Praying the Psalms with Jesus

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FOR

ORDER OF WORSHIP March 10, AD 2024 11 am



GATHERING TO PRAISE

Assisting Pastor: Darin Travis

#### Prelude

Borislava Iltcheva, violin Aaron Farrell, violin Grant Bedillion, viola Dragos Filip, cello

#### \*Welcome and Call to Worship

The Lord Jesus had zeal for his Father's house. He quoted, "My temple shall be a house of prayer for all nations."

Jesus grew angry at the clutter of commerce in the holy place. **He overturned the tables and drove out the merchants.** 

For this interruption, the authorities burned with rage. **But Jesus knew that he bore scorn for upholding his Father's honor.** 

Shall we stand with Jesus, even as so many rejected him? Yes! We praise Jesus today as the way, the truth and the life.

#### \*Hymn of Praise

No. 268 "God, Our Father, We Adore Thee"

BEECHER

\*Blessing God

#### \*Scriptural Call to Confession

#### \*Prayer of Confession

We have been passionate about many things, even consumed by some. We assertively defended ourselves at the smallest perceived offense when driving on the interstate or while waiting to be seated at a restaurant. But when we heard your blessed name dishonored, O God, we kept silent. It is hard for us to go against the grain and risk being perceived as a fanatic. It scares us. Fanatics are weird. Forgive us! Holy Spirit, fill us with the passion that drove our Lord Jesus to cleanse his Father's house of all but prayer and praise. Likewise, cleanse our hearts. We would be consumed with zeal for his glory. Amen.

#### \*Silent Confession

#### \*Assurance of Pardon

#### \*Response

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, And to the Holy Ghost: As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, World without end. Amen, amen.

#### \*Greeting and Announcements

Children ages three through kindergarten are invited to Children's Church.

#### Offertory

"And All the Earth Shall Own Him Lord" arranged by Fred Bock

And did those feet in ancient time walk upon Israel's mountains green? And did the Christ of heav'n come down? Was God in flesh both heard and seen? And did he die to prove his love? And did he rise more pow'rful still? And was his rule on earth started there upon Golgotha's tragic hill?

Bring me my bow of burning gold! Bring me my arrows of desire! Bring me my spear! O clouds unfold! Bring me my Chariot of Fire! I will not cease to spread his light: My faith a shield, his word my sword; 'Til Christ, my God, is crowned as king, and all the earth shall own him Lord!

Please place your prayer requests and offerings in the plate as it is passed.

#### \*Response Doxology

#### OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise him all creatures here below; Praise him above, ye heav'nly host; Praise Father, Son and Holy Ghost. Amen.

\*Prayer of Dedication

# PROCLAIMING THE WORD

#### \*Hymn of Preparation

No. 277 "The Church's One Foundation"

AURELIA

#### Time with God's Word

Prayer for Illumination

#### Psalms 69:6–13

Let not those who hope in you be put to shame through me, O Lord GOD of hosts;
let not those who seek you be brought to dishonor through me, O God of Israel.
For it is for your sake that I have borne reproach, that dishonor has covered my face.
I have become a stranger to my brothers, an alien to my mother's sons.
For zeal for your house has consumed me, and the reproaches of those who reproach you have fallen on me.
When I wept and humbled my soul with fasting, it became my reproach.
When I made sackcloth my clothing, I became a byword to them.
I am the talk of those who sit in the gate, and the drunkards make songs about me.
But as for me, my prayer is to you, O LORD. At an acceptable time, O God,
in the abundance of your steadfast love answer me in your saving faithfulness.

For whatever was written in former days was written for our instruction, That through endurance and the encouragement of the Scriptures we might have hope.

#### Sermon

Gerrit Dawson "Reproaches Fell on Me"

### RESPONDING TO THE WORD

#### **Time of Reflection**

#### \*Hymn of Response

No. 292 "God of Grace and God of Glory" (vs. 1, 2 & 4)

CWM RHONDDA

#### \*Affirmation of Faith

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth.

I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord. He was conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit, And born of the Virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, Was crucified, died, and was buried. He descended to the dead. On the third day he rose again. He ascended into heaven, And is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, The holy catholic Church, The communion of saints, The forgiveness of sins, The resurrection of the body, And the life everlasting. Amen.

#### Pastoral Prayer and 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.



### BENEDICTION

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\*Response

Blessed be the LORD I AM, who is Father, Son and Holy Spirit, amen!

Postlude

Scripture for Next Week: Psalm 41:5–9, 59; 55:12–14, 20–21 Sanctuary services are video recorded and livestreamed. All songs used by permission: CCLI license #207235. Cover Art: A New Light Shining by Youngsung Kim

Prayer Time: Join us at 10.10 am each Sunday for additional prayer in the Prayer Room (just to the left of the elevator in the Sanctuary building). One or more pastors/elders, along with others willing to intercede on your behalf, will welcome you.

*Chapel and Sanctuary Flowers: Today's flowers are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Bart Bennett by Ruth Anne, Claire, Adriane and Sarah.* 

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Welcome.** We are glad you're here. If you are visiting with us, please use the Visitor Card in the pew racks, our church app (FPCBR in the App Store) or online at *fpcbr.org/connect*.

**Prayer Requests.** We'd love to pray for you. Prayer requests may be sent to *prayer@fpcbr.org*, through the church app or by filling out a card in the pew rack.

**Palm Sunday Festival and Fish Fry in Two Weeks!** Join us for our Palm Sunday festival on March 24! We will process around North Boulevard at 10 am before our combined worship service in the Sanctuary. All are invited to a fish fry lunch after worship with fun activities for the children. Casual dress is



encouraged. Overflow parking will be available in the Old Governor's Mansion lot on North Blvd. Register by scanning the QR code or visit *fpcbr.org*. Cost is \$5 for children 12 years old and younger and \$15 for adults.

**Lenten Noon Services.** Each Wednesday of Lent we gather for a brief service at noon in Dunham Chapel. Invite a coworker to join you. We will not meet March 27.

**Holy Week Events.** Make your holy week plans and join us for three special services: Palm Sunday, March 24 at 10 am with a fish fry after worship (further details above), Maundy Thursday Service of Shadows on March 28 at 7 pm and Easter Sunday, March 31 at 6.30 am, 9 am or 11 am worship.

**Let's Fiesta! 20s and 30s Women's Social This Thursday.** Women's Ministry is hosting a social for women in their 20s and 30s on Thursday, March 14 at Claire McVea's house from 6 to 8 pm. Mexican-inspired appetizers provided. Bring a beverage of your choice. Please RSVP to Jaime Carnaggio (*jaime@fpcbr.org*). Hasta luego!

**Masquerade Ball This Friday.** Lagniappe Historic Dance and Pastime Society reenacts the social pastimes of the 18th and 19th centuries, including dance. All members of FPC are invited to join the Society for a Masquerade Ball in the Reception Room on Friday, March 15 at 6 pm. Contact Roxanne Struppeck for details (202.6044 or *roxannestruppeck@gmail.com*).

**Girls' Fellowship Retreat and Lunch, March 23.** All middle and high school girls are invited to join us on March 23 from 11 am to 3 pm at the Fabrés' to enjoy a floral-themed lunch and time of fellowship! This is a chance to make new friends, eat great food and wear pretty spring dresses or outfits. The cost to attend is \$10. Scholarships are available upon request (*jessica@ fpcbr.org*). Register quickly. Registration closes on March 18 at noon!

Attention Parents of Seniors. We are preparing for Senior Sunday. Be sure to contact Jessica (*jessica@fpcbr.org*) and send your senior's photos by April 19.

**Take a Selfie!** Update your photo in the church database. Log into your membership portal account and click the pencil in the upper right corner. Contact Laura Shaw (225.620.1222) if you need assistance.

**Volunteer for VBS!** Jerusalem Marketplace VBS is back again and we need your help. VBS dates are June 10–13. Visit *fpcbr.org* for volunteer and camper details.

**Need a Pastor After Hours?** Would you like to reach a pastor after hours? Please call the church office (387.0617) and press 5 to be connected to the pastor on call.

