

ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Traveling Light: From Suffering to Salvation...

The Worship of God

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 29, 2020

10:55 A.M.

Words of Welcome & Instruction

Tim Schaefer & Michael Gregg

Voluntary

David Weigle

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

Psalm 130

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Lord, I call to you for help;
In your mercy hear my prayer.

Out of the depths I cry to you, O Lord.

Lord, hear my voice!

Let my ears be attentive to the voice of my supplications!

If you, O Lord, should mark iniquities, Lord who could stand?

But there is forgiveness with you, so that you may be revered.

I wait for you, my soul waits, and in your word I hope.

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My soul waits for the Lord more than those who watch for the morning,

more than those who watch for the morning.

O Israel, hope in the Lord!

For with the Lord wither is steadfast love, and with God is great power to redeem.

It is God who will redeem Israel from all its iniquities.

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Invocation

Harry Wooten

God, in this time of heightened anxiety and uncertainty, many of us fear for our lives, our livelihoods, our loved ones. We fear for our people: Will we lose them? We fear the unknown: How will life be different, once this crisis passes? Help us, O God, as we deal with seismic shifts to our lives, our communities, our economies, our ways of being. Help us to hold onto peace, cling to compassion, lean into service, and help imagine a better world. These things remain: faith, hope, and love. So, as we weather this crisis and look to the world after, let us stick close to the example of Christ, put our hands to kin-dom work, and commit to rebuilding whatever has been torn down with faith, hope and love as the foundation. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

Love Divine, All Love's Excelling — BEECHER

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer

For the sick and infected: God, heal and help. Sustain bodies and spirits. Contain the spread of infection.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our vulnerable populations: God, protect our elderly and those suffering from chronic disease. Provide for the poor, especially the uninsured.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the young and the strong: God, give them the necessary caution to keep them from unwittingly spreading this disease. Inspire them to help.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For our local, state, and federal governments: God, help our elected officials as they allocate the necessary resources for combatting this pandemic. Help them to provide more tests.

Lord, hear our prayer.

(continued)

For our scientific community, leading the change to understand the disease and communicate its gravity: God give them knowledge, wisdom, and a persuasive voice.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For the homeless, unable to practice the protocols of social distancing in the shelter system: Protect them from disease and provide isolation shelters in every city.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For families with young children at home for the foreseeable future: God, help parents and caregivers to partner together creatively for the care and flourishing of their children: For single mothers and fathers, grow their networks of support.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For parents who cannot stay home from work but must find care for their children: God present them with creative solutions.

Lord, hear our prayer.

For frontline health care workers, we thank you for their vocational call to serve us.

Lord, hear our prayer.

God, we trust that you are good and do good. Teach us to be your faithful people in this time of global crisis. Help us to follow in the footsteps of our faithful shepherd, Jesus, who laid down his life for the sake of love. Glorify his name as you equip us with everything needed for doing your will. Amen.

—Jen Pollock Michel, author of Teach Us to Want, Keeping Place, and Surprised Paradox. Adapted for Christianity Today from her recent blog.

Lord, Listen to Your Children Praying

Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren pray - ing,

The first system of music is in 4/4 time with a key signature of two flats (Bb and Eb). The vocal line begins with a whole note chord (Bb3, Eb3, Gb3) and then moves to a series of eighth notes: Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3, Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3. The bass line consists of a steady eighth-note accompaniment: Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2.

Lord, send Your Spir-it in this place; · Lord, lis - ten to Your chil - dren

The second system continues the melody. The vocal line has a whole note chord (Bb3, Eb3, Gb3), followed by eighth notes: Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3, Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3. The bass line continues with eighth notes: Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2.

pray - ing, send us love, send us power, send us grace.

The third system concludes the phrase. The vocal line has a whole note chord (Bb3, Eb3, Gb3), followed by eighth notes: Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3, Bb3, Eb3, Gb3, Ab3. The bass line continues with eighth notes: Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2, Bb2, Eb2, Gb2, Ab2.

Duet

Harry Wooten & Blair Wooten

Jesus Paid It All — arranged by Ovid Young

Scripture Lesson

Michael Gregg

Mark 14:32-42 [see insert]

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word ... **Thanks be to God!**

Theme Interpretation

Blair Wooten

Betrayer

(Jesus talks to Judas)

“I called you friend,

Even though I saw your uncertainty.

Your dark eyes used to look right into mine, penetrating —

Always searching.

But the day came when you averted those eyes,

Looking at your feet or some distant, imaginary bird circling

Just above my shoulder

When you spoke to me.

Later, when you kissed me in the garden of Gethsemane,

Your lips were already cold as death

And your dark eyes still do not look at me.

Could they not see me?

Had you walked along with me for all this time and not heard me?

Your kiss was not the final act of betrayal—

And I know betrayal well—

It was the rope.

Had you waited,

You would have seen me hanging between two thieves,

And you would have known I forgive thieves.

Then you could have told how the Kingdom of God

Does not have silver or gold as its currency,

Rather love,

Which is so readily exchanged for forgiveness.

Poor Judas,

You did not know what you were doing.

—*Ragan Courtney, Do You Still Do Things with Clay?*

Smyth & Helwys Publishing, 2019

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ **Handing It Over to God** ”

Reflection, Offering & Communion

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Congregation

God Be with You — GOD BE WITH YOU

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

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Hymn Notes

Psalm 130 - Response

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God Be with You

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Love Divine, All Loves Excelling



1. Love di - vine, all loves ex - cell-ing, joy of heaven to earth come down,
2. Breathe, O breathe Thy lov - ing Spir - it in - to ev - ery trou - bled breast!
3. Come, Al - might - y to de - liv - er, let us all Thy grace re - ceive;
4. Fin - ish, then, Thy new cre - a - tion; pure and spot - less let us be;



fix in us Thy hum - ble dwell - ing; all Thy faith - ful mer - cies crown.
Let us all in Thee in - her - it, let us find the prom - ised rest.
sud - den - ly re - turn, and nev - er, nev - er - more Thy tem - ples leave.
let us see Thy great sal - va - tion per - fect - ly re - stored in Thee:



Je - sus, Thou art all com - pas - sion, pure, un - bound - ed love Thou art;
Take a - way our bent to sin - ning; Al - pha and O - me - ga be;
Thee we would be al - ways bless - ing, serve Thee as Thy hosts a - bove,
changed from glo - ry in - to glo - ry, till in heaven we take our place,



vis - it us with Thy sal - va - tion; en - ter ev - ery trem - bling heart.
end of faith, as its be - gin - ning, set our hearts at lib - er - ty.
pray, and praise Thee with - out ceas - ing, glo - ry in Thy per - fect love.
till we cast our crowns be - fore Thee, lost in won - der, love, and praise.



God Be with You

1. God be with you till we meet a-gain! By His coun-sels guide, up-hold you,
2. God be with you till we meet a-gain! 'Neath His wings se - cure - ly hide you,

The first system of music consists of two staves. The top staff is in treble clef and the bottom staff is in bass clef. Both are in 4/4 time. The melody is written in the treble staff, and the bass line is in the bass staff. The music is a simple, hymn-like tune with a steady rhythm.

with His sheep se-cure-ly fold you; God be with you till we meet a - gain!
dai - ly man-na still pro - vide you; God be with you till we meet a - gain!

The second system of music also consists of two staves, treble and bass clef, in 4/4 time. It continues the melody and bass line from the first system. The lyrics are aligned with the notes in the treble staff. The music concludes with a double bar line.

Schedule

All In-Person activities have been suspended until further notice.
See the website for information and resources.
royallane.org

Deacons on Call

Alan Greider & Harry Hunter

When WE Give: we can provide space for community groups and service organizations.

February 2020 Financials

| | YTD Actual |
|-------------------|------------|
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| Expenses | \$ 128,569 |
| Surplus (Deficit) | \$ 102,201 |

*Includes annual pledges paid up front in full.

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The Scripture this morning is Mark 14:32-42

³²They went to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples, "Sit here while I pray." ³³He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. ³⁴And he said to them, "I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake." ³⁵And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. ³⁶He said, "Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want." ³⁷He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, "Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? ³⁸Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak." ³⁹And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. ⁴⁰And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. ⁴¹He came a third time and said to them, "Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. ⁴²Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand."

(NRSV)

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word...**Thanks be to God.**