immanuel church
brentwood

Lord's Day worship: Palm Sunday 5 April 2020

Before we join together: two hymns to sing – to help us prepare

(1) "Who has held the oceans in his hands" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Gqrli3Lkf58
(2) "Crown him with many crowns" - https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=YuMh_ept-Js

At 10.45am: scripture, call to worship, and prayer for God's presence and blessing

This Palm Sunday we begin by hearing the Lord's Word in Matthew 21:5,9

We read together:
"You keep him in perfect peace whose mind is stayed on you, because he trusts in you.
Trust in the Lord forever, for the Lord God is an everlasting rock" *(Isaiah 26:4-5)*

We pray together:
To you, O Lord, we lift up our souls.
O our God, in you we trust; let us not be put to shame.
Make us to know your ways, O Lord; teach us your paths.
Lead us in your truth and teach us, for you are the God of our salvation;
for you we wait all the day long. Amen. *(Psalm 25:1-2, 4-5)*

Declaring our faith in Christ our King (from the Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 31 & 32)

Leader:
Why is he called *Christ*, that is, Anointed?

We declare together:
Because he has been ordained by God the Father,
and anointed with the Holy Spirit, to be
> our chief Prophet and Teacher, who has fully revealed to us
> the secret counsel and will of God concerning our redemption;

> our only High Priest, who by the one sacrifice of his body has redeemed us,
> and who continually intercedes for us before the Father;

> and our eternal King, who governs us by his Word and Spirit,
> and who defends and preserves us in the redemption obtained for us.

Leader:
Why are you called a *Christian*?

We declare together:
Because I am a member of Christ by faith
and thus share in his anointing, so that I may
> as prophet confess his name,

> as priest present myself as a living sacrifice of thankfulness to him,

> and as king fight with a free and good conscience
> > against sin and the devil in this life,
> > and hereafter reign with him eternally over all creatures.

God's Law, confessing our sins and seeking the assurance of forgiveness

We listen to a summary of God's Law in Exodus 20: the ten commandents

Together:
Remember your mercy, O LORD, and your steadfast love, for they have been from of old.
Remember not the sins of my youth or my transgressions;
   according to your steadfast love remember me,
   for the sake of your goodness, O LORD!
Turn to me and be gracious to me, for I am lonely and afflicted.
The troubles of my heart are enlarged; bring me out of my distresses.
Consider my affliction and my trouble, and forgive all my sins.
Amen *(Psalm 25:6-7, 17-18)*

Leader: prays in thanksgiving for Christ's death and resurrection, and asks for the Lord to help us know deeply the joy of forgiveness.

Notices

Congregational Bible reading – Psalm 6

O LORD, rebuke me not in your anger,
   nor discipline me in your wrath.
[2] Be gracious to me, O LORD, for I am languishing;
   heal me, O LORD, for my bones are troubled.
[3] My soul also is greatly troubled.
   But you, O LORD—how long?

[4] Turn, O LORD, deliver my life;
   save me for the sake of your steadfast love.
[5] For in death there is no remembrance of you;
   in Sheol who will give you praise?
[6] I am weary with my moaning;
   every night I flood my bed with tears;
I drench my couch with my weeping.

[7] My eye wastes away because of grief;
   it grows weak because of all my foes.
[8] Depart from me, all you workers of evil,
   for the LORD has heard the sound of my weeping.

[9] The LORD has heard my plea;
   the LORD accepts my prayer.
[10] All my enemies shall be ashamed
   and greatly troubled;
   they shall turn back
   and be put to shame in a moment.

Prayers of intercession

Today we pray for: (i) church family needs; (ii) the unity & growth of our church; (iii) gospel growth.

Biblereading and sermon – Matthew 19:16-30

A prayer for God's blessing

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing,
so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Amen" *(Romans 15:13)*

Singing in response to God's Word:

"Rock of Ages": https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LYjBWOz9kwM&list=RDrItIF01Lp3I&index=4