

Ken Mawr United Presbyterian Church

Sunday, March 28, 2021

Palm Sunday

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

Preparation for Worship

"In Christ Alone"

In Christ alone, I put my trust and find my glory in the power of the cross.

In every victory, let it be said of me, my source of hope,

my source of strength is Christ alone.

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Welcome

If Jesus came walking into the church today and said to us, "One of you is going to *betray* me this week." Most of us would start thinking about which one of us is going to do this awful thing and when he or she is going to do it." But what happens if Jesus says, "All of you are going to *deny* me this week." What images begin to swirl around in your head? Would we immediately think, "They might, Lord, but not me?" Today, let us thank God for second chances. -Pastor Karl

Call to Worship

Prayer of Adoration

GIVE PRAISE AND THANKS TO GOD

Hymn of Praise #261

"When I Survey the Wondrous Cross"

*1 When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.*

*2 Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast, save in the death of Christ, my God;
All the vain things that charm me most, I sacrifice them to his blood.*

*3 See, from his head, his hands, his feet, sorrow and love flow mingled down.
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet, or thorns compose so rich a crown?*

*4 Were the whole realm of nature mine, that were a present far too small;
Love so amazing, so divine, demands my soul, my life, my all.*

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Prayer of Confession

Almighty God, you have set before us the path of faith but we have attempted to find our own way. Sometimes we are like toddlers when we hear your call and come back. Other times, we are children testing boundaries, ignoring your call until fear finally makes us look back. And still other times, we are full of youthful rebellion, demanding to be cut loose, not knowing how much we still need your wisdom and guidance. But most often we think we are adults who have figured things out and go our own way, only to stumble and stray. Remind us, Father, that we are always your children, that we are never fully mature in your sight. We always have much to learn. Help us to seek you daily, acknowledging that we

need your wisdom and guidance, helping us return to the path and to walk with you. In the name of Christ, our constant companion on the journey of faith, we pray. Amen.

Assurance of God's Forgiveness

Congregational Response #251

**I come to the cross seeking mercy and grace;
I come to the cross where you died in my place.
Out of my weakness and into your strength; humbly I come to the cross.
Your arms are open, you call me by name, you welcome this child that was lost.
You paid the price for my guilt and my shame;
Jesus I come, Jesus I come, Jesus, I come to the cross.**

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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.
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, enfold me in your peace.***

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Dedication of Tithes and Offerings

GOD'S WORD READ AND PROCLAIMED

Scripture

Mark 14:53-72

53 They took Jesus to the high priest, and all the chief priests, the elders and the teachers of the law came together. 54 Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed himself at the fire. 55 The chief priests and the whole Sanhedrin were looking for evidence against Jesus so that they could put him to death, but they did not find any. 56 Many testified falsely against him, but their statements did not agree. 57 Then some stood up and gave this false testimony against him: 58 "We heard him say, 'I will destroy this temple made with human hands and in three days will build another, not made with hands.'" 59 Yet even then their testimony did not agree. 60 Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, "Are you not going to answer? What is this testimony that these men are bringing against you?" 61 But Jesus remained silent and gave no answer. Again the high priest asked him, "Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?" 62 "I am," said Jesus. "And you will see the Son of Man sitting at the right hand of the Mighty One and coming on the clouds of heaven." 63 The high priest tore his clothes. "Why do we need any more witnesses?" he asked. 64 "You have heard the blasphemy. What do you think?" They all condemned him as worthy of

death. 65 Then some began to spit at him; they blindfolded him, struck him with their fists, and said, "Prophecy!" And the guards took him and beat him.

66 While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant girls of the high priest came by. 67 When she saw Peter warming himself, she looked closely at him. "You also were with that Nazarene, Jesus," she said. 68 But he denied it. "I don't know or understand what you're talking about," he said, and went out into the entryway. 69 When the servant girl saw him there, she said again to those standing around, "This fellow is one of them." 70 Again he denied it. After a little while, those standing near said to Peter, "Surely you are one of them, for you are a Galilean." 71 He began to call down curses, and he swore to them, "I don't know this man you're talking about." 72 Immediately the rooster crowed the second time. Then Peter remembered the word Jesus had spoken to him: "Before the rooster crows twice you will disown me three times." And he broke down and wept. (NIV)

Sermon

"Trial and Denial"

Reaffirmation of Baptismal Vows

I. Sentences from Scripture Mark 8:34 --- Ephesians 2:8-9 --- Jude 1:21

II. Call to Discipleship

The call of Christ is to willing, dedicated discipleship. Discipleship is both a gift and a commitment, an offering and a responsibility. It is marked by change, growth and deepened commitment. It is lived out of a continuously renewed sense of God's call and God's claim upon us made in our baptism.

III. Call to Renewal

By God's grace we are saved and enabled to grow in faith and to commit our lives to Christ. I invite you now to claim that grace given to you in baptism. On this occasion we celebrate the depth of God's love in Jesus Christ and join together to reaffirm our baptismal vows.

IV. Profession of Faith

As God embraces you in the covenant, I ask you to reject sin, to profess your faith in Jesus Christ and to confess the faith of the church, the faith in which we are baptized:

- Do you renounce all evil and powers of the world which defy God's righteousness and love? **I renounce it.**
- Do you renounce the ways of sin that separate you from God? **I renounce them.**
- Do you turn to Jesus Christ and trust in him as Savior and Lord? **I do.**
- Will you be Christ's faithful disciple, obeying his word and showing his love, to your life's end? **I will, with God's help.**

V. Thanksgiving over Water

VI. Prayer

VII. Blessing and Anointing

GO IN GOD'S NAME

1. In Christ alone, my hope is found; He is my light, my strength, my song;
 This cornerstone, this solid ground, firm through the fiercest drought and storm.
 What heights of love, what depths of peace, when fears are stilled, when strivings cease!
 My comforter, my all-in-all, here in the love of Christ I stand.

2. In Christ alone, who took on flesh, fullness of God in helpless babe!
 This gift of love, and righteousness, scorned by the ones He came to save.
 Till on that cross as Jesus died, the wrath of God was satisfied;
 for every sin on Him was laid here in the death of Christ I live.

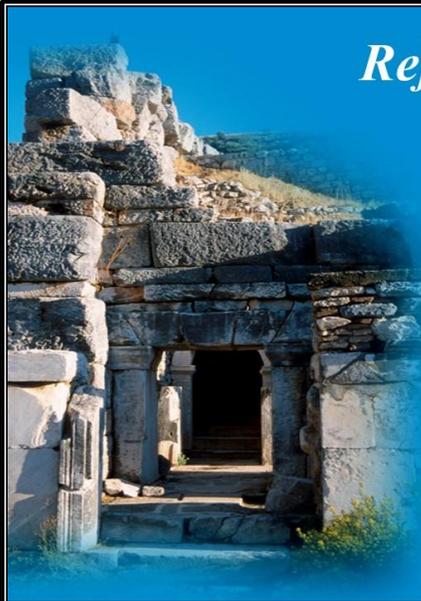
3. There in the ground His body lay, light of the world by darkness slain.
 Then bursting forth in glorious day, up from the grave He rose again!
 And as He stands in victory, sin's curse has lost its grip on me;
 for I am His and He is mine bought with the precious blood of Christ.

4. No guilt in life, no fear in death - This is the power of Christ in me.
 From life's first cry to final breath, Jesus commands my destiny.
 No power of hell, no scheme of man Can ever pluck me from His hand;
 till He returns or calls me home - here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

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Benediction

Thank you for worshipping with us!



*Rejoice with Ken Mawr Church
 on Easter Sunday*

Sunrise Service
 (On the church lawn)
 7:00 AM

Easter Services in Sanctuary
 8:30 & 11:00 AM

Road to Emmaus Service
 (Sacrament of the Lord's Supper)
 8:00 PM