



First Baptist Church

A Place To Belong

Worship Service for Sunday, April 5th, 2020

Palm Sunday, Sixth Sunday in Lent

We Gather as God's People

Silent Prayer: Almighty God, out of your tender love towards humanity, you sent your Son Jesus Christ to take our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross, so that all might follow the example of his great humility: may we may both follow the example of his patience and also be made to take part in his resurrection; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. *Taken from the BCP*

Call to Worship

Richard Hovey

Leader: Welcome in the name of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.

The Lord be with you.

All: And also with you.

We Approach God

Hymn of Praise "Hosanna in the Highest; Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna in the highest!

Lord we lift up Your name with hearts full of praise

Be exalted oh Lord my God! Hosanna in the highest!

**"Hosanna in the highest!" That ancient song we sing,
For Christ is our Redeemer, the Lord of heaven, our King.
O may we ever praise him with heart and life and voice,
and in his blissful presence eternally rejoice.**

We Listen to God

Children's Blessing

Joel Russell-MacLean

Scripture Reader

Sue Bornowski

Old Testament Lesson: Isaiah 50.6-9

Responsorial Reading: Psalm 31 (*selected verses*)

Leader: Into your hand I commit my spirit;

All: You have redeemed me, O Lord, faithful God.

Leader: Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress; my eye wastes away from grief, my soul and body also. For my life is spent with sorrow.

All: For I hear the whispering of many - terror all around! - as they scheme together against me, as they plot to take my life.

Leader: But I trust in you, O Lord; I say, "You are my God."

All: My times are in your hand; deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.

Leader: Let your face shine upon your servant; save me in your steadfast love.

All: Glory to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Spirit. As it was in the beginning, is now, and will be forever. Amen.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 27.11 - 26

Leader: This is the word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Sermon

"Innocent"

Joel Russell-MacLean

Hymn of Preparation

“It Is Well with My Soul”

**When peace, like a river, attendeth my way,
When sorrows like sea billows roll;
Whatever my lot, thou hast taught me to say,
It is well, it is well with my soul**

(Chorus)

**It is well (it is well)
with my soul (with my soul)
It is well, it is well with my soul**

**Though Satan should buffet, though trials should come,
Let this blessed assurance control,
That Christ has regarded my helpless estate,
And hath shed his own blood for my soul.**

(Chorus)

**And Lord haste the day when the faith shall be sight,
The clouds be rolled back as a scroll;
The trump shall resound, and the Lord shall descend,
Even so, it is well with my soul.**

(Chorus)

Confession
Assurance of Pardon

John Nelson

The Great Thanksgiving

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: The Lord be with you.

All: **And also with you.**

Minister: Lift up your hearts.

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

Minister: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

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

Minister: It is right and good, always and everywhere to give thanks to you Lord, Holy Father, Creator of heaven and earth... We praise you, joining the angels of heaven, all our sisters and brothers around the world, and the faithful departed ..., saying:

All: **Holy, holy, holy, Lord God of power and might: Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest! Blessed is Jesus who came and will come again in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.**

Prayers of the People

Dell Bornowski

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 trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, for ever and ever. Amen.

The Words of Consecration

Joel Russell-MacLean

Minister: Lord Jesus Christ, you came to set us free from sin, death and the devil. With love, we offer ourselves to you, fully and completely, as living sacrifices, as we proclaim the good news:

All: **Christ has died! Christ is risen! Christ will come again!**

Minister: Come Holy Spirit, be with us as we take this bread and wine as genuine symbols of the body and blood of Jesus. Unite us to Jesus and bring us, in the end, with all the faithful, to resurrection and everlasting life. Through Jesus Christ our Lord, we pray. Amen.

We Respond to God

Hymn for Departing

“He Hideth My Soul”

**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,
A wonderful Saviour to me;
He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
Where rivers of pleasure I see.**

(Chorus)

**He hideth my soul in the cleft of the rock,
That shadows a dry, thirsty land;
He hideth my life in the depths of his love,
And covers me there with his hand,
And covers me there with his hand.**

**A wonderful Saviour is Jesus my Lord,
He taketh my burden away,
He holdeth me up and I shall not be moved,
He giveth me strength as my day.**

(Chorus)

**When clothed with his brightness transported I rise
To meet him in clouds of the sky,
His perfect salvation, his wonderful love,
I'll shout with the millions on high.**

(Chorus)

Benediction

Joel Russell-MacLean