

NATIONAL PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

11 A.M. WORSHIP, MARCH 15, 2020

WE ENTER GOD'S PRESENCE

PRELUDE

"My Jesus Calls to Me" Op. 122, No. 1

Johannes Brahms
Todd Fickley, organ

CHIMES

WELCOME AND CALL TO WORSHIP

Dr. David Renwick

Psalm 46: 1-7 *in unison*

- 1 God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
- 2 Therefore we will not fear, though the earth should change,
though the mountains shake in the heart of the sea;
3 though its waters roar and foam,
though the mountains tremble with its tumult.
- 4 There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God,
the holy habitation of the Most High.
- 5 God is in the midst of the city; it shall not be moved;
God will help it when the morning dawns.
- 6 The nations are in an uproar, the kingdoms totter; he utters his voice, the earth melts.
- 7 The Lord of hosts is with us; the God of Jacob is our refuge

HYMN

O Worship the King, All Glorious Above

Lions

1. O worship the King, all glorious above
O gratefully sing God's power and God's love
Our Shield and Defender, the Ancient of Days
Pavilioned in splendor, and girded with praise
2. O tell of God's might, O sing of God's grace
Whose robe is the light and canopy space;
The chariots of wrath the deep thunderclouds form
And bright is God's path on the wings of the storm.
5. Frail children of dust and feeble as frail
In thee do we trust, nor find thee to fail
Thy mercies how tender how firm to the end
Our Maker, Defender, Redeemer and Friend.

PRAYER OF ADORATION AND CONFESSION OF SIN

Dr. Joyce Emery

Almighty God, recognizing your great majesty, we humbly come to worship you.
We come into your house depending only on the multitude of your mercies,
for you alone dwell in the beauty of perfect holiness.

Hear our prayer as we call to you, and hold up our hands towards your mercy-seat.

Let your eyes be open and your ears attentive to the confessions which your servants lift to you;
for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord.

from Lancelot Andrewes, 1553-1626, Anglican Bishop, translator of the King James Bible

SILENT CONFESSION AND KYRIE

Lord, have mercy upon us. Christ, have mercy upon us. Lord, have mercy upon us.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Believe the good news of the Gospel. **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven. Thanks be to God.**

LENTEN RESPONSE

The steadfast love of the Lord never ceases — God’s mercies never come to an end;

They are new every morning, new every morning.

Great is your faithfulness, O Lord, great is your faithfulness.

WE HEAR GOD’S WORD

SCRIPTURE

Dr. Emery

Luke 21:37-22:6

1. Jesus Teaches Every Day as Normal

37 Every day Jesus was teaching in the temple, and at night he would go out and spend the night on the Mount of Olives, as it was called.

38 And all the people would get up early in the morning to listen to him in the temple.

2. Judas Succumbs to Evil which is Real

22:1 Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. 2The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people.

3Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; 4he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. 5They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. 6So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

The Word of the Lord. Thanks be to God.

A TIME FOR CHILDREN OF ALL AGES

Rev. Donna Marsh

“One Great Hour: Fish Boxes”

SERMON

Following Jesus: A Time of High Anxiety

Dr. Renwick

Luke 22:39-46

3. Jesus Himself Became Anxious.

4. Jesus responds to Anxiety by Praying, and Calls his Followers to Pray

39 Jesus came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. 40When he reached the place, he said to them, “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.” 41Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, 42“Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.” 43Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. 44In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. 45When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, 46and he said to them, “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Romans 8: 28, 38-39

28 All things work together for good for those who love God, who are called according to his purpose. . . 38 Neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God . .

Philippians 4:6-7

Do not worry about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God. And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

2. Have we trials or temptations? Is there trouble anywhere?
There's no need to be discouraged; take it to the Lord in prayer.
Can we find a friend so faithful, who will all our sorrows share?
Jesus knows our every weakness: Take it to the Lord in prayer.

3. Are we weak and heavy laden, burdened with a load of care?
Precious Savior, still our refuge, take it to the Lord in prayer.
He will never e'er forsake you, take it to the Lord in prayer!
In his arms he'll take and shield you; you will find true solace there.

J. M. Scriven (alt)

BENEDICTION AND PASSING OF THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Dr. Renwick

POSTLUDE

“My Faithful Heart Rejoices” Op. 122, No. 4

Johannes Brahms

TWO KEY WEB-SITES

www.nih.gov

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