

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, February 28, 2021

Second Sunday in Lent

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

Psalm 139:23-24 (NKJV)

*Search me, O God, and know my heart; try me, and know my anxieties;
And see if there is any wicked way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.*

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Welcome

This Scripture passage reminds me that Jesus does not claim his Lordship all at once, but step by step. From Mark's point of view the triumphal entry was a local event, attracting little attention beyond the immediate participants. And when Jesus goes without incident to the Temple at the end of the day, Mark's view is reinforced. After surveying the scene, he leaves the city and returns to Bethany, where he probably stays at the home of his close friends, Martha, Mary and the "new and improved" Lazarus. The next day he returns to the Temple and he speaks about the power of faith in God: "*Whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours*" (v. 24). If only we would understand and follow his example. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise

"Jesus Shall Reign"

Jesus shall reign where'er the sun does his successive journeys run;
His kingdom stretch from shore to shore, till suns shall rise and set no more.
Blessings abound where'er He reigns; the prisoner leaps to lose his chains;
The weary find eternal rest, and all the sons of want are blessed.

To our King be highest praise rising through eternal days

Just and faithful - He shall reign. Jesus shall reign.

People and realms of every tongue dwell on His love with sweetest song;
And infant voices shall proclaim their early praising of His Name.

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Just and faithful - He shall reign. Jesus shall reign.

Let every creature rise and bring blessing and honor to our King;
Angels descend with songs again, and earth repeat the loud Amen!

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Prayer of Confession—Based on Psalm 103:12

O God, our sins are too close to us. Our pride blinds us to the wrongs we have done. Centered on ourselves, our world is too small. We run even from your grace, fearing you know us too well. We have strayed from the path you would have us follow, and we don't dare to ask for help. Hear our prayer, O God. Grant us the promise that you will indeed remove our transgressions from us as far as the east is from the west. You alone can free us from our idolatry and our sin. Grant us your mercy, we pray, in Jesus' name, Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #259

**My Lord what love is this that pays so dearly; that I, the guilty one may go free?
Amazing love, O what sacrifice the Son of God given for me; my debt he pays
and my death he dies, that I might live, that I might live.**

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Time with the Children (Kids spell Love T-I-M-E)

Prayers of the People & the Lord's Prayer

...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.

Prayer Response

**Calm me, Lord, as you calmed the storm; still me, Lord, keep me from harm.
Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord, in your peace.
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Let all the tumult within me cease, enfold me, Lord, in your peace.**

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Mark 11:12-25

12 The next day as they were leaving Bethany, Jesus was hungry. 13 Seeing in the distance a fig tree in leaf, he went to find out if it had any fruit. When he reached it, he found nothing but leaves, because it was not the season for figs. 14 Then he said to the tree, "May no one ever eat fruit from you again." And his disciples heard him say it. 15 On reaching Jerusalem, Jesus entered the temple courts and began driving out those who were buying and selling there. He overturned the tables of the money changers and the benches of those selling doves, 16 and would not allow anyone to carry merchandise through the temple courts. 17 And as he taught them, he said, "Is it not written: 'My house will be called a house of prayer for all nations'? But you have made it 'a den of robbers.'" 18 The chief priests and the teachers of the law heard this and began looking for a way to kill him, for they feared him, because the whole crowd was amazed at his teaching. 19 When evening came, Jesus and his disciples went out of the city. 20 In the morning, as they went along, they saw the fig tree withered from the roots. 21 Peter remembered and said to Jesus, "Rabbi, look! The fig tree you cursed has withered!" 22 "Have faith in God,"

Jesus answered. 23 “Truly I tell you, if anyone says to this mountain, ‘Go, throw yourself into the sea,’ and does not doubt in their heart but believes that what they say will happen, it will be done for them. 24 Therefore I tell you, whatever you ask for in prayer, believe that you have received it, and it will be yours. 25 And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive them, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins.” (NIV)

Sermon

“Jesus’ Indignation”

A BRIEF STATEMENT OF FAITH

We trust in Jesus Christ, fully human, fully God.

Jesus proclaimed the reign of God:

**preaching good news to the poor and release to the captives,
teaching by word and deed and blessing the children,
healing the sick and binding up the brokenhearted,
eating with outcasts, forgiving sinners,
and calling all to repent and believe in the gospel.**

Unjustly condemned for blasphemy and sedition, Jesus was crucified, suffering the depths of human pain and giving his life for the sins of the world.

God raised Jesus from the dead, vindicating his sinless life, breaking the power of sin and evil, delivering us from death to life eternal.

GO IN GOD’S NAME

Hymn

“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.*

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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!

