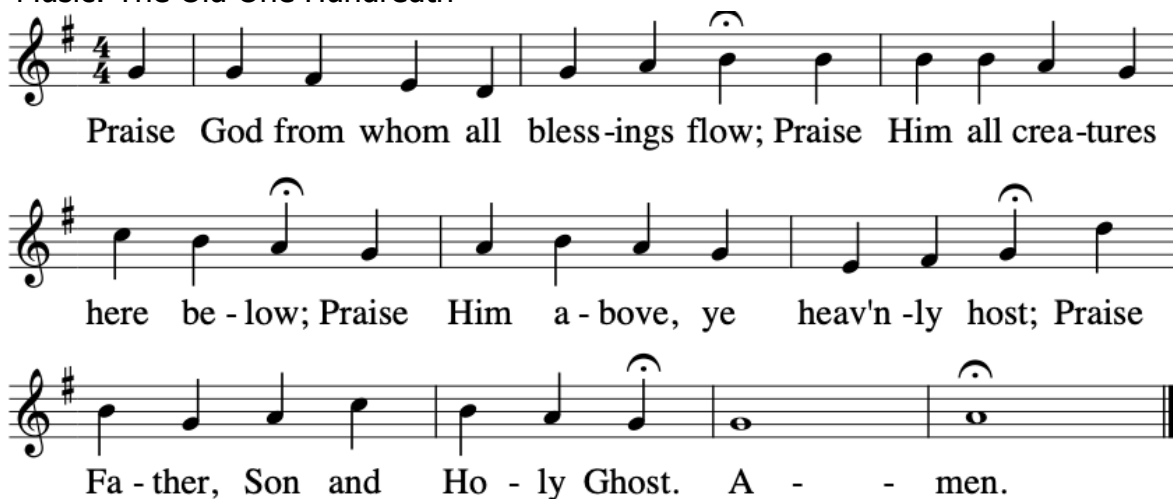
## Call to Worship

Psalm 96:1-4

Oh sing to the Lord a new song; sing to the Lord, all the earth!  
Sing to the Lord, bless his name; tell of his salvation from day to day.  
Declare his glory among the nations, his marvelous works among all  
the peoples! For great is the Lord, and greatly to be praised; he is to  
be feared above all gods.

## Doxology

Music: The Old One Hundredth



Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him all creatures  
here below; Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise  
Fa-ther, Son and Ho-ly Ghost. A - - men.

# Be Thou My Vision

Music & Lyrics: Traditional Irish Hymn



Be thou my vis - ion, O Lord of my heart.



Naught be all else to me, save that thou art.



Thou my best thought, by day or by night, —



Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy pres - ence my light.

Be thou my wisdom, and thou my true word; I ever with thee and thou  
with me, Lord; Thou my great Father, I thy true son;  
Thou in me dwelling, and I with thee one.

Be thou my battle shield, sword for my fight; be thou my dignity, thou my  
delight; Thou my soul's shelter, thou my high tow'r;  
Raise thou me heav'n-ward, O Pow'r of my pow'r.

Riches I heed not, nor man's empty praise, Thou mine inheritance, now  
and always: Thou and thou only, first in my heart,  
High King of Heaven, my treasure thou art.

High King of heaven, my victory won, may I reach heaven's joys, O bright  
heav'n's Sun! Heart of my own heart, whatever befall,  
Still be my vision, O Ruler of all.

# Prayer of Invocation

## Call to Confession of Sin

Romans 3:19-20

Now we know that whatever the law says, it says to those who are under the law, so that every mouth may be silenced and the whole world held accountable to God. Therefore no one will be declared righteous in his sight by observing the law; rather, through the law we become conscious of sin

## Confession of Sin

[You are invited to confess your sins silently at this time.]

## Come, O Redeemer, Come

Music & Lyrics: Fernando Ortega

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 3/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like. The lyrics are: 'Fa - ther en-throned on high; Ho - ly, ho - ly. An - cient e - ter - nal Light; hear our prayer; Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy. Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.'

Fa - ther en-throned on high; Ho - ly, ho - ly.  
An - cient e - ter - nal Light; hear our prayer;  
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us mer-cy.  
Come, O Re-deem-er, come; grant us peace.

Lord, save us from the dark, of our striving,  
Faithless and troubled hearts, weighed down.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

Look now upon our need, Lord be with us.

Heal us and make us free, from our sin.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us mercy.

Come, oh Redeemer, come, grant us peace.

## Assurance of Forgiveness

Romans 3:21-22

But now a righteousness from God, apart from law, has been made known, to which the Law and the Prophets testify. This righteousness from God comes through faith in Jesus Christ to all who believe.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

**All: And also with you!**

## In Feast or Fallow

Music & Lyrics: Sandra McCracken



soul is down - cast and my voice has no - song. For mer - cy, for

*Chorus*

com - fort, I wait on the Lord. In the har - vest feast or the

fal - low ground, my cer - tain hope is in Je - sus found; my

lot, my cup, my por - tion sure, what - e - ver comes we

shall - en - dure, what - e - ver comes - we shall - en - dure.

On a cross of wood, His blood was outpoured  
 He rose from the ground, like a bird to the sky;  
 Bringing peace to our violence, and crushing death's door,  
 Our Maker incarnate, our God who provides. [Chorus]

When the earth beneath me crumbles and quakes,  
 Not a sparrow falls, nor a hair from my head  
 Without His hand to guide me, my shield and my strength;  
 In joy or in sorrow, in life or in death. [Chorus]

## The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

**All: And also with you.**

Leader: Let us pray.

God, our Father,  
Lord Jesus Christ, our Sympathetic High Priest,  
and Holy Spirit, Comforter and Guide,

We pray for grace and mercy for your church,  
**that we would be unified in mind and purpose.**

(Please pray silently for the church.)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for grace and mercy for our children,  
**that they would know you, love you,  
and follow you all the days of their lives.**

(Please pray silently for our children.)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

We pray for grace and mercy for those struggling with faith,  
**that you would be present in the midst of their struggles  
and make known to them your transforming love in the  
gospel.**

(Please pray silently for those struggling with faith.)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**



We pray for grace and mercy for those who suffer,  
**that you would comfort them in their pain  
and bring healing according to your will.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy,  
**hear our prayer.**

Grant us, Father, hearts to believe that Jesus now sits in strength  
and is able to sympathize with our weakness.

And hear us now as we pray in the words he taught us:

**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.**

## **New Testament Reading**

Galatians 5:13-15

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

## **Gospel Reading**

Matthew 7:12

Reader: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

People: **Praise be to You, O Christ.**

# Psalm 126

Music: Issac Wardell



1. Our mouths they were filled, filled - with laugh - ter.  
2. The na - tions will say: "He has done great things!"



Our tongues they were loosed, loosed - with joy.  
the na - tions will sing songs - of joy.



Re-store us, O Lord. Re-store us O Lord.



Although we are weep-ing. Lord help us keep sow - ing



the seeds of your King-dom for the day you will reap - them.



Your sheaves we will car - ry. Lord please do not tar - ry.



All those who sow weep-ing will go out with songs of joy.

## **Old Testament Reading**

Exodus 20:16

You shall not bear false witness against your neighbor.

Minister: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

Rev. Charles Garland

# The Table

## Profession of Faith & Receiving of New Members

Melissa Beal  
Stephanie Bowyer  
Austin & Alicia Morris  
William & Nancy Price  
Jackson Walraven

## Membership Vows

1. Do you acknowledge yourself to be a sinner in the sight of God, justly deserving His displeasure and without hope save in His sovereign mercy?
2. Do you believe in the Lord Jesus Christ as the Son of God and Savior of sinners, and do you receive and rest upon Him alone for salvation as He offered in the Gospel?
3. Do you now resolve and promise in humble reliance upon the grace of the Holy Spirit, that you will endeavor to live as becomes the followers of Christ?
4. Do you promise to support the Church in its worship and work to the best of your ability?
5. Do you submit yourself to the government and discipline of the Church, and promise to study its purity and peace?

## Invitation and Prayer

[Communion, also called The Lord's Supper or the Eucharist, is the family meal of Christians. We invite all committed followers of Jesus Christ to partake of this sacrament: those who are baptized members of a congregation which proclaims the gospel, who are at peace with God and with their neighbor, and who seek strength to live more faithfully for Christ. 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.]

## Sursum Corda

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

All: **We lift them up to the Lord.**

Minister: Let us give thanks to our Lord God.

All: **It is right to give Him thanks and praise.**

## Words of Institution

### Mystery of Faith

Minister: Therefore, let us proclaim the mystery of faith.

All: **Christ has died. Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again!**

Minister: Alleluia! Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

All: **Therefore let us keep the feast. Alleluia!**

Minister: The gifts of God for the people of God.

## The Giving of the Bread and Cup

[As you are ready please come forward to receive the bread and the cup. We provide individual cups of grape juice and gluten-free wafers in the tray at the front. We partake in the Supper by intinction, that is, we dip the bread into the cup. Children who have not yet professed their faith in Christ nor been admitted to the Table are encouraged to come forward for a prayer of blessing.]

# O Sacred Head

Lyrics: James W. Alexander; Music: J.S. Bach



O sa-cred head, now wound - ed, with grief and shame weighed  
down. Now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed, with thorns thine on - ly  
crown; O sa - cred head what glo - ry, what bliss till now was  
thine. Yet, though \_de-spised and go - ry, I joy to call thee mine

My Lord what you did suffer, Was all for sinners' gain;  
Mine, mine was the transgression, But yours the deadly pain.  
So, here I kneel my Savior! For I deserve your place;  
Look on me with your favor, And save me by your grace.

What language shall I borrow To thank you, dearest friend,  
For this my dying sorrow, Your mercy without end.  
Lord make me yours forever, A loyal servant true,  
And let me never, never outlive my love for you.

# Take Us, O Lord

Lyrics & Music: Isaac Wardell



O how he takes \_ the cross, O how he lifts \_ it up



to take the weight from us. O how he pays \_ the cost,



O how he drinks the cup, to make a place \_ for us.

## CHORUS



Take us, \_ O Lord, and all we have known. Shape us, O



Lord, and form us in - to your own. Take eve - ry heart and



know eve-ry sin. Break us, O Lord, that we may be whole a - gain.

Hear how he breaks the curse, hear how he cries aloud,  
Hear how his voice resounds. O how he forms the words,  
O how he cries them out, "See it is finished now!"

How deep the wounds he wears, how dark the scars he shows,  
How well the name he knows; written upon his palms,  
O what a name to find. That name before him: Mine!

## Benediction

# Notes

Offering: We have placed an offering box at the front of the nave that you can use as you enter or leave, or as you come to communion. You can also give online at our website [www.mpctucson.org](http://www.mpctucson.org).

Email List: Please sign up for our email list on the table in the back. We send out the bulletin and announcements every week before worship and would love to include you.

Combined Good Friday Service: April 19, 6:00pm, Catalina Foothills Church (2150 E Orange Grove Rd, Tucson, AZ 85718).

Men's Book Group: Given For You, by Keith Mathison. Meet at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave) on April 11th at 7:00. Matt McReynolds will lead us.

Women's Bible Study: Wednesday at 7:00pm at the Garland's house (1324 N Norton Ave). Seven week study on Jesus in the Gospels, but feel free to drop in as you are able. Julie's contact: [julie.garland@gmail.com](mailto:julie.garland@gmail.com), 678.849.8401.

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