

Welcome to
Crestholme Presbyterian Church

Palm/Passion Sunday
April 05, 2020

“Intentional Authentic Evangelism”
The 2nd Mark
Of a Vital Congregation



PRELUDE

“Lamb of God”

#11

<http://www.crestholmepec.org/wp-content/uploads/2020/03/11-Lamb-of-God-What-Wondrous-Love.mp3> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink) This prelude is from OUR CHOIR’s 2013 cd called, “Our Father’s World.” Those are our choir’s voices, your voices!

WELCOME BEAUTIFUL SAINTS OF GOD!

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP “Psalm 105”

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XF5MXX6iOWw> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

CALL TO WORSHIP: Read out loud by yourself or with a loved one
(MATT. 28, NIV)

YOU: Do not be afraid. Go and tell my brothers to go to Galilee; there they will see me.

LOVED ONE: Then the eleven disciples went to Galilee, to the mountain where Jesus had told them to go.

YOU: When they saw him, they worshiped him; but some doubted. Then Jesus came to them and said, “All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me.

LOVED ONE: Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you.

ALL: And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age."

OPENING PRAYER: Read out loud

Lord, a long time ago you spoke and your prophet Isaiah heard as you asked, "Whom shall I send? And who will go for us?" And he said, "Here am I. Send me!" Today Lord, you ask the same question and in hearing we too respond, ""Here we are. Send us!" Amen

Opening Hymn "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vygGT1YSh6A> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

Prayer of Confession:

Jesus, you are the Blessed one who comes in the name of the Lord. Today by grace we repent, changing our minds and cease living out of a selfish self-centered mode. We cry out Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna and receive you the King of kings and Lord of lords into our very being. Reign freely in your righteousness and ascend Your throne within our hearts for you are our King, our Lord, and our God. Amen

Assurance of God's Forgiveness:

Hear the GOOD NEWS!

Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? Shall trouble or hardship or persecution or famine or nakedness or danger or sword? No, in all these

things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. Saints of God, In Christ Jesus, we are forgiven! Hallelujah and Amen!

GLORIA PATRI

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=QUBxpypSblw> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF ILLUMINATION

Abba Father, may we have eyes to see and ears to hear, we want to see Jesus. Amen

PSALTER READING

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

Give thanks to the LORD, for he is good; his love endures forever. Let Israel say: "His love endures forever."... Open for me the gates of the righteous; I will enter and give thanks to the Lord. This is the gate of the Lord through which the righteous may enter. I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation. The stone the builders rejected has become the cornerstone; the Lord has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes. The Lord has done it this very day; let us rejoice today and be glad. Lord, save us! Lord, grant us success! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. From the house of the Lord we bless you. The Lord is God, and he has made his light shine on us. With boughs in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar. You are my God, and I will praise you; you are my God, and I will exalt you. Give thanks to the Lord, for he is good; his love endures forever.

PASSION READING

Isaiah 50:4-9a

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. The Sovereign Lord has opened my ears; I have not been rebellious, I have not turned away. 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. 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. 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! It is the Sovereign Lord who helps me. Who will condemn me? They will all wear out like a garment; the moths will eat them up.

Children's Time

He's Got the Whole World in His Hands, Yes!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=kDBJNQiuqnM> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

SERMON

"Intentional Authentic Evangelism"

Carlos Baladez

2 Cor. 4:7

"But we have this treasure in jars of clay to show that this all-surpassing power is from God and not from us." NIV

Three points to notice:

1) "We have." This phrase lets us know that we possess it now. We do not have to wait for some distant future nor is it something in the past. It is with us today!

2) What we have is a treasure in us now. This phrase, "Jars of Clay," is a euphemism pointing to our frail bodies. The same bodies that one day will return to dust. And what is this treasure? The previous verse lets us know that it is "the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ." This light is in us now! Here! Today!

3) Please take note that we are provided the reason why this treasure has been placed within us. We are told the purpose of having this gift placed within us is "to show." To show, what? To show that this all-surpassing power which is able to place "the light of the knowledge of God's glory displayed in the face of Christ" in us is from God and not from us. This power is the same power that raise Jesus from the dead unto life eternal. This power, is the power to convert a sinner into a saint. This power, is the power given to us to receive the life of the resurrected Christ. This power, is the power given us to allow Christ to shine his light to us, in us, through us, and beyond us. And why this light and power in us? Because God's glory is this -- God loves us!

Christ has died. Christ is risen. Christ will come again. Hallelujah!

Today, this Palm Sunday, let us laud and welcome our King and our Redeemer. Amen.

HYMN "All Glory Laud and Honor"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h3a8fTTrAdE> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

THIS WE BELIEVE:

We consider that our present sufferings are not worth comparing with the glory that will be revealed in us. The Spirit helps us in our weakness. And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose. For those God foreknew he also predestined to be conformed to the image of his Son, that he might be the firstborn among many brothers and sisters. And those he predestined,

he also called; those he called, he also justified; those he justified, he also glorified. Amen

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Or you can save them and gather them until we meet again.
Rejoice in the Lord always: again I will say, Rejoice.

DOXOLOGY

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Uyg6-htOtHU> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

PRAYER OF DEDICATION

God of all grace and peace, we bring ourselves and the gifts which you have bestowed upon us in gratitude saying, "thank you!" Bless and multiply these gifts for your glory, honor, and kingdom. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

PRAYERS OF INTERCESSION AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

Here, in your own words, pray and intercede for others and for yourself followed by the Lord's Prayer.

CLOSING HYMN "Ride On Ride On In Majesty"

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MD9rMkIS1yw> (place your cursor over the link. Right click, and then choose Open Hyperlink)

BENEDICTION:

[With our hands lifted unto the Lord and a heart full of grace and love,
receive this blessing in the Name of our Lord Jesus Christ!]

The LORD bless you and keep you; the LORD make his face shine on you and
be gracious to you; the LORD turn his face toward you and give you peace.
Now go, to the Glory of his name share his care, his love, and his blessing
with one and with all. Amen