

**Worship for the Fifth Sunday in Lent
March 29, 2020
Crosscreek Baptist Church**

Gathering

Prelude

Welcome and Opportunities to Connect

A Blessing of Peace

Centering

Chiming of the Hour

Call to Worship Litany

There is no God like our God!

Praise God's name forever!

Come, listen to what God has in store.

Praise God's name forever!

Sing with joy, like a mother with a newborn baby.

Praise God's name forever!

Pray without pausing, like a father waiting for news of a loved one.

Praise God's name forever!

Bless God from sunup to sundown.

Praise God's name forever!

Bless the name of the Lord forever!

Praise God's name forever!

The Lord's Prayer

....Our Father in heaven, hallowed be Your name. Your kingdom come, Your will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread. And forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. Lead us not into temptation but deliver us from evil. For Yours is the kingdom, the power, and the glory, forever.

Amen.

Hearing

Hymn of Praise - No. 2 “Come, Thou Almighty King”

*Come, Thou Almighty King,
Help us Thy name to sing,
Help us to praise.
Father, all glorious,
O'er all victorious,
Come, and reign over us,
Ancient of Days*

*Come, holy Comforter,
Thy sacred witness bear
In this glad hour:
Thou who Almighty art,
Now rule in every heart,
And ne'er from us depart,
Spirit of power*

A Reading from the Psalms Psalm 102:12-17

*But you, O Lord, are enthroned forever;
your name endures to all generations.
You will rise up and have compassion on Zion,
for it is time to favor it;
the appointed time has come.
For your servants hold its stones dear,
and have pity on its dust.
The nations will fear the name of the Lord,
and all the kings of the earth your glory.
For the Lord will build up Zion;
he will appear in his glory.
He will regard the prayer of the destitute,
and will not despise their prayer.*

A Moment for Children

A Time of Reflection

My starting point is that we're already there. We cannot attain the presence of God because we're already totally in the presence of God. What's absent is awareness. Little do we realize that God is maintaining us in existence with every breath we take. As we take another it means that God is choosing us now and now and now. We have nothing to attain or even earn. - Richard Rohr

Worship in Song "Via Dolorosa"

A Reading from the Gospels Mark 13:1-8, 24-37

As he came out of the temple, one of his disciples said to him, "Look, Teacher, what large stones and what large buildings!" Then Jesus asked him, "Do you see these great buildings? Not one stone will be left here upon another; all will be thrown down."

When he was sitting on the Mount of Olives opposite the temple, Peter, James, John, and Andrew asked him privately, "Tell us, when will this be, and what will be the sign that all these things are about to be accomplished?" Then Jesus began to say to them, "Beware that no one leads you astray. Many will come in my name and say, 'I am he!' and they will lead many astray. When you hear of wars and rumors of wars, do not be alarmed; this must take place, but the end is still to come. For nation will rise against nation, and kingdom against kingdom; there will be earthquakes in various places; there will be famines. This is but the beginning of the birth pangs.

*"But in those days, after that suffering,
the sun will be darkened,
and the moon will not give its light,
and the stars will be falling from heaven,
and the powers in the heavens will be shaken.*

Then they will see 'the Son of Man coming in clouds' with great power and glory. Then he will send out the angels, and gather his elect from the four winds, from the ends of the earth to the ends of heaven.

"From the fig tree learn its lesson: as soon as its branch becomes tender and puts forth its leaves, you know that summer is near. So also, when you see these things taking place, you know that he is near, at the very gates. Truly I tell you, this generation will not pass away until all these things have taken place. Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away.

“But about that day or hour no one knows, neither the angels in heaven, nor the Son, but only the Father. Beware, keep alert; for you do not know when the time will come. It is like a man going on a journey, when he leaves home and puts his slaves in charge, each with his work, and commands the doorkeeper to be on the watch. Therefore, keep awake—for you do not know when the master of the house will come, in the evening, or at midnight, or at cockcrow, or at dawn, or else he may find you asleep when he comes suddenly. And what I say to you I say to all: Keep awake.”

Hymn of Discipleship - No. 601
“O How I Love Jesus”

*There is a name I love to hear,
I love to sing its worth;
it sounds like music in my ear,
the sweetest name on earth.*

*Chorus:
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
O how I love Jesus,
because he first loved me!*

*It tells me of a Savior's love,
who died to set me free;
it tells me of his precious blood,
the sinner's perfect plea. (Chorus)*

*It tells of one whose loving heart
can feel my deepest woe;
who in each sorrow bears a part
that none can bear below. (Chorus)*

Sermon
“Unburdened: Keeping Awake”

Responding

Silence and Meditation

Spirituality means waking up. Most people, even though they don't know it, are asleep. They're born asleep, they live asleep, they marry in their sleep, they breed children in their sleep, they die in their sleep without ever waking up. They never understand the loveliness and the beauty of this thing we call human existence. - Anthony De Mello

Hymn of Commitment - No. 399 "O Lord, Hear My Prayer"

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.*

*The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
All my hope comes from God.
The Lord is my song,
The Lord is my praise:
God, the well-spring of life.*

*O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
when I call answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer,
O Lord, hear my prayer;
come and listen to me.*

Enacting

Benediction and Blessing

Hymn of Parting "An Old Irish Blessing"

May the road rise to meet you, May the wind blow at your back,
May the sun shine warmly on your face, May the rain fall softly on your field; And until
we meet again, until we meet again,
May God hold you in the palm of his hand. Amen.