



CHRIST
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April 10, 2022
6th Sunday of Lent

REFLECTION

Descent to the Cross: The Humble King Comes

And the crowds that went before Jesus and
that followed him were shouting,

“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?"

– Matthew 21:9-10

SIXTH SUNDAY OF LENT

Advent + Christmas + Epiphany + Lent + Easter + Pentecost

Gathering Hymn The King of Glory Comes

— God + calls + cleanses + speaks + strengthens + sends —

Call to Worship Zechariah 9:9-10

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

behold, your king is coming to you;

righteous and having salvation is he,

humble and mounted on a donkey,

on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

I will cut off the chariot from Ephraim

and the war horse from Jerusalem;

and the battle bow shall be cut off,

and he shall speak peace to the nations;

his rule shall be from sea to sea,

and from the River to the ends of the earth.

(Ref.) The King of glo - ry comes, the na - tion re - joic - es.

O - pen the gates be - fore him, lift up your voic - es.

1. Who is the King of glo - ry? What shall we call him?
 2. In all of Gal - i - lee, in cit - y or vil - lage,
 3. He gave his life for us, the pledge of sal - va - tion.
 4. He con - quered sin and death; he tru - ly has ris - en.

He is Im - man - u - el, the prom - ised of a - ges.
 he goes a - mong his peo - ple, cur - ing their ill - ness.
 He took up - on him - self the sin of the na - tions.
 And he will share with us his heav - en - ly king - dom.

Invocation

Praise Hymn O Great God

O great God of highest heaven
Occupy my lowly heart
Own it all and reign supreme
Conquer every rebel power
Let no vice or sin remain
That resists Your holy war
You have loved and purchased me
Make me Yours forever more

I was blinded by my sin
Had no ears to hear Your voice
Did not know Your love within
Had no taste for heaven's joys
Then Your Spirit gave me life
Opened up Your word to me
Through the gospel of Your Son
Gave me endless hope and peace

Help me now to live a life
That's dependent on Your grace
Keep my heart and guard my soul
From the evils that I face
You are worthy to be praised
With my every thought and deed
O great God of highest heaven
Glorify Your Name through me

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New Testament Lesson Matthew 21:1-17

This is the Word of the Lord! **Thanks be to God!**

Confession of Sin

O Spirit, I have grieved you.

**I have not had the courage to live by faith,
To trust that Christ has become my righteousness.**

I have tried to be my own righteousness;

And for fear of sinning, I have been afraid to live.

I am anxiety ridden about my weakness.

I am bent on avoiding sin – not out of love for Christ,
but because I do not like to be wrong.

**And afraid of hoping for too little of your power,
I have demanded too much for this life.**

I am easily intimidated by the spiritual victories of others,
**too often running from teacher to teacher
searching for secrets of spiritual success.**

I have not set my sights on the life to come.

I live too much with the present struggles and temptations
and not in the joy of the Lord,

Who has paid all that I owe You.

I do not live enough for the Day,

when what is mortal in me shall be swallowed up by Life.

Oh spirit of Christ, have mercy on me. Amen.

Individual Confession

Absolution

Ezekiel 36:25-27

I will sprinkle clean water on you, and you shall be clean from all your uncleannesses, and from all your idols I will cleanse you. And I will give you a new heart, and a new spirit I will put within you. And I will remove the heart of stone from your flesh and give you a heart of flesh. And I will put my Spirit within you, and cause you to walk in my statutes and be careful to obey my rules.

Thanksgiving Hymn

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty

Old Testament Lesson

Isaiah 50:4-9a

Peace of Christ

The peace of the Lord be with you!
And also with you!

1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hark! all the
 2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly
 3. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! The wing - ed
 4. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Your last and
 5. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly

tribes ho - san - na cry; O Sav - ior meek, pur -
 pomp ride on to die; O Christ, your tri - umphs
 • squad - rons of the sky look down with sad and
 fierce - est strife is nigh; the Fa - ther on his
 pomp ride on to die; bow your meek head to

sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.
 now be - gin o'er cap - tive death and con - quered sin.
 • won - d'ring eyes to see th'ap - proach - ing sac - ri - fice.
 sap - phire throne ex - pects his own a - noint - ed Son.
 mor - tal pain, then take, O God, your pow'r and reign.

Doxology

Praise God from whom all blessings flow! Praise Him, all creatures here below!
 Praise Him above, you heavenly host! Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost! Amen!

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Sermon Text Mark 2:1-17

Sermon Mark: The King and the Cross | Pastor Curran Bishop

Response Hymn King of Kings

In the darkness we were waiting, Without hope without light
Till from Heaven You came running, There was mercy in Your eyes
To fulfil the law and prophets, To a virgin came the Word
From a throne of endless glory, To a cradle in the dirt

Chorus

Praise the Father, Praise the Son, Praise the Spirit three in one
God of Glory, Majesty, Praise forever to the King of Kings

To reveal the kingdom coming, And to reconcile the lost
To redeem the whole creation, You did not despise the cross
For even in Your suffering, You saw to the other side
Knowing this was our salvation, Jesus for our sake You died

Chorus

And the morning that You rose, All of heaven held its breath
Till that stone was moved for good, For the Lamb had conquered death
And the dead rose from their tombs, And the angels stood in awe
For the souls of all who'd come, To the Father are restored

Chorus

And the Church of Christ was born, Then the Spirit lit the flame
Now this Gospel truth of old, Shall not kneel shall not faint
By His blood and in His Name, In His freedom I am free
For the love of Jesus Christ, Who has resurrected me

Chorus

Bringing Our Life to God

Prayers | Collection | Profession

Prayers of the People

Collection

Text **MNA 1708** to **76959** and follow the prompts
or visit give.pcamna.org/to/1708/

Jesus Remember Me

Confession of Faith

Adapted from the Belgic Confession, 1561, Articles 20-22

Christians, what do you believe?

We believe that Jesus Christ has presented Himself in our behalf before the Father, to appease His wrath, by offering Himself on the tree of the cross, and pouring out His precious blood to purge away our sins. And therefore we always ascribe all the glory to God, humbling ourselves before Him, without presuming to trust in any merit of ours, relying and resting upon the obedience of Christ crucified alone, which becomes ours when we believe in Him. This is sufficient to cover all our iniquities, and to give us confidence in approaching to God; freeing our conscience of fear, terror, and dread. Wherefore we justly say with the apostle Paul that we know nothing save Jesus Christ, and Him crucified; we count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus our Lord, in whose wounds we find all manner of consolation.

Communion in Christ Jesus

All Christians are invited to receive Christ's presence of bread and wine. When directed please take your bulletin, stand and form a circle around the worship space. Whether you intend to take communion or not, please join us in the circle. If you are not able to stand, please move your chair into the circle. We serve wine in the outer rings of the tray in the Lord's Supper, believing it to be the Biblical element used. We provide grape juice in the inner rings for those who, out of conscience or for health, do not drink wine.

Communion Hymn

O to See the Dawn (Power of the Cross)

Oh to see the dawn of the darkest day,
Christ on the road to Calvary
Tried by sinful men torn and beaten then,
Nailed to a cross of wood

Chorus:

This the power of the cross,
Christ became sin for us
Took the blame bore the wrath,
We stand forgiven at the cross

Oh to see the pain written on Your face,
Bearing the awesome weight of sin
Every bitter thought every evil deed,
Crowning Your bloodstained brow

Chorus

Now the daylight flees now the ground beneath,
Quakes as its Maker bows His head
Curtain torn in two dead are raised to life,
Finished the victory cry

Chorus

Prayer for those searching

Oh God, I am discovering that the more I have, the more I need to have, the more I am loved, the more I need to be loved, the more I achieve, the more I need to achieve. Nothing seems to satisfy me. Could it be, as someone once said, that "Our hearts are restless until they find their rest in thee." Dear God, if this is true, and if as the Bible teaches there is life and life eternal in Christ alone, please guide me to Him. Open me to the reality of the One who alone can satisfy my restless heart. Give me the courage to believe that which I cannot see but can understand, feel and touch through the Word, sacraments and church family. Lord I want to believe, help my unbelief! Amen.

Coronation Hymn

O to See the Dawn (Power of the Cross)

Oh to see my name written in the wounds,
For through Your suffering I am free
Death is crushed to death life is mine to live,
Won through Your selfless love

Chorus 2:

This the power of the cross,
Son of God slain for us
What a love what a cost,
We stand forgiven at the cross

Benediction

I Peter 5:8-11

Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

HOLY WEEK/ EASTER SCHEDULE

Maundy Thursday Liturgical Meal | 4/14, 6pm, Bishop & Alburger houses

Good Friday Worship Service | 4/15, 12pm, Trinity Lutheran Church, Milford

Easter Sunday | 4/17:

- * **Sunrise Worship Service** | 6:30am, Wildermere Beach Church
- * **Congregational Breakfast** | 8:30am, Milford Arts Council
- * **Easter Egg Hunt** | 9am, Milford Arts Council
- * **Square Dancing** | 9:30am, Milford Arts Council
- * **Worship Service** | 10:30am, Milford Arts Council

REFLECTION

The Donkey

When fishes flew and forests walked
And figs grew upon thorn,
Some moment when the moon was blood
Then surely I was born.

With monstrous head and sickening cry
And ears like errant wings,
The devil's walking parody
On all four-footed things.

The tattered outlaw of the earth,
Of ancient crooked will;
Starve, scourge, deride me: I am dumb,
I keep my secret still.

Fools! For I also had my hour;
One far fierce hour and sweet:
There was a shout about my ears,
And palms before my feet.

— G.K. Chesterton (1874-1936)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Community Group | Meeting tonight at 5:30 at the Alburgers' house for a community meal. Signup to bring a dish, drink or side on the link in the weekly email.

Men's Breakfast | Wednesdays at 7am, Pop's Restaurant (134 Old Gate Ln.). A space for community, important questions, and understanding. Feel free to invite friends, coworkers and neighbors.

Thursday Night Prayer Meeting | 7-7:50pm. Please join us as we follow a short prayer and scripture liturgy and pray for each other. [Zoom link](#) | Meeting ID: 899 5618 6470 | Passcode: 355978

Sunday Worship | We'll meet at the MAC (40 Railroad Ave) through Easter (April 17). On April 24, we'll begin meeting at Harborside Middle School (1 Darina Place).

Holy Week / Easter Schedule | see page 10 above.

Men's & Women's Bible Studies | Women meet next on Saturday 4/23, men on 5/14, from 9-10:30am. Email questions for either study to info@cpcmilford.org.

Men's & Women's Monthly Fellowship | Generally 3rd Fridays, rotating months: the men will meet May 27th. Additional details TBD. RSVP to info@cpcmilford.org.

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