

ORDER OF WORSHIP

OUR APPROACH TO GOD

Prelude

Call to Worship, Prayer of Adoration and Approach & Confession (The Lord's Prayer)

Moment of Reflection

WE HEAR THE WORD OF GOD

Old Testament Lesson Exodus 20: 1-17

And God spoke all these words: 2 "I am the Lord your God, who brought you out of Egypt, out of the land of slavery. 3 "You shall have no other gods before[a] me. 4 "You shall not make for yourself an image in the form of anything in heaven above or on the earth beneath or in the waters below. 5 You shall not bow down to them or worship them; for I, the Lord your God, am a jealous God, punishing the children for the sin of the parents to the third and fourth generation of those who hate me, 6 but showing love to a thousand generations of those who love me and keep my commandments. 7 "You shall not misuse the name of the Lord your God, for the Lord will not hold anyone guiltless who misuses his name. 8 "Remember the Sabbath day by keeping it holy. 9 Six days you shall labor and do all your work, 10 but the seventh day is a sabbath to the Lord your God. On it you shall not do any work, neither you, nor your son or daughter, nor your male or female servant, nor your animals, nor any foreigner residing in your towns. 11 For in six days the Lord made the heavens and the earth, the sea, and all that is in them, but he rested on the seventh day. Therefore the Lord blessed the Sabbath day and made it holy. 12 "Honor your father and your mother, so that you may live long in the land the Lord your God is giving you. 13 "You shall not

murder. 14 “You shall not commit adultery. 15 “You shall not steal. 16 “You shall not give false testimony against your neighbor. 17 “You shall not covet your neighbor’s house. You shall not covet your neighbor’s wife, or his male or female servant, his ox or donkey, or anything that belongs to your neighbor.

Responsive Psalm 19

1 The heavens declare the glory of God; the skies proclaim the work of his hands.

2 Day after day they pour forth speech; night after night they reveal knowledge.

3 They have no speech, they use no words; no sound is heard from them.

4 Yet their voice[b] goes out into all the earth, their words to the ends of the world. In the heavens God has pitched a tent for the sun.

5 It is like a bridegroom coming out of his chamber, like a champion rejoicing to run his course.

6 It rises at one end of the heavens and makes its circuit to the other; nothing is deprived of its warmth.

7 The law of the Lord is perfect, refreshing the soul. The statutes of the Lord are trustworthy, making wise the simple.

8 The precepts of the Lord are right, giving joy to the heart. The commands of the Lord are radiant, giving light to the eyes.

9 The fear of the Lord is pure, enduring forever. The decrees of the Lord are firm, and all of them are righteous.

10 They are more precious than gold, than much pure gold; they are sweeter than honey, than honey from the honeycomb.

11 By them your servant is warned; in keeping them there is great reward.

12 But who can discern their own errors? Forgive my hidden faults.

13 Keep your servant also from willful sins; may they not rule over me. Then I will be blameless, innocent of great transgression.

14 May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, Lord, my Rock and my Redeemer.

N. T. Epistle Lesson 1 Corinthians 1: 18-25

18 For the message of the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. 19 For it is written: "I will destroy the wisdom of the wise; the intelligence of the intelligent I will frustrate." 20 Where is the wise person? Where is the teacher of the law? Where is the philosopher of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? 21 For since in the wisdom of God the world through its wisdom did not know him, God was pleased through the foolishness of what was preached to save those who believe. 22 Jews demand signs and Greeks look for wisdom, 23 but we preach Christ crucified: a stumbling block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, 24 but to those whom God has called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. 25 For the foolishness of God is wiser than human wisdom, and the weakness of God is stronger than human strength.

N.T. Gospel Lesson John 2: 13-22

13 When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, Jesus went up to Jerusalem. 14 In the temple courts he found people selling cattle, sheep and doves, and others sitting at tables exchanging money. 15 So he made a whip out of cords, and drove all from the temple

courts, both sheep and cattle; he scattered the coins of the money changers and overturned their tables. 16 To those who sold doves he said, "Get these out of here! Stop turning my Father's house into a market!" 17 His disciples remembered that it is written: "Zeal for your house will consume me." 18 The Jews then responded to him, "What sign can you show us to prove your authority to do all this?" 19 Jesus answered them, "Destroy this temple, and I will raise it again in three days." 20 They replied, "It has taken forty-six years to build this temple, and you are going to raise it in three days?" 21 But the temple he had spoken of was his body. 22 After he was raised from the dead, his disciples recalled what he had said. Then they believed the scripture and the words that Jesus had spoken.

Litany for the Third Sunday in Lent

L: Onward and ever closer, we move toward Jerusalem.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: In ancient times, pilgrims sang songs as they walked to Jerusalem. Being in God's care, covenant and presence is a blessing.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: Ancient psalms of an ancient people rise in a prayerful hymn to the Lord and redeemer of all life and creation.

P: We are pilgrims on a journey. We are travelers on the road.

L: Let us pray.

All: God of all creation, hear the songs of praise, of lament and of hope that we sing on the journey. Liberate us from fear and cynicism so that we may be caught up in the rhythm of creation and live in tune with your love and hope. In the name of Jesus we pray, Amen.

Moment of Reflection

Sermon

God speaks

Solo

I heard the voice of Jesus say

Ben Furey

OUR RESPONSE TO THE WORD

Prayer of Thanksgiving and Intercession

WE GO OUT IN SERVICE

Benediction & Postlude



Announcements

We welcome everyone to the Service of worship.

The readers today are Elizabeth Matheson and Gwen Shepard

To the Benevolent Fund

- In memory of Melbourne MacKay by Eileen MacNeil

To the General Fund

- In memory of Melbourne MacKay by Charles & Linda Greaves

Upcoming Services

Saturday, March 27th 11:00am Communion Service in the Hall.

Sunday, March 28th 10:30am Communion Service in the Sanctuary

Friday, April 2nd 1:00pm Good Friday Service in the Sanctuary

Sunday, April 4th 10:30am Easter Service in the sanctuary.

If you want to come to these services everyone must register for them by calling the office (902-562-3740) or email brthelpresbyteriansydney@gmail.com

Mission Moment – Staying Connected During the Pandemic

Serving Palestinians in Gaza, Jerusalem, the West Bank, Jordan and Lebanon since 1948, the work of the Department of Service to Palestinian Refugees (DSPR) in health care, education and food security is essential. When COVID-19 struck, DSPR Director, Dr. Bernard Sabella, knew they needed the support of their friends. DSPR invited partners to attend five webinars to learn and understand the economic and political challenges, and to hear from people working on the ground. Partners were asked to fund the webinars, and International Ministries was one of the first to respond. Gifts to Presbyterians Sharing have supported DSPR since 2011 in their ministry of maintaining human dignity and hope for Palestinian refugees.

Daily Prayer List

Third Sunday in Lent We pray for the ministry of the Revs. Jon Wyminga and Shannon Bell in the Dakelh communities of the Cariboo region of B.C. as they bring hope in the face of much despair and many deaths in the past year.

Monday, March 8 (International Women's Day) We give thanks for Presbyterian World Service & Development projects that work to break barriers to gender equality and empower women to achieve economic independence and improve their well-being.

Tuesday, March 9 We pray for an end to violence and rights abuses of women and girls, and ask for the willingness to challenge systems that underpin gender inequality and to celebrate women's achievements.

Wednesday, March 10 We pray for the Church of Central Africa Presbyterian (CCAP) and the newly appointed officers of the General Assembly, including the Rev. Mwawi Chilongozi, the first woman to serve as General Secretary of the CCAP General Assembly.

Thursday, March 11 We pray for Cathy Reid, President of the Women's Missionary Society (WMS), as she meets with WMS groups and members online to study and pray.

Friday, March 12 We pray for Commander Bonnie Mason, Deputy Director of Chaplaincy Services in the Canadian Armed Forces, who offers spiritual and moral guidance to our military leaders.

Saturday, March 13 We pray for the Rev. Cheryl Gaver, Presbytery Ministry Animator for the Presbyteries of Ottawa and Seaway-Glengarry in Ont.