

# ROYAL LANE BAPTIST CHURCH

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*Diverse People United in Christ*



# The Worship of God

## Third Sunday in Lent

March 24, 2019

10:55 A.M.

Worship begins with the Chiming of the Hour and the Voluntary.

Please use this as a time of quiet reflection and prayer,

and to record your attendance in the blue booklet at the end of the pew, and pass it to others.

To help maintain the spirit of worship, please silence all electronic devices.

† – Please rise in body or in spirit.

### Chiming of the Hour

**Christ be with you ... and also with you!**

Jesus cried out, “My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me:” When he does this Jesus is demonstrating that he is with us in the midst of our pain and sense of forsakenness. He is not just one of us and someone who can identify with us...he is with us and bearing our pain with us. When Jesus cries out that prayer, he cries it, so in the end, we will not have to. So come to the cross. See Jesus crying out in agony. Picture it in your mind. Hear him utter those words “My God, My God, Why have you forsaken me:” and know that he is crying out with the deepest heartache anyone can experience so that we can have the opportunity to have the deepest joy anyone can ever know. Come to the cross. Hear those words. And know that his words are uttered so that we can have eternal life.

### Voluntary

David Weigle

Sons of Sorrow — Dale Wood

### †Call to Worship

Congregation

**R**

O sa - cred Head, now wound - ed,  
with grief and shame weighed down.

(continued)

My God my God, why have you forsaken me:

**why are you so far from my help,  
and from my cry of distress?**

O my God I cry out in the daytime,

**but you do not answer:**

**at night also, but I get no relief. (R)**

But you are the Holy one:

enthroned in the praises of your people.

**Our ancestors trusted in you:  
they trusted and you delivered them.**

They called to you and were rescued:

**they put their trust in you,  
and were not disappointed.**

—*Psalm 22:1-5*

†Hymn 191

Congregation

*O Sacred Head, Now Wounded* — PASSION CHORALE

†Invocation

Congregation

Let us pray:

**Jesus, we come—to walk the road with you—to follow you to the cross.  
We prepare ourselves now to follow your footprints, and to understand  
how you died. To understand how we die. To understand how you  
lived. To understand how we should live. You were abandoned by God,  
alone in your suffering. You withstood what we could not, and  
promised to never leave or forsake us. May we, in turn, be faithful to  
those around us, walking with friends and strangers through their  
suffering. Amen.**

Scripture Lesson

Marsha McRae

Matthew 27:45-49 (Pew Bible page 811 of the New Testament)

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

Time of Silent Reflection

Time for Young Disciples

Laura Keller

*Children through kindergarten are invited to Godly Play,  
1st through 4th grade to Young Theologians.  
You may collect your children in the Children's Building following the service.*

†Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*My God, My God, Would You Forsake Me?* — WAYFARING STRANGER

Call to Confession

Melissa Walker-Luckett & Congregation

Let us approach the throne of grace with boldness, so that we may receive mercy and find grace to help in time of need.

The Confession of Sin

Let us pray:

**Holy Mystery, we long to stand up for what we believe, but it is easier to wash our hands of responsibility and to blame others for our inaction. We yearn to take a principled and courageous stand, but it is easier to defer to the judgments of others and simply go along with the crowd. We dream of following Jesus to the end, but it is easier to slip into the darkness and betray the spirit striving within us. Forgive us, O God, and help us find our courage amidst the dying of the light. Amen.**

*Silence Is Kept*

Promise of Forgiveness

Surely, Jesus Christ has borne our sin.

**By his wounds we are healed.**

Hymn [ see insert ]

Congregation

*Why Has God Forsaken Me?* — SHIMPI

Prayers of the People

Tim Schaefer & Congregation

In this holy time, as we remember the sacrifice of the cross, we offer the prayers of our hearts, that through them we may be transformed to be servants of justice, love, and peace.

*(continued)*

Today we pray especially for those we name now silently or aloud. . .

*(You may speak aloud the first name of those for whom you wish to pray.)*

*Silence Is Kept*

Let us pray:

**Make us steadfast witnesses of our Savior's reign, that we may live in the pattern of Christ, who was faithful in all things, even death, and whose darkest hour gives light and hope. Amen.**

Solo

Blair Wooten, baritone

*Fourth Word from The Seven Last Words of Christ* — Théodore Dubois

*God my Father, why hast Thou forsaken me?*

All those who were my friends, all have now forsaken me,  
and they that hate me do now prevail against me;  
and he whom I have cherished, he hath betray'd me.

Even the vine that I have chosen, and that I have planted:  
wherefore art thou now so strangely turned into bitterness,  
that I by thee am crucified?

Sermon

Michael Gregg

**“ My God, My God, Why? ”**

†Hymn of Commitment 167

Congregation

*I Saw the Cross of Jesus* — WHITFIELD

*Please come forward during the singing of this hymn if you wish to confess or reaffirm your faith or identify with this fellowship. A minister will greet and receive you.*

Offertory Prayer

Lauren Miller

Offertory

David Weigle

*I Want Jesus to Walk with Me* — Joe Utterback

Presentation of Decisions & Concerns of the Church

Michael Gregg

Affirmation: **Thanks be to God!**

†Sending Forth

Michael Gregg

Go as disciples into a world that rejects Christ’s message.

Go as defenders of the faith that heals and saves.

**How can we love when love is ridiculed and rejected?**

**How can we face disappointment and scorn?**

Live as people of hope, serving a faithful God.

Know that you are loved and sent on a mission.

**Jesus has borne our griefs and died to make us whole.**

**We will follow our savior in love and service.**

Amen.

**Amen.**

Organ Dismissal

David Weigle

*Wondrous Love* — arranged by Dale Wood

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# *Holy Week*

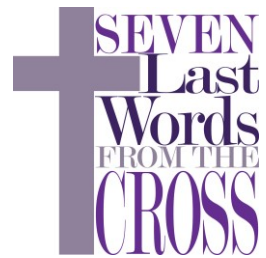
**Sunday**      **April 14 – Palm/Passion Sunday**  
10:55 am    Morning Worship – Procession of Palms

**Wednesday**    **April 17**  
5:30 pm      Family Supper — Vickrey Hall  
6:15 pm      Midweek Service — Vickrey Hall  
6:15 pm      Children’s Seder — Children’s Building

**Friday**          **April 19 – Good Friday**  
8:00 pm      Good Friday Service – Holy Communion offered — Sanctuary (*childcare provided*)  
                        “The Seven Last Words of Christ” – Théodore DuBois  
8:00 pm      Children’s Good Friday Service — Children’s Building

**Saturday**        **April 20**  
2:00 pm      Walk Through Holy Week & Easter Egg Hunt (2:00 – 4:00 pm)

**Sunday**          **April 21 – Easter Sunday**  
8:00 am      Flowering of the Cross — Sanctuary  
                        Testimony of Joy – Karen Miller  
8:30 am      Church-wide Breakfast — Vickrey Hall  
10:55 am    Morning Worship – “A New Word of Beginning” — Sanctuary



## Worship Leaders

### Lauren Miller

Lauren and her mother, Karen Miller, have been invested in Royal Lane for almost 3 years. She went to Eastern New Mexico State University to learn about child care. She now works at SMU. Lauren loves the friends she's made at Royal Lane.

### Marsha McRae

Marsha McRae joined Royal Lane with her mom Jeane in June of 2015. Marsha is a surgical P.A. at Medical City Dallas where she has worked for the past 12 years. After several years of visiting Dallas area churches, the music initially drew Marsha and Jeane to RLBC. The amazing pastor, teachers & members of Royal Lane have made it a home.

You are invited to a

*bridal*

**Shower**

honoring

**Shannon Simmons & Blake Miller**

**April 7, 2019**

2:00 pm – 4:00 p.m.

**Royal Lane Baptist Church Library  
6707 Royal Lane, Dallas, TX 75230**

Hosted by Paulette Harrison,  
Brittany Jones, Bettie Meachum,  
Christine Nicolette-Gonzalez, Jan Quesada,  
Rebecca Rempert, Debi Wooten

RSVP: Rebecca Rempert  
rebeccarempert@gmail.com  
by March 30, 2019

**The couple is registered at: Bed, Bath, and Beyond; Crate & Barrell; Amazon**

# My God, My God, Would You Forsake Me?

1. My God, my God, would you for-sake me? Why keep your help so far a-  
2. But I am shunned— de-spised by mock-ers who say that God left me to  
3. O God, de-liv-er me from e-vil, and I will an-swer you with

The image shows a musical score for the hymn 'My God, My God, Would You Forsake Me?'. It features a vocal line on a single staff and a piano accompaniment on two staves (treble and bass clef). The key signature is two flats (B-flat and E-flat), and the time signature is 4/4. The lyrics are printed below the vocal line, with three verses provided.

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## Study for Wednesday Evening **Bible Study with Mike Gregg** **Luke 2:1-21, The Birth of Jesus**

Join us at 5:30 for a Fellowship Meal

### For the Children!

Children's bulletins are available for ages 3-6 and 7-12.

Don't miss the Secret Code to allow your child to unlock on-line games, in a safe environment, that supplement today's scripture at [games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx](http://games.childrensbulletins.com/games/playcode.aspx)



Please recycle your order of worship in a marked bin.



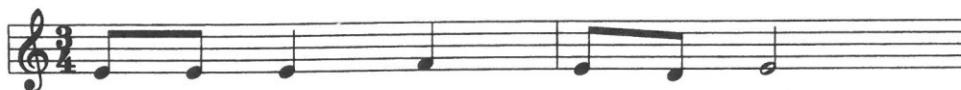
way? I call by day and hear no an - swer; at night I  
die. Yet from the womb, you have been with me; at my first  
praise; for you do not for - sake the suff - 'ring— your face is

groan; who hears me pray? Yet you are ho - ly, throned in  
breath, you heard my cry. Dark ter - rors lurk and cir - cle  
turned to us al - ways. The poor will taste the end of

prais - es. Your saints in - voke your might - y name, and you de -  
round me; my ver - y life their schemes op - pose. They scorn my  
hun - ger; by those who seek, you will be known. All souls will

liv - er them from e - vil. They trust and are not put to shame.  
faith and strip my bod - y; they laugh and gam - ble for my clothes.  
cry to you in won - der: the world be - longs to God a - lone.

# Why Has God Forsaken Me?



1. "Why has God for - sak - en me?"
2. At the tomb of Laz - a - rus
3. Je - sus, as his life ex - pired,
4. Mys - tery shrouds our life and death



cried out Je - sus from the cross as he shared the  
Je - sus wept with o - pen grief: "Grant us, God, the  
placed him - self with - in God's care: "At our dy - ing,  
but we need not be a - fraid, for the mys - tery's



lone - li - ness of our deep - est grief and loss.  
tears which heal all our pain and un - be - lief."  
Christ, may we trust the love which con - quers fear."  
heart is love, God's great love which Christ dis - played.

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## Hymn Notes

### ***My God, My God, Would You Forsake Me?***

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## *Schedule for the Week*

### **Sunday March 24 – Third Sunday in Lent**

- 12:15 pm Program Council — Vickrey Hall
- 12:15 pm 20/30 Ministry — Zoe's Kitchen, 6025 Royal Lane
- 6:00 pm Connections Care Group — Home of Larry Allen

### **Wednesday March 27**

- 3:30 pm Holy Rollers Mission Project — Room 202
- 5:30 pm Midweek Family Dinner — Vickrey Hall  
Shepherd's Pie, Salad, Rolls, Lemon Bars
- 6:00 pm Youth Activities/Study Hall — Youth Basement
- 6:15 pm Children's Choir/Missions — Children's Building
- 6:15 pm Midweek Service – Bible Study with Mike Gregg— Vickrey Hall  
Luke 2:1-21, The Birth of Jesus
- 7:15 pm Sanctuary Choir Rehearsal — Sanctuary

### **Saturday March 30**

- 1:00 pm Foster Care Group — Home of Barbara Gunnin

### **Sunday March 31 – Fourth Sunday in Lent**

- 9:30 am Donuts, Coffee/Juice — Box Gallery
- 9:45 am OWL – Our Whole Lives, March Study for Adults — Vickrey Hall
- 9:45 am Christian Education — Christian Education Classrooms & Portable 1
- 10:55 am Morning Worship — Sanctuary
- 12:15 pm Choir Rehearsal & Lunch — Vickrey Hall (childcare provided)
- 12:15 pm Youth Work Day & Lunch — Vickrey Hall & Portables

*The deadline for the order of service, the Midweek, and the Mosaic is Tuesday, 5:00 p.m. prior to publication.*

## **Needed for Easter Egg Hunt**

**Please bring by Wednesday, April 17**

Individually wrapped candies, plastic eggs and small prizes that can be put in the eggs. Baskets for donations are available in the Church Office and Vickrey Hall. Please remember that these must be safe for our youngest children.

Need some ideas?

Stickers

Seed Packets

*(to plant after Easter)*

Hot Wheel Cars

Bouncy Balls

Erasers

Lip Gloss/Chap Stick

Character Band-aids

Fruit Snacks

Silly Bands

Small containers of bubbles

Playdough

Small dolls & figures

Plastic Animals/Bugs

Bracelets/Necklaces

Rubber Stamps

# Prayer Cards

We invite you to use the Prayer Cards, available in the “pockets” on the back of each pew, to submit prayer requests. These may be placed in the offering plate or handed to a minister or deacon of the week.

## Deacons on Call

Scott Bryant & Melanie Ferguson

**Safety Shepherd** – JJ Berrier

## Godly Play

Amy Ward-Meier & Patsy Meier

**Young Theologians** – Laura Keller & Cookie Stokes

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When WE Give: new beginnings are in sight for struggling families!

### February 28, 2019 Financials

|                                  | YTD        | Feb 2019    |
|----------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Budget/Pledges & Plate Offerings | \$ 108,055 | \$ 54,028   |
| Actual Pledges & Plate Offerings | \$ 151,980 | \$ 36,180   |
| Budget/Offerings & Revenues      | \$ 117,622 | \$ 59,011   |
| Actual Offerings & Revenues      | \$ 164,140 | \$ 40,524   |
| Expenses                         | \$ 122,682 | \$ 60,450   |
| Surplus (Deficit)                | (\$41,458) | (\$ 19,926) |

Text **Royallane** to **73256** to give to the General Fund.

*Standard text message rates apply.*

Donate online to General Fund  
at [onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give](http://onrealm.org/RoyalLane/Give)



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Blake Vickrey, Audio Technician  
Ray Vickrey, Pastor Emeritus  
David Weigle, Organist  
Harry Wooten, Minister of Music and Worship

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The Scripture this morning is Matthew 27:45-49, which may be found on page 811 of the New Testament of the pew Bible.

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<sup>45</sup>From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. <sup>46</sup>And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice, "Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?" that is, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" <sup>47</sup>When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "This man is calling for Elijah." <sup>48</sup>At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. <sup>49</sup>But the others said, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him."

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