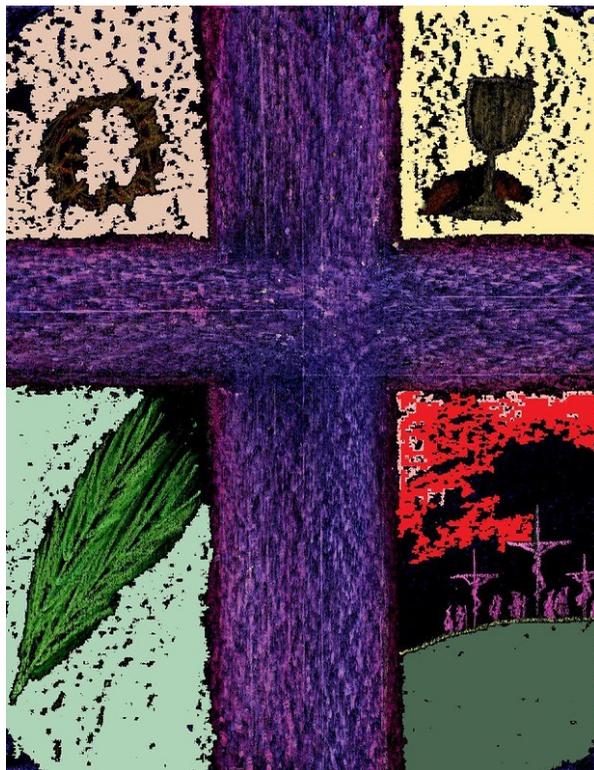


ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

Diverse People United in Christ



Let your ears be attentive to my cry for mercy . . .

Psalm 130:2b-2c

The Worship of God

Second Sunday in Lent

February 28, 2021

11:00 A.M.

Chiming of the Hour

Centering Words & Candle Lighting

Harry Wooten

Gifted writers from Oscar Wilde to Alfred Lord Tennyson to Dorothy Parker have used the informal title of Psalm 130, “*De profundis*,” as the title of one of their works. Those two words—the Latin for “Out of the depths”—and the Psalm they symbolize have come to evoke the sense of despondency and emotional torment that poets often feel more keenly than the rest of us. And yet, who among us is unacquainted with the sentiments communicated here? But note that the longer half of the Psalm expresses the psalmist’s hope, his stalwart trust in God who is mercy and redemption. The psalmist models the attitude of a sincere penitent one who doesn’t deny or hide their sin; who knows God is more mercy than vengeance; who hopes sincerely that dawn will bring the light of mercy, a word of hope, the healing rain of redemption. What helps you to find the hope in God’s mercy that the psalmist describes so palpably in Psalm 130?

Voluntary

David Weigle

O Mensch, bewein dein Sünde groß — J. S. Bach

Call to Worship

Harry Wooten

O God, today we seek for You
out of a heart full of guilt

**and a mind full of bewilderment
and frustration.**

You have heard us before

and responded with grace and mercy.

Now we seek you again.

We reach for you

because you look with loving mercy
upon our wretched soul.

**You will accept us and forgive us
and reinstate us in Your purposes.**

Invocation

Harry Wooten

God, our creator and redeemer, we pray that the Spirit of Jesus would be with us as we continue our journey through Lent. Jesus called his disciples to pick up their cross and follow him. Help us to discern what that means for us as the church in this time and place. Give us the courage to name suffering and evil and to stand in resistance to it. Give us endurance when we face persecution for resisting abuses in our lives and communities. Empower us to stand with those who suffer on account of homelessness, lack of food or resources, or other injustices. Inspire us to see Christ in the least of these in our midst. Amen.

Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy — WELLESLEY
(stanzas 1, 2, 4 & 5)

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

Prayers of the People

Blair Wooten

O God, we pray for those who are isolated and lonely during this pandemic. May we find ways to be a comfort for them. We pray for children and parents who are navigating school and work under such stressful circumstances. We pray for those who have lost loved ones because of the virus and are grieving the loss. We pray for your church in this time of crisis and that we would find new ways to live your mission. We also pray for those hurt by the snow and ice storms that have ravaged large sections of our city and county — adding to the already stressful realities of life in our current crisis.

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud or post in the comments section.

Let us pray:

O God, we continue to pray for the global community as it grapples with the pandemic. We pray that you would give us the fortitude to take responsibility for measures that will protect us all. We pray especially for the those hit hardest by the strains of this menace, and pray for those in leadership in our communities, states and nation as they negotiate ways in which to aid those most afflicted. We pray for a speedy process of vaccination in this country and in countries around the globe. And we pray for fairness in access to the vaccine for people and countries that have not received it. May this injustice be rectified. We pray all this in God's many names. Amen.

(continued)

Response [see insert]

Worshippers

Out of the Deep — Terre Johnson
2021 Lenten Hymn – stanza 2

Out of the deep, O Lord, I cry to you; keep no
rec - ord of my sins, With you I know there is sure for -
give - ness, O Lord, I rise to serve, out of the deep.

Scripture Lesson

Margaret Darden

Mark 8:31-38 [see insert]

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

Solo

Suré Eloff

Out of the Depths — Debra Scroggins

Sermon

Michael Gregg

“ My Cry for Mercy ”

Psalm 130:2b-2c

Offertory

David Weigle

Prelude on RHOSYMEDRE — Ralph Vaughn Williams
“My Song is Love Unknown”

Closing Hymn [see insert]

Worshippers

When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart — RESIGNATION
(stanzas 1 & 2)

Blessing

Michael Gregg

Go out into God's world in the power of the Spirit,
Resist evil and stand for the good.
And lift up the brokenhearted,
Stand with the oppressed.
Let all that you do be out of love.
Amen.

Amen.

Postlude

David Weigle

Chorale Prelude: CASWALL — Peter Hurford

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Opening Voluntary

O Mensch, beweine deine Sünde groß is a Lutheran Passion hymn with a text written by Sebald Heyden in 1530. The author reflects the Passion of Jesus, based on the Four Evangelists, originally in 23 stanzas. The lyrics were written for an older melody, "Es sind doch selig alle, die im rechten Glauben wandeln". The first and last stanzas have appeared in 11 hymnals. Catherine Winkworth translated it as "O man, thy grievous sin bemoan". The hymn has been used in Passion music and is known in Bach's setting as a chorale fantasia closing Part I of his St Matthew Passion.

Hymn Notes

There's a Wideness in God's Mercy
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Easter Flower Dedications

It is time to submit dedications for Easter Flowers. These may be submitted online at royallane.org/easter-flower-dedications/

You may also email the church office at info@royallane.org, or leave a message at 214-361-2809, ext. 11. Printed forms are available in the church office. \$15.00 per dedication. Please submit dedications by Thursday, March 25.

Payment Options:

Check – mail or bring to the church office.

Credit card – contact Janet to provide information or email to instruct her to use information on file.

Online bill – through personal bank account

Pay online – click the link provided in the online order which opens in a new window - complete payment then return to form window to SUBMIT Easter Flower Dedication.



IN FOCUS

The Education Committee invites you to join us
Wednesday, March 10, at 6:15 pm for our
March IN FOCUS. — The Beloved Community
Zoom link: us02web.zoom.us/j/88170730964

“Understanding the Consequences of the Death Penalty”
with Kristin Houle Cuellar as the speaker.

Kristin is the executive director of the Texas Coalition to Abolish the Death Penalty.

See link on Home page of the RLBC website or the March Web Calendar.
Keep up with notices about IN FOCUS events on the Adult Education page.

Royal Lane Missions

Seasons of Service...Easter



Please help us make Easter special for children experiencing homelessness. We want to create 60 Easter baskets for the families served by Hope Supply. You can donate items for the Easter baskets, or money that we will use to purchase toys and other goodies to make these baskets special for these special children.

We are collecting chocolate Easter bunnies, small stuffed animals, plastic eggs filled with wrapped candy, small Easter toys, crayons / small coloring books, play doh, slime, stickers, small sports balls, hot wheels cars, card games, fun socks, bubbles, flavored chapstick, etc.

Donation drop off dates and times:

(Royal Lane Baptist Church parking lot)

March 6th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

March 13th 10:00 AM - 12:00 PM

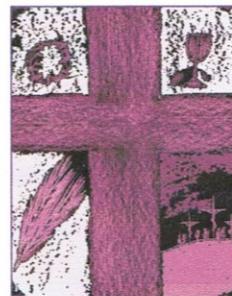
We will also come pick up your donations if you can't get to the church one of these dates, just contact the church office to request a pick-up.

Thank you all for helping to make Easter special for our beloved community!

2021 Lent & Holy Week

Theme: I Wait...based on Psalm 130

First Sunday in Lent: "Out of the Depths, I Cry"
Second Sunday in Lent: "My Cry for Mercy"
Third Sunday in Lent: "If You, Lord, Keep a Record"
Fourth Sunday in Lent: "With You, Forgiveness, So We can Serve"
Fifth Sunday in Lent: "In God's Word is My Hope"
Palm/Passion Sunday: "I Wait for the Lord"
Easter Sunday: "For with the Lord is Unfailing Hope"



- Saturday February 13**
10:00 am Palm Frond & Ash Drive Through (10:00 am – Noon)
Drive Through to pick up Ashes, Palm Fronds and Lenten Packet
in preparation for virtual Ash Wednesday Service on February 17, and Lent.
- Sunday February 14 – Transfiguration Sunday / Farewell to Alleluia**
11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Wednesday February 17 – Ash Wednesday**
6:30 pm Ash Wednesday Service — Zoom
- Sunday March 28 – Palm/Passion Sunday**
11:00 am Morning Worship – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Friday April 2 – Good Friday**
7:30 pm Good Friday Service – Royal Lane YouTube Channel
- Saturday April 3**
2:00 pm Drive Through Holy Week & Easter Egg "Hunt" (2:00 – 4:00 pm)
- Sunday April 4 – Easter Sunday**
8:00 am Flowering of the Cross — Front Lawn (*Open All Day with Social Distancing*)
11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane YouTube Channel



2021 Lent Devotionals "Praying with Scripture During Lent" by Rev. Roger Gench

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There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



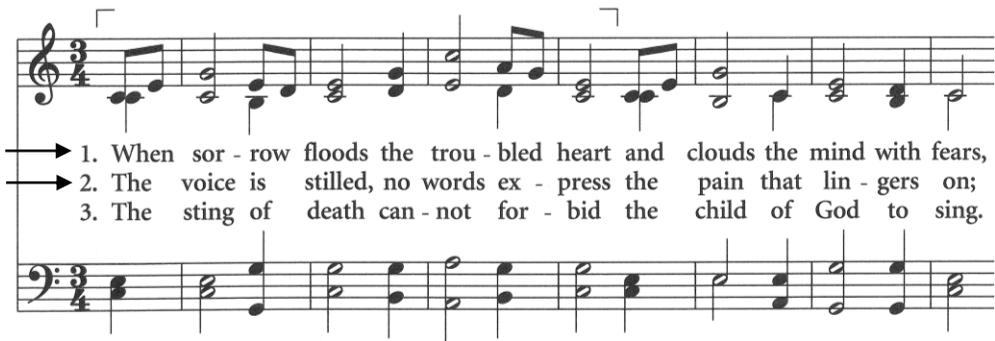
→ 1. There's a wide-ness in God's mer-cy, like the wide-ness of the sea;
→ 2. There is wel-come for the sin-ner, and more grac-es for the good;
→ 3. But we make His love too nar-row by false lim-its of our own;
→ 4. For the love of God is broad-er than the mea-sure of the mind;
→ 5. If our love were but more sim-ple, we could take Him at His word;



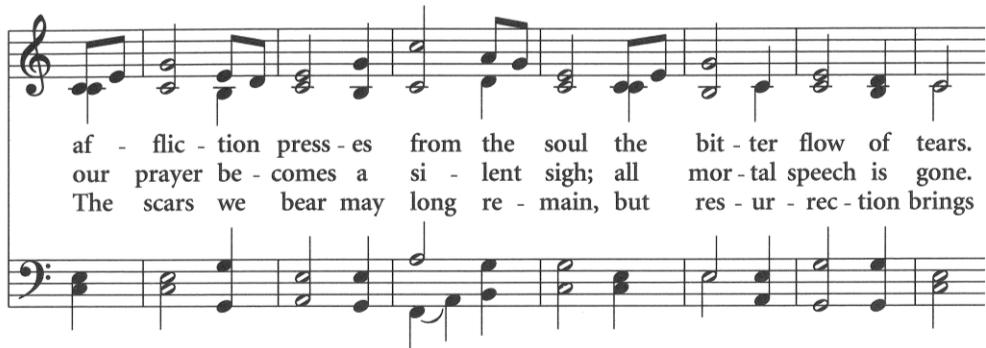
there's a kind-ness in His jus-tice, which is more than lib-er-ty.
there is mer-cy with the Sav-ior; there is heal-ing in His blood.
and we mag-ni-fy His strict-ness with a zeal He will not own.
and the heart of the E-ter-nal is most won-der-ful-ly kind.
and our lives would be more lov-ing in the like-ness of our Lord.



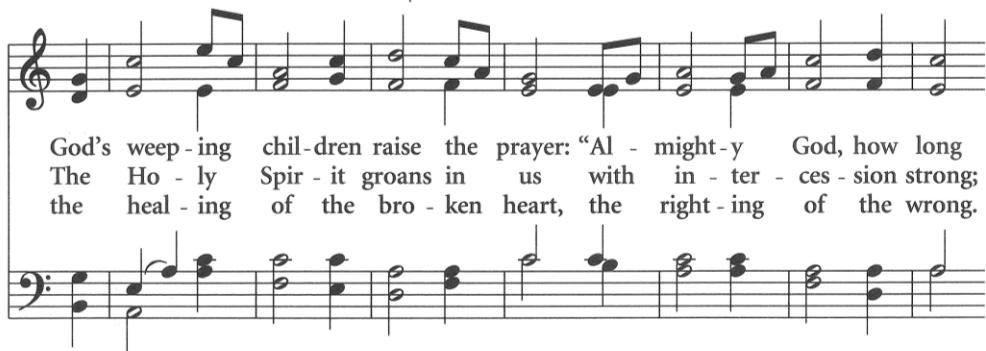
When Sorrow Floods the Troubled Heart



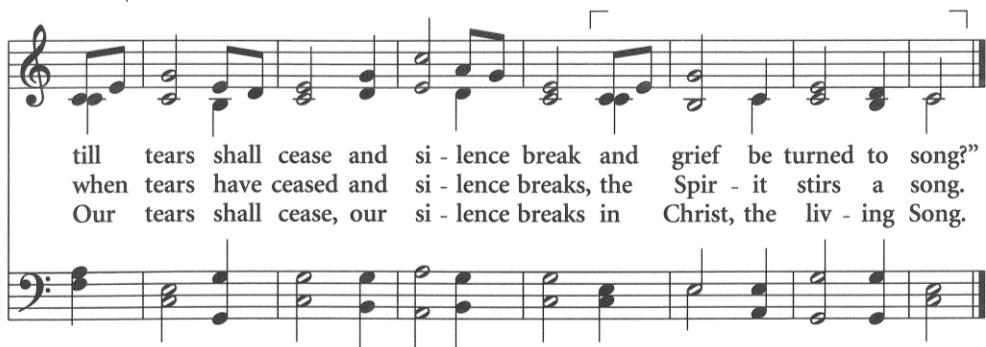
1. When sor - row floods the trou - bled heart and clouds the mind with fears,
2. The voice is stilled, no words ex - press the pain that lin - gers on;
3. The sting of death can - not for - bid the child of God to sing.



af - flic - tion press - es from the soul the bit - ter flow of tears.
our prayer be - comes a si - lent sigh; all mor - tal speech is gone.
The scars we bear may long re - main, but res - ur - rec - tion brings



God's weep - ing chil - dren raise the prayer: "Al - might - y God, how long
The Ho - ly Spir - it groans in us with in - ter - ces - sion strong;
the heal - ing of the bro - ken heart, the right - ing of the wrong.



till tears shall cease and si - lence break and grief be turned to song?"
when tears have ceased and si - lence breaks, the Spir - it stirs a song.
Our tears shall cease, our si - lence breaks in Christ, the liv - ing Song.

The Scripture this morning is Mark 8:31-38

³¹Then he began to teach them that the Son of Man must undergo great suffering, and be rejected by the elders, the chief priests, and the scribes, and be killed, and after three days rise again. ³²He said all this quite openly. And Peter took him aside and began to rebuke him. ³³But turning and looking at his disciples, he rebuked Peter and said, "Get behind me, Satan! For you are setting your mind not on divine things but on human things."

³⁴He called the crowd with his disciples, and said to them, "If any want to become my followers, let them deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me. ³⁵For those who want to save their life will lose it, and those who lose their life for my sake, and for the sake of the gospel, will save it. ³⁶For what will it profit them to gain the whole world and forfeit their life? ³⁷Indeed, what can they give in return for their life? ³⁸Those who are ashamed of me and of my words in this adulterous and sinful generation, of them the Son of Man will also be ashamed when he comes in the glory of his Father with the holy angels."

(NRSV)

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

Schedule for the Week

Sunday February 28 – Second Sunday in Lent

- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

Tuesday March 2

- 12:00 pm Pastor's Book Group — Zoom

Wednesday March 3

- 6:30 pm Midweek Bible Study with Mike Gregg — Zoom
- 7:30 pm Sanctuary Choir — Zoom

Friday March 5

- 12:00 pm Midday Meditative Prayer — Zoom

Saturday March 6

- 10:00 am Donation Drop Off for Easter Baskets (10:00 am – 12:00 pm)
benefiting Hope Supply Company
- 2:00 pm Questers Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 3rd-5th Grade Saturday School — Zoom
- 8:00 pm Non-Traditional Class — Zoom

Sunday March 7 – Third Sunday in Lent

- 9:30 am Education Committee — Zoom
- 9:45 am Foundation Stones Class — Zoom
- 10:00 am 4-6-Year-Old Sunday School — Zoom
- 10:00 am Women's Share & Prayer — Zoom
- 11:00 am Morning Worship — Royal Lane Baptist YouTube Channel
- 12:00 pm Missions Division — Zoom
- 12:00 pm Youth Sunday School Class — Zoom
- 3:00 pm 1st-2nd Grade Sunday School — Zoom
- 4:00 pm Formations Class — Zoom
- 6:30 pm Middle School Sunday School — Zoom

How to Connect

See the Weekly Mosaic, Weekend Update or Web Calendar for Links and details for Zoom, Livestream and Virtual events — royallane.org/resources/events
Group hosts and leaders will provide links for events with no published link.

Schedule

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

Prayer Requests

We invite you to use the Prayer Request Form,
available on the website at royallane.org/prayer

Deacons on Call

Mike Keith & Margaret Darden

When WE Give: we reach out to homeless children & youth
by supporting Hope Supply Company

January 2021 Financials

	YTD Actual
Revenues	\$ 65,102
Expenses	\$ 54,615
Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 10,287

Text “GIVE” to 214-609-1200

Follow the prompts to complete the process.

Standard text message rates may apply.

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