

# FOURTH PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Worship for the Lord's Day PALM SUNDAY April 5, 2020

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PRELUDES

Liz, Willie, Grace (South Boston)

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor Burns Stanfield

Soul Possibilities April Online Session

Assoc. Pastor Katie Cole

*Please write announcements & prayer requests in the Zoom Chat Section.*

\*CALL TO WORSHIP – For the Season of Lent

Leader: It's that time again. Forty days to lean in and listen to the story.

Forty days to sort out pieces of life, tend to bruises, and commit anew to lives of faith.

Hear the invitation from God:

People: Come near to me.

L: God calls, inviting us to share what is deep and real

P: God calls, inviting us to face the wilderness with honesty.

L: Draw near to The Spirit through time with others, for God works through people.

L: Draw near to The Spirit through time near the suffering, for God enters through broken places.

L: Gather round, everybody. Lean in. Grow in Christ. Grow in God.

P: Grow in Love.

L: God beckons us.

**All: Let us answer. Let us worship. Let us dwell with the Lord.**

\*PASSING OF THE PEACE & BRINGING IN THE LIGHT (Please light a candle at home)

\*HYMN – *All Glory, Laud and Honor*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou art the King of Israel, Thou David's royal Son,  
Who in the Lord's name comest, The King and Blessed One.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
The people of the Hebrews With palms before thee went;  
Our praise and love and anthems Before thee we present.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
To thee, before thy passion, They sang their hymns of praise;  
To thee, now high exalted, Our melody we raise.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.  
Thou didst accept their praises; Accept the love we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, Thou good and gracious King.*

*All glory, laud, and honor To thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children Made sweet hosannas ring.*

LITURGY OF CONFESSION

Tim & Michelle Sanchez (Somerville)

Unison Prayer. Sometimes, God, we feel far from You. We want to be closer, and even complain when that nearness is absent. And yet – we are busy with distractions, preoccupied by resentments, and sometimes utterly derailed by hate. Help us get on track. Help us embrace honesty right here, right now, and name it all: Our distractions. Our resentments. Our mistakes. Our sins. ... Sometimes, God, we feel far away. But we know Christ keeps singing that invitation to draw near and trust. Help us now to lean in & listen....

Time for Silent Confession

Sung Response:

*Draw near to me; Please don't stay away for long  
Draw near to me; My love for you is strong  
For even if you're far away, I hold you in my heart  
I sing a secret song to you, Each day we are apart (*  
*Draw near to me; Though it feels like you are far  
Draw near to me; I'll be for you a guiding star  
I will walk with you, And you can always walk with me  
I'll hold you in my arms again – Draw near to me*

\*LITURGY OF PARDON

Leader: Sisters and brothers, God is merciful and kind.

People: In Jesus, God invites us into the fullness of God's Grace.

Leader: As God's children, let us proclaim the good news together:

**All: In Jesus Christ we are forgiven**

SING: *(the second portion of the earlier response)*

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Draw near to me; I'll be for you a guiding star  
I will walk with you, And you can always walk with me  
I'll hold you in my arms again – Draw near to me*

TIME FOR CHILDREN

Started by Burns and competed by Children out there..

CELEBRATIONS, CONCERNS & PRAYER

Write prayer requests in the "Zoom Chat Section"

Deb Duval (Framingham)  
Amanda Grant-Rose (with Common Cathedral in downtown Boston)  
Kristin Rinehimer, (Chaplain with Newbury Court Senior Living in Concord)  
Jen Peter and Andrew Ryan, (journalists with the Boston Globe)  
Susan Pattie (from London)  
Katie Cole (from Jamaica Plain)

\*HYMN - *Were You There*

McNeill Shiner (in South Carolina)

1. Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (2x)  
Oh!! Someimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble. Were you there ....
2. Were you there when they nailed him to the tree?....
3. Were you there when they pierced him in the side?...
4. Were you there when the sun refused to shine?....
5. Were you there when they laid him in the tomb?...

SCRIPTURE READING Luke 19: 28-44

Rae Huang (in Los Angeles)

SPECIAL MUSIC

*What's the Buzz*

The Choir

The choir was in the process of preparing "Jesus Christ Superstar" for this year's Passion Play, and they hope, someday, to show you their work in a full gathering of our community. For now, you can view our 2017 edition of "Superstar" (with some beloved old friends) and enjoy today's snippet of the play.

MESSAGE

*Stepping Into The Week*

\*UNISON PRAYER

Xuliang Zhang (Revere)

Gracious and Loving God, thank you for this Lenten journey; and thank you for this time to walk with Jesus toward the promise of Easter. God, we ask that you guide us in this sacred season so that we might:

rid ourselves of what clutters our lives,  
deepen our faith and follow your way,  
bring all of our hopes and heartbreaks to you in prayer,  
rediscover Your grace and share it with the world.

Transform us this Lent, Oh God, and give us the strength to draw closer to you each day. Amen.

OFFERING

Treasurer Susan Devine (South Boston)

We can give online at [www.fourthboston.org](http://www.fourthboston.org) OR send a check to  
Fourth Presbyterian Church, 340 Dorchester Street, South Boston, MA 02127

DOXOLOGY

Tim & Michelle Sanchez (Somerville)  
*With a recording from a past worship service*

THE LORD'S SUPPER

Burns & family (in the sanctuary)

Please participate by eating something from your home (a piece of bread, if possible), and drinking from a cup of juice or water.

\* HYMN - *How Can I Keep From Singing*

My life flows on in endless song; Above earth's lamentation,  
I hear the sweet, tho' far-off hymn That hails a new creation.

REFRAIN: No storm can shake my inmost calm  
While to that Rock I'm clinging;  
Since Christ is Lord of heaven and earth,  
How can I keep from singing?

2. Thro' all the tumult and the strife I hear the music ringing;  
It finds an echo in my soul— How can I keep from singing?  
REFRAIN

3. The peace of Christ makes fresh my heart, A fountain ever springing;  
All things are mine since I am his— How can I keep from singing?  
REFRAIN

4. When tyrants tremble, sick with fear, And hear their death-knell ringing,  
When friends rejoice both far and near, How can I keep from singing?  
REFRAIN

\*BENEDICTION

Spoken Response: Alleluia, Amen!

God be with you till we meet again; Loving counsels guide, uphold you,  
With a shepherd's care enfold you: God be with you till we meet again

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