

Worship Guide 4/5/20
“Reflecting In God’s Wilderness”
Palm/Passion Sunday A

Gathering

During this season of Lent, we have been thrust into the wilderness
whether or not we wanted to be.

We have been in the wilderness—

Grieving and wondering, praying and hoping.

We have been in the wilderness—

Longing and walking, creating and waiting.

We have been in the wilderness, but we have not been alone;
for God walks with us, every step of the way.

So we worship the God who is steadfast and true
in both our brightest of days and our darkest nights.

And we now walk with him as he descends into his own wilderness trials
for love’s sake- for our sake.

Song- “Hosanna to the King” written by Adam Scoville

Verse 1:

The time has come

A moment that’s never had its day

Come one come all

The pages of hist’ry being made

All the dreamers all the doubters

All who long for life worth living

You are here and the world will never be the same

Chorus:

So open the gates

As we sing the shout the name of Jesus

Let’s join the parade

Proclaiming the wondrous name of Jesus

Our King has come today

And worthy of all praise

So open the gates

And join the parade

As we all proclaim
Hosanna to the King

Verse 2:

Do you hear that voice
Calling out to the hopeless
See the sun shine down
And seasons start to change
We have heard of all the miracles
And healings on display
We are here to see how love can change our ways

Bridge

Clear the path, and make a way
Cause a thousand years cannot explain
The prophecies are finally here
They are right before our eyes.

Meditation: Luke 19:35-40 Triumphal Entry

Corporate Confession:

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross. We will remember the soothing.

And not forget the jarring.

We will remember the sweetness,

And not forget the sour.

We will remember the jagged desperateness of Judas,

And own it for it is our story too.

For we have spoken about you when it would have been better to stay silent; and we have kept silent when we should have said a word in your favor.

We have stayed with you when people needed healing, teaching or telling off.

We enjoyed what you did for them and for us; but there is a different tone in your voice now, as if more is being asked of you and you are asking more of us. We are not sure how long we can stay with you.

You are very patient with us, even when you are annoyed with us.

Knowing all, you still welcome us in your company as if we had just arrived.

We will stay with you and walk along your journey.

Meditation: Luke 22:39-46 Gethsemane

Song- "Softly and Tenderly"

Softly and tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling for you and for me
See on the portals He's waiting and watching
Watching for you and for me

Chorus

Come home come home
Ye who are weary come home
Earnestly tenderly Jesus is calling
Calling O sinner come home

Why should we tarry when Jesus is pleading
Pleading for you and for me
Why should we linger and heed not His mercies
Mercies for you and for me

O for the wonderful love He has promised
Promised for you and for me
Tho we have sinned He has mercy and pardon
Pardon for you and for me

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Meditation: Luke 22:54-62 Peter's Denial

Prayer of the People

Concerns:

- Mark Baker asks prayers for Jaymie McDivitt, his nephew's wife who is pregnant and due in April. We pray for a safe delivery particularly with the current virus situation.
- Jane Schultz asks prayers for her sister Mary Ann who is facing difficult decisions & her daughter, Katie who is battling breast cancer.
- Grace Engelbrecht asks prayers for a friend's father, Phil, who has lung cancer
- Sandy McCauley asks prayers for her friend Linda MacDonald and her family as she starts her journey to go home to God.

- For those who suffer. Look with compassion upon all who suffer in mind, body or spirit. Give hope to the hopeless, love to the lonely or forgotten, and joy to those who sorrow.
- Adam Scoville asks prayers for his Uncle Tom who had a heart attack on Saturday. He is waiting to have bypass surgery, hopefully Friday.

Joys:

- We rejoice with John and Becky Sosik as they anticipate the arrival of a new baby this coming November.

Lord's Prayer

Doxology

Meditation: John 19:17-30 The Crucifixion

Song- "When I Survey the Wonderful Cross"

When I survey the wondrous cross
On which the Prince of glory died
My richest gain I count but loss
And pour contempt on all my pride

Forbid it Lord that I should boast
Save in the death of Christ my God
All the vain things that charm me most
I sacrifice them to His blood

See from His head His hands His feet
Sorrow and love flow mingled down
Did ever such love and sorrow meet
Or thorns compose so rich a crown

Were the whole realm of nature mine
That were an offering far too small
Love so amazing so divine
Demands my soul my life my all

Hallelujah, Hallelujah, Hallelujah
We are free...

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