

Come Let Us Worship Together...

(please go through this all out loud and together)

SCRIPTURE READING

Matthew 21:8-11 A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, while others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and those that followed shouted, "Hosanna to the Son of David!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Hosanna in the highest!" When Jesus entered Jerusalem, the whole city was stirred and asked, "Who is this?" The crowds answered, "This is Jesus, the prophet from Nazareth in Galilee."

WORSHIP IN SONG - Praise to the Lord, the Almighty...

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear now to His temple draw near
Praise Him in glad adoration
Praise to the Lord
Who over all things so wondrously reigneth
Shelters thee under His wings
Yea so gently sustaineth
Hast thou not seen how thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what He ordaineth
Praise to the Lord
O let all that is in me adore Him
All that hath life and breath
Come now with praises before Him
Let the amen sound from His people again
Gladly for all we adore Him

WORSHIP IN PRAYER

Scott shares the Pastoral Prayer this Sunday. Please pray along with him in spirit.

WORSHIP IN SONG - 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 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 this helpless estate,
and has shed His own blood
for my soul.

Chorus
My sin O the bliss of this Glorious thought
My sin not in part but the whole
Is nailed to the cross and I bear it no more
Praise the Lord praise the Lord
O my soul

Chorus
And the Lord haste the day when my 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



WORSHIP THROUGH THE WORD

WORSHIP IN SONG - Abide With Me

Abide with me fast falls the eventide
The darkness deepens Lord with me abide
When other helpers fail and comforts flee
Help of the helpless O abide with me
Swift to its close ebbs out life's little day
Earth's joys grow dim its glories pass away
Change and decay in all around I see
O Thou who changest not abide with me
I need Thy presence ev'ry passing hour
What but Thy grace can foil the tempter's pow'r
Who like Thyself my Guide and Stay can be
Through cloud and sunshine O abide with me
I fear no foe with Thee at hand to bless
Ills have no weight and tears no bitterness
Where is death's sting where grave thy victory
I triumph still if Thou abide with me
Hold Thou Thy cross before my closing eyes
Shine through the gloom and point me to the skies
Heav'n's morning breaks
And earth's vain shadows flee
In life in death O Lord abide with me

WORSHIP THROUGH COMMUNION

INTERACTIVE DISCUSSION FOR AFTER THE SERVICE

1. What sorts of things have people been missing the most over these couple of weeks of "shelter-in-place" and being stuck at home? Please be specific and list the ones that *you've* missed the most. How many of these things were truly needs, and how many of them were simply luxuries that we've enjoyed in the past? Again, please be specific.

This is a season of Lent, when many people choose to give up things (chocolate, coffee, Netflix, etc.) for a few weeks to try to empathize with the suffering that Christ went through in His crucifixion and death. How is this unchosen and indefinite time of "going without" perhaps a *better* opportunity for us to learn an appreciation for His suffering? How is it an even *better* opportunity for us to learn an appreciation for our *blessings*? How can we actively use this time itself to sharpen and focus our worship?
2. Jesus was on His way to Jerusalem to be glorified as a King and later crucified as a rebel. Why do *you* think that He stopped on His way to spend time with a man like Zacchaeus? How might that have helped clarify and focus His perspective on what was coming up for Himself over the next week? Again, please be specific. What would help *you* clarify and focus *your* perspective on what is coming up for *you* over the next week? No, you don't know all of the details of what will happen over the next seven days, but God does -- and you already know what you *need* to do and to be versus what you'd *like* to do and to be. So what should *your* perspective be like this week? Again, please be specific.
3. Do you know any Zacchaeuses in your own life (i.e.; people whom you think are lost causes -- or perhaps even people that you'd prefer *not* to sit next to in church)? What can you do to change your perspective about them to the perspective that you *need* to have?
4. God prepared Zacchaeus, and the owners of the donkey, and even the donkey itself. He's not playing "catch-up" to this world and its strange left turns -- He's planning and putting things in place already for those moments. So how has God prepared *you* for this time? How has He prepared your situation for *this moment* in history? Again, please be specific.
5. Take a moment and pray with one another, praying for one another specifically to be able to do and to be what God needs you to do and to be, and to let the rest shrink in priority.