



CHRIST  
PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

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# Welcome to Worship

**PALM SUNDAY, APRIL 5, 2020**

**Gathering Song: According to Thy Gracious Word (page 7)**

**† Call to Worship (from Psalm 46)**

Pastor: God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble.

**People: Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way, and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea.**

Pastor: There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fail; God will help her at break of day.

**People: He says, "Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth."**

**Unison: The Lord Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress.**

**† Hymn: All Glory, Laud, and Honor (page 8)**

**† Invocation and the Lord's Prayer**

## First Scripture Readings

(Reader: Teresa Lisowski)

### Isaiah 50:4-9a Responsive

<sup>4</sup>The Sovereign LORD has given me a well-instructed tongue,  
to know the word that sustains the weary.

**He wakens me morning by morning,  
wakens my ear to listen like one being instructed.**

<sup>5</sup>The Sovereign LORD has opened my ears;  
I have not been rebellious,  
I have not turned away.

<sup>6</sup>**I offered my back to those who beat me,  
my cheeks to those who pulled out my beard;  
I did not hide my face  
from mocking and spitting.**

<sup>7</sup>Because the Sovereign LORD helps me,  
I will not be disgraced.  
Therefore have I set my face like flint,  
and I know I will not be put to shame.

<sup>8</sup>**He who vindicates me is near.  
Who then will bring charges against me?  
Let us face each other!  
Who is my accuser?  
Let him confront me!**

<sup>9</sup>It is the Sovereign LORD who helps me.  
Who will condemn me?

**Psalm 31:9-16 Responsive**

<sup>9</sup> Be merciful to me, LORD, for I am in distress;  
my eyes grow weak with sorrow,  
my soul and body with grief.

<sup>10</sup> **My life is consumed by anguish  
and my years by groaning;  
my strength fails because of my affliction  
and my bones grow weak.**

<sup>11</sup> Because of all my enemies,  
I am the utter contempt of my neighbors  
and an object of dread to my closest friends—  
those who see me on the street flee from me.

<sup>12</sup> **I am forgotten as though I were dead;  
I have become like broken pottery.**

<sup>13</sup> **For I hear many whispering,  
“Terror on every side!”  
They conspire against me  
and plot to take my life.**

<sup>14</sup> But I trust in you, LORD;  
I say, “You are my God.”

<sup>15</sup> My times are in your hands;  
deliver me from the hands of my enemies,  
from those who pursue me.

<sup>16</sup> **Let your face shine on your servant;  
save me in your unfailing love.**

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

**† Gloria Patri**

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.



## Matthew 6:19-34 Responsive

<sup>19</sup> “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moths and vermin destroy, and where thieves break in and steal.

<sup>20</sup> **But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moths and vermin do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal. <sup>21</sup> For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also.**

<sup>22</sup> “The eye is the lamp of the body. If your eyes are healthy, your whole body will be full of light. <sup>23</sup> But if your eyes are unhealthy, your whole body will be full of darkness. If then the light within you is darkness, how great is that darkness!

<sup>25</sup> **“Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes?**

<sup>26</sup> Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they? <sup>27</sup> Can any one of you by worrying add a single hour to your life?

<sup>28</sup> **“And why do you worry about clothes? See how the flowers of the field grow. They do not labor or spin. <sup>29</sup> Yet I tell you that not even Solomon in all his splendor was dressed like one of these. <sup>30</sup> If that is how God clothes the grass of the field, which is here today and tomorrow is thrown into the fire, will he not much more clothe you—you of little faith?**

<sup>31</sup> So do not worry, saying, ‘What shall we eat?’ or ‘What shall we drink?’ or ‘What shall we wear?’ <sup>32</sup> For the pagans run after all these things, and your heavenly Father knows that you need them.

<sup>33</sup> **But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well. <sup>34</sup> Therefore do not worry about tomorrow, for tomorrow will worry about itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own.**

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**Thanks be to God!**

**Sermon: Compelling Arguments for Trusting in God’s Goodness**

Part 3

Dr. James N. McGuire

**Pastoral Prayer**

**Our Lord Jesus gave us a great physical reminder of the once for all sacrifice of Himself to satisfy divine justice: that reminder is the Lord's Supper. By the marvel of technology, while we are not under the same roof, we are together, sharing the Word of God written, prayer, and now the Lord's Supper. I will set apart these elements by prayer and the words of the Institution as given in Scripture.**

**I encourage you to take whatever elements you have at home, some bread, some juice, and serve one another. If you are alone at home, you are present with the rest of us now. Take the elements simultaneously as I offer them. If you are not alone, offer the bread to whoever is with you, saying "The body of Christ." Then offer the juice to each other and say "The blood of Christ shed for remission of sins."**

**Let us pray: Lord Jesus, you do not dwell in a house made with the hands of man, and no church can contain your Spirit. Visit us now as we gather as you told us, and make this bread and wine to be for each of us the undeniable proof that you love sinners, and there is no condemnation to those who love you. Amen.**

**Hear now the gracious invitation of the Lord Jesus through his Apostle:**

**On the night in which he was betrayed, our Savior took bread and having given thanks, as I now do in his Name, he gave it to his disciples saying, "This is my body which is broken for you; take, eat, this do in remembrance of me." After the same manner also after supper He took the cup and said, "This is the blood of the covenant, which is shed for many unto the remission of sins. Drink, all of you, of it. For as often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, you show the Lord's death until he comes."**

**Let us pray: How can we say thank you, Lord Jesus, that you have removed our sins as far as the east is from the west, and given us eternal life? Come quickly, Lord Jesus, and fill us with the great gifts of faith, hope, and love. Amen**

**† Hymn: Hallelujah, What a Savior**

**† Responsive Litany (Romans 8:31-34)**

Pastor: What then, shall we say in response to these things? If God is for us, who can be against us?

**People: He who did not spare his own Son, but gave him up for us all,--how will he not also, along with him, graciously give us all things?**

Pastor: Who will bring any charge against those whom God has chosen? It is God who justifies.

**Unison: Christ Jesus who died—more than that, who was raised to life—is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us.**

**†Benediction**

**† Welcome, Announcements and Prayers**

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**Music Director: Dr. Eric Roth**

# According to Thy Gracious Word

*This do in remembrance of me/Lk 22:19*

James Montgomery (1771-1854)

Henry Greatorex (1811-1858)  
Manoah 8 6 8 6

G C Am G D

1. Ac - cord - ing to Thy gra - cious word, In meek hu - mi - li - ty,  
2. Thy bo - dy, bro - ken for my sake, My bread from heav'n shall be;  
3. When to the cross I turn mine eyes, And rest on Cal - va - ry,  
4. Re - mem - ber Thee, and all Thy pains, And all Thy love to me:  
5. And when these fail - ing lips grow dumb, And mind and me - m'ry flee,

G C Am G D7 G C G

This will I do, my dy - ing Lord, I will re - mem - ber Thee.  
Thy tes - ta - men - tal cup I take, And thus re - mem - ber Thee.  
O Lamb of God, my Sac - ri - fice, I must re - mem - ber Thee;  
Yea, while a breath, a pulse re - mains Will I re - mem - ber Thee.  
When Thou shalt in Thy King - dom come, Je - sus, re - mem - ber me. A - men.



# All Glory, Laud and Honor

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord! Blessed is the King of Israel! John 12:13

> 1. All glo - ry, laud, and hon - or To Thee, Re - deem - er, King,  
 > 2. The com - pa - ny of an - gels Are prais - ing Thee on high,  
 > 3. To Thee, be - fore Thy pas - sion, They sang their hymns of praise

To whom the lips of chil - dren Made sweet ho - san - nas ring,  
 And mor - tal men and all things Cre - a - ted make re - ply.  
 To Thee, now high ex - alt - ed, Our mel - o - dy we raise.

Thou art the King of Is - ra - el, Thou Da - vid's roy - al Son,  
 The peo - ple of the He - brews With palms be - fore Thee went,  
 Thou didst ac - cept their prais - es; Ac - cept the praise we bring,

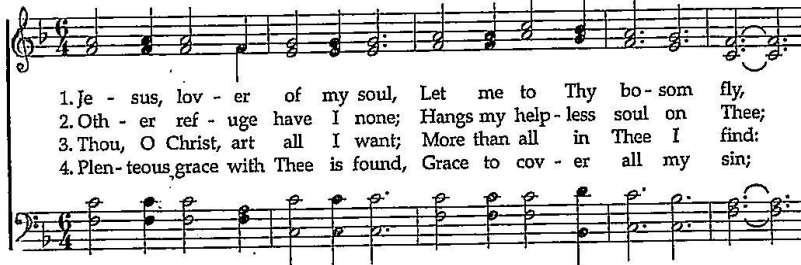
Who in the Lord's name com - est, The King and Bless - ed One.  
 Our praise and prayer and an - thems Be - fore Thee we pre - sent.  
 Who in all good de - light - est, Thou good and gra - cious King.

TEXT: Theodulph of Orleans; translated by John M. Neale  
 MUSIC: Melchior Teschner

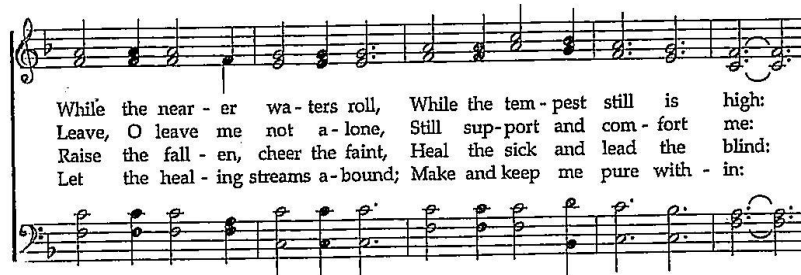
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# Jesus, Lover of My Soul

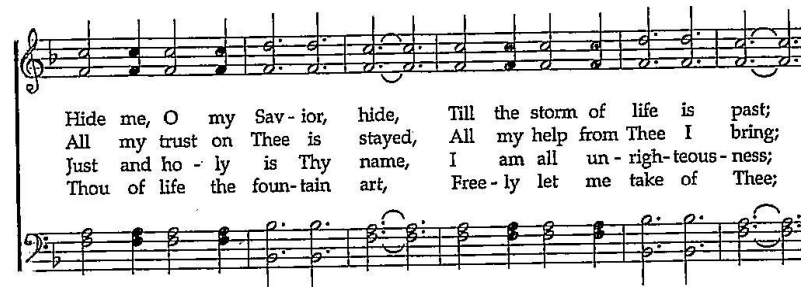
*As the Father has loved Me, so have I loved you. John 15:9*



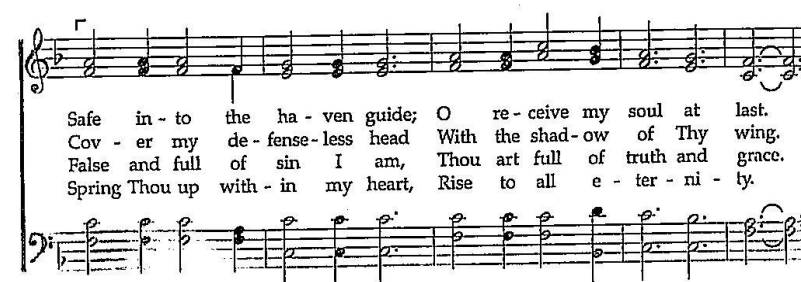
1. Je - sus, lov - er of my soul, Let me to Thy bo - som fly,  
2. Oth - er ref - uge have I none; Hangs my help - less soul on Thee;  
3. Thou, O Christ, art all I want; More than all in Thee I find:  
4. Plen - teous grace with Thee is found, Grace to cov - er all my sin;



While the near - er wa - ters roll, While the tem - pest still is high:  
Leave, O leave me not a - lone, Still sup - port and com - fort me:  
Raise the fall - en, cheer the faint, Heal the sick and lead the blind:  
Let the heal - ing streams a - bound; Make and keep me pure with - in:



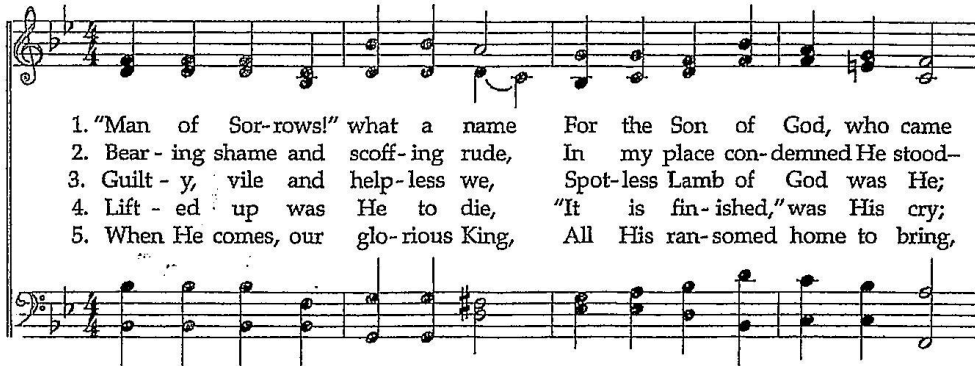
Hide me, O my Sav - ior, hide, Till the storm of life is past;  
All my trust on Thee is stayed, All my help from Thee I bring;  
Just and ho - ly is Thy name, I am all un - righ - teous - ness;  
Thou of life the foun - tain art, Free - ly let me take of Thee;



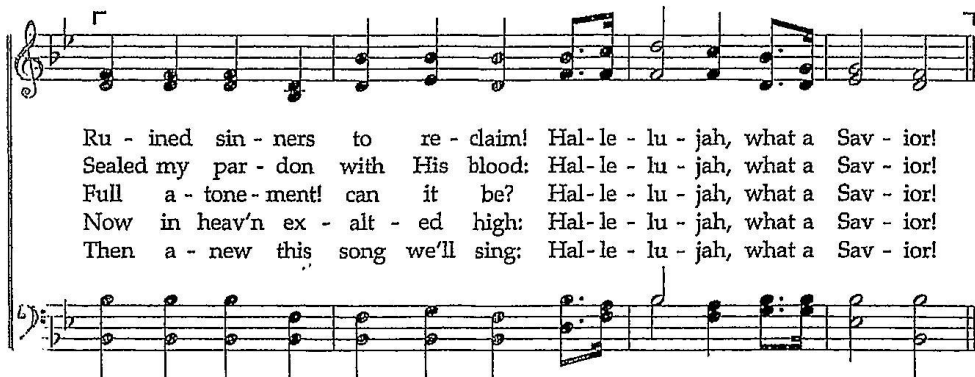
Safe in - to the ha - ven guide; O re - ceive my soul at last.  
Cov - er my de - fense - less head With the shad - ow of Thy wing.  
False and full of sin I am, Thou art full of truth and grace.  
Spring Thou up with - in my heart, Rise to all e - ter - ni - ty.

# Hallelujah, What a Savior!

*We know that this Man really is the Savior of the world. John 4:42*



1. "Man of Sor-rows!" what a name For the Son of God, who came  
 2. Bear - ing shame and scoff - ing rude, In my place con - demned He stood -  
 3. Guilt - y, vile and help - less we, Spot - less Lamb of God was He;  
 4. Lift - ed up was He to die, "It is fin - ished," was His cry;  
 5. When He comes, our glo - rious King, All His ran - somed home to bring,



Ru - ined sin - ners to re - claim! Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
 Sealed my par - don with His blood: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
 Full a - tone - ment! can it be? Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
 Now in heav'n ex - alt - ed high: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!  
 Then a - new this song we'll sing: Hal - le - lu - jah, what a Sav - ior!

TEXT: Philip P. Bliss  
 MUSIC: Philip P. Bliss

MAN OF SORROWS  
 7.7.7.8.

## Announcements

**Our pictorial church directories** have arrived! However, the distribution is greatly affected by the coronavirus situation. We will plan to give them out when we are back to worship together in our sanctuary.

**A Big Thank You** to the men who completed the remodel of the women's bathroom to comply with ADA standards: Craig MacFarlane, Tom Metzner, and Ralph Klein. Great job!! The men's room has also been refurbished.

**The bills keep coming.** Please remember to mail your tithes and offerings to keep us on budget. Please enclose your offering envelope in another envelope. You may send it to the church or to Pastor McGuire's home at 48028 Andover Dr., Novi, MI 48374. (Your checks may not be deposited every week, but if you have a question, feel free to call Bev Thompson about it.)

**Looking ahead.** Our church has had the opportunity to support the work of Central Detroit Christian, a community development ministry headed by Lisa Johanan. Lisa has invited us to enjoy breakfast and a tour of their facilities which serve that neighborhood on Saturday, May 2, at 10 am. Deadline to register is April 27.

With the current crisis, this may or may not happen, but begin to think about it. It is a wonderful chance to see how God has provided for this ministry, and to help guide your prayers for them. If it becomes feasible we will do sign-ups and car-pooling.

### **Mark your calendars:**

Our Annual Church Picnic is scheduled for June 7 following our worship service.

VBS is still being planned for the evenings of June 14, 15, and 16, 2020.

**To our visitors: We hope our worship enables you to draw near to God through Christ Jesus, and that you feel welcome here among us. Please sign the register of friendship as it is passed and allow us to greet you. We invite you to join us for refreshments after the service, turning left as you leave the sanctuary and through the double doors.**

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Adult Sunday School at 9:30 a.m. to 10:15 a.m.  
Worship Service and Children's Sunday School at 10:30 a.m

**In Need of Prayer**

Cindy Bemis, Engebretson's daughter  
Renate Hartig  
George Donoian and family  
Carolyn Krueger's son, Chuck  
Yvonne Ray  
Pat Grad's grandson, Luke age 12  
Gail Nastwold  
Jen Freese, her family and Maya  
Jen's 100 y/o friend, Adele  
Brett Johnson, Nancy's son  
Lyndsay, daughter of the Sharpes  
Don Rende's brother, Bob  
David, friend of Cindy Taaffee  
Bruce, friend of the Clay family  
Jim, Gary, Marion, friends of Szczepanek's  
Linda Szczepanek  
Cody, grandson of Carolyn Krueger  
Cheri Boone's sister's family  
Bruce Hartley, employment  
Alberta Weaver, at home  
Colleen, friend of Kelly Rende  
Diana, Metzners' daughter  
Tom & Carol Metzner

**In Need of Prayer**

Brenda Cook, sister Lois, & daughter Tiffany  
Priscilla, sister of Pat Grad  
Avery, niece of Teresa Lisowki  
Carol, Bev Thompson's cousin  
Judy Hutson  
Julia Rende  
Tracy, friend of Bunny Rector  
Andrew, friend of Bodnars, Guillain-Barré syndrome  
Randy, friend of Bodnars  
Tim, cancer, nephew of Janet Young  
DeLandra Dixon, cousin of Sean Murphy  
Judy All, relative of the Chernenkoffs  
Brenda Cook, sister Lois, & daughter Tiffany  
Lauren, niece of Ron Lisowski  
Kelly Rende's friend Rich, family care burden  
Jack, cousin of Patty Bodnar, pancreatic cancer  
Employment for Gabriel and Tammy  
Unbelieving children in our families  
Elaine Clay's cousin, Alexis  
Angie O'Dell, Ray Johnson, Karen Isles, and other  
healthcare and hospital providers

**The Klein Family in death of his mother, 3/28/20  
Sean & Krystal Murphy in the death of his cousin**

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**Audio Sermons** can be heard on the church website:  
<http://christ-presbyterianchurch.org>

**Monthly need: \$17,083.00**  
**Last week's offering: \$8,8612.00**  
**Giving so far in March: \$21,163 with \$650 given**  
**toward the mortgage due in Oct.**  
**Thank you for your generosity.**

**Our Military:** Justin, recently deployed to Qatar;  
Metzners' grandson; Bryan, relative of Teresa  
Lisowski, deployed to Iraq. *Pray for God's protection*  
*of girls/women and intervention to stop the human*  
*sex trafficking in our state.*

**Pray for healthcare workers and first responders**  
**who constantly risk their lives to care for the sick.**

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**Heidelberg Catechism: Q 92.** What does the Lord say in his law? **A.** God spoke all these words:  
The First Commandment: I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt,  
out of the house of bondage. **You shall have no other gods before me.**