



MIDTOWN
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Evening Worship

Palm Sunday

04.14.2019

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

When you die, they can make you into diamonds now. It's scientific. That's how I want to be remembered. I want to shine.

—Neil Gaiman

The Word

Call to Worship

Psalm 24:7-10

Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord, strong and mighty, the Lord, mighty in battle! Lift up your heads, O gates! And lift them up, O ancient doors, that the King of glory may come in. Who is this King of glory? The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory!

All Glory, Laud and Honor

Lyrics and Music: Theodulph, Bishop of Orleans



1. All - glo - ry, laud and hon - or to thee, Ree - deem - er
2. The peo - ple of the He - brews with palms be - fore thee
3. Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; ac - cept the prayers we



King, to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho-san - nas
went; our praise and prayer and an - thems be - fore thee we pre -
bring. Who in all good de - light - est, thou good and gra-cious



ring. Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, thou Da - vid's roy - al
sent: To thee be - fore thy pas - sion, they sang their hymns of
King! All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or, to thee, Re - deem - ,



son, who in the Lord's name com - est, the King and Bless - ed One.
praise; to thee, now high ex - aul - ted, our mel - 0 - dy we raise.
King, to whom the lips of child - ren, our sweet hos - an - nas ring.

Prayer of Invocation

Call to Confession of Sin

Acts 17:30-31

The times of ignorance God overlooked, but now he commands all people everywhere to repent, because he has fixed a day on which he will judge the world in righteousness by a man whom he has appointed; and of this he has given assurance to all by raising him from the dead."

Confession of Sin

[Please pray aloud together]

Lord, forgive us. We are blind to our own brokenness, yet focused on the failings of others. We are deaf to the cries of those who need us, numb to the need of those who hurt. We are silent when words are needed, impotent when action is required. Lord, hear our anguish, pity our brokenness, speak life and forgiveness to our weary souls. Amen.

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

Kyrie Eleison

Music: Greg Wilbur



Lord, have mer-cy. Lord, have mer-cy.



Lord, have mer-cy. Have mer-cy Lord.

Assurance of Forgiveness

Acts 13:38-39

Let it be known to you therefore, brothers, that through this man forgiveness of sins is proclaimed to you, and by him everyone who believes is freed from everything from which you could not be freed by the law of Moses.

Minister: May the peace of Christ be with you!

All: And also with you!

Hail to the Lord's Anointed

Lyrics: James Montgomery; Music: Sandra McCracken

Chorus

Hail to the Lord's an - oint - ed, great Da - vid's great - er Son!
Hail in - the time ap - point - ed, his reign on earth be - gun!

Verse

His reign on earth be - gun! He comes to break
op - pres - sion, to set the cap - tive - free; to take a - way
trans - gres - sion and rule in eq - ui - ty.

He comes with comfort speedy to those who suffer wrong;
To help the poor and needy, and bid the weak be strong.

To give them songs for sighing, their darkness turn to light,
Whose souls, condemned and dying, were precious in his sight.
[Chorus]

He shall come down like showers upon the fruitful earth;
Love, joy, and hope, like flowers, spring in his path to birth.

The tide of time shall never his covenant remove.
His name shall stand forever, that name to us is Love. [Chorus]

The Prayers of the People

Leader: The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

Leader: Let us pray.

Let us pray for the Church and for the world.

Grant, Almighty God,

**that all who confess your Name may be united in your truth,
live together in your love, and reveal your glory in the
world.**

(Please pray silently for the unity of the Church.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Guide the people of this land, and of all the nations,
in the ways of justice and peace;

**that we may honor one another and serve the common
good.**

(Please pray silently for justice and peace in all nations.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Bless all whose lives are closely linked with ours,

**and grant that we may serve them,
and love one another as Christ loves us.**

(Please pray silently for our love and service of others.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

Comfort and heal all those who suffer in body, mind, or spirit;

**give them courage and hope in their troubles,
and bring them the joy of your salvation.**

(Please pray silently for those who suffer.)

Lord, in your mercy

Hear our prayer.

And teach us to pray as You taught Your disciples to pray, saying:

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.**

Old Testament Reading

Zephaniah 2:1-3

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

New Testament Reading

1 Timothy 1:12-17

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

People: **Thanks be to God.**

Rejoice the Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Charles Wesley



Re - joice the Lord is King; your Lord and King a - dore! Re -
joice, give thanks, and sing and tri-umph e - ver - more: Lift up your
heart, lift up your voice; re - joice, a-gain I say, re - joice!

Refrain

Jesus the Savior reigns, the God of truth and love;
When he had purged our stains, he took his seat above. [Refrain]

His kingdom cannot fail, he rules o'er earth and heav'n;
The keys of death and hell are to our Jesus giv'n. [Refrain]

He sits at God's right hand, till all his foes submit,
And bow to his command and fall beneath his feet. [Refrain]

Rejoice in glorious hope! Our Lord, the Judge, shall come,
And take his servants up to their eternal home. [Refrain]

Gospel Reading

Matthew 20:20-34

²⁰ Then the mother of the sons of Zebedee came up to him with her sons, and kneeling before him she asked him for something. ²¹ And he said to her, "What do you want?" She said to him, "Say that these two sons of mine are to sit, one at your right hand and one at your left, in your kingdom." ²² Jesus answered, "You do not know what you are asking. Are you able to drink the cup that I am to drink?" They said to him, "We are able." ²³ He said to them, "You will drink my cup, but to sit at my right hand and at my left is not mine to grant, but it is for those for whom it has been prepared by my Father." ²⁴ And when the ten heard it, they were indignant at the two brothers. ²⁵ But Jesus called them to him and said, "You know that the rulers of the Gentiles lord it over them, and their great ones exercise authority over them. ²⁶ It shall not be so among you. But whoever would be great among you must be your servant, ²⁷ and whoever would be first among you must be your slave, ²⁸ even as the Son of Man came not to be served but to serve, and to give his life as a ransom for many."

²⁹ And as they went out of Jericho, a great crowd followed him. ³⁰ And behold, there were two blind men sitting by the roadside, and when they heard that Jesus was passing by, they cried out, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³¹ The crowd rebuked them, telling them to be silent, but they cried out all the more, "Lord, have mercy on us, Son of David!" ³² And stopping, Jesus called them and said, "What do you want me to do for you?" ³³ They said to him, "Lord, let our eyes be opened." ³⁴ And Jesus in pity touched their eyes, and immediately they recovered their sight and followed him.

Minister: The Gospel of Jesus Christ

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

Sermon

Rev. Luke Smith

The Table

Confession of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I 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, dead, and 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 thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead.

I 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.

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.]

The Lord is King

Music & Lyrics: Nathan Partain

The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re -
joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -

Chorus

ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of
Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his
Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'The Lord is King'. It consists of three systems of music. The first system has two staves with lyrics: 'The Lord is King! Lift up your voice, O earth and all ye heav'ns re - joyce. From world to world, the joy shall ring, - "The Lord om -'. The second system is labeled 'Chorus' and has two staves with lyrics: 'ni - po-tent is King! Sing his praise! Sing his Praise! - Lord of Lords, An-cient of days; Sing his praise! Sing his'. The third system has two staves with lyrics: 'Praise! - All your - days, all your - days.' The music is in 3/4 time and the key signature has three sharps (F#, C#, G#).

The Lord is King! Who then shall dare
Resist his will, distrust his care,
Or murmur at his wise decrees,
Or doubt his royal promises?

The Lord is King! Bow down you must;
The judge of all the earth is just;
Holy and true are all his ways,
Let every creature sing his praise.

All Hail The Power of Jesus' Name

Lyrics: Edward Perronet; Music: Oliver Holden



All hail the pow'r of Jes-us' name! Let an-gels pros-trate fall; Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem, and crown him Lord of _ all! Bring



forth the roy-al di - a - dem and crown Him, Lord _ of all.

Ye seed of Israel's chosen race, ye ransomed of the fall,
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all;
Hail him who saves you by his grace, and crown him Lord of all.

Let ev'ry kindred, ev'ry tribe, on this terrestrial ball,
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all;
To him all majesty ascribe, and crown him Lord of all.

O that with yonder sacred throng we at his feet may fall!
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all;
We'll join the everlasting song, and crown him Lord of all.

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.

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).

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, 678.849.8401.

Easter Service: We will celebrate Easter at our usual time of 4:00 here at Our Saviour's.

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