



To all who are weary and desire rest, to all who mourn and long for comfort, to all who sin and need a Savior, Redeemer City Church opens wide its doors with a welcome from King Jesus the mighty Friend of sinners, the Ally of his enemies, the Defender of the indefensible.



March 22, 2020 – Fourth Sunday of Lent

Season of the Cross: Purple for Lent

The season of Lent begins with Ash Wednesday and runs 40 days through Holy Week. It is a reminder of Jesus' own 40 days in the wilderness, where He fasted and was tempted. Lent is a time of repentance and fasting, of preparation and penitence, as we look ahead with anticipation to His death and resurrection.

Call to Worship: Psalm 67:1-3

We read God's Word, the Bible, together. It reminds us of who God is and what He expects from us.

Leader: May God be gracious to us and bless us and make his face to shine upon us.

Congregation: That your way may be known on earth, your saving power among all nations.

Leader: Let the peoples praise you, O God;

Congregation: Let all the peoples praise you!

Songs of Adoration

We respond to God's invitation with songs of praise. These songs are designed to draw our attention to the wonder and glory of God.

Praise to the Lord the Almighty

Reading of the Law: 1 Peter 5:5b-11

While the law cannot justify us or make us righteous, it is a teacher given to lead us to Christ, the fulfiller of the law.

Clothe yourselves, all of you, with humility toward one another, for "God opposes the proud but gives grace to the humble." Humble yourselves, therefore, under the mighty hand of God so that at the proper time he may exalt you, casting all your anxieties on him, because he cares for you. Be sober-minded; be watchful. Your adversary the devil prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour. Resist him, firm in your faith, knowing that the same kinds of suffering are being experienced by your brotherhood throughout the world. And after you have suffered a little while, the God of all grace, who has called you to his eternal glory in Christ, will himself restore, confirm, strengthen, and establish you. To him be the dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Prayer of Adoration and Confession

We pray together, praising God for who He really is (Adoration) and admitting our inability to live up to what He expects of us (Confession).

Confession of Sin: From "Self-Deprecation" in Valley of Vision

Lord, I scarce can open my eyes but I envy those above me or despise those below...

Am I strong and beautiful? What a fuel for pride!

Am I weak and needy? What an occasion for sadness!

Am I gifted? I lust after applause.

Am I unlearned? How I despise what I have not!

Am I in authority? How prone to abuse my trust, make will my laws, exclude others' desires, and serve my own interests.

Am I inferior? How much I begrudge others' preeminence!

Am I rich? How exalted I become!

O God, you know, that all these are snares, but my greatest snare is myself.

I think too much of myself. I think of myself too much.

Turn my gaze, instead, to You.

Assurance of Pardon: Zephaniah 3:14-17

We read God's Word together and are reminded that grace and mercy are freely given to all who have faith in Jesus Christ.

Sing aloud, O daughter of Zion; shout, O Israel! Rejoice and exult with all your heart, O daughter of Jerusalem! The LORD has taken away the judgments against you; he has cleared away your enemies. The King of Israel, the LORD, is in your midst; you shall never again fear evil. On that day it shall be said to Jerusalem: "Fear not, O Zion; let not your hands grow weak. The LORD your God is in your midst, a mighty one who will save; he will rejoice over you with gladness; he will quiet you by his love; he will exult over you with loud singing.

Greeting

In Jesus, we have not only been reconciled to God, we have also been reconciled to one another. Therefore, we greet one another as brothers and sisters.

Songs of Praise and Celebration

Our response to God's free grace is celebratory worship. We express our praise to God for who He is and what He has done to save us

The Love of God
Sovereign Over Us

Worship Through Giving: Give Online redeemerwh.org/give

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace for us in Jesus by giving generously to the work of this Church and the Kingdom of God.

Prayer of Thanksgiving & Intercession

We again express in prayer our gratitude to God for what He has done and ask Him to continue to act for our good and the good of others in our community and the world.

Proclamation of God's Word

A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

Song of Response & Sending

We respond to the good news of God's mercy and grace by singing again of His goodness and greatness.

Dear Refuge Of My Weary Soul

Benediction

Because the hand of God's wrath was raised against Jesus, we now receive the hand of God's blessing as we are sent out to live our lives to the glory of God.

May the LORD bless you and keep you;
May the LORD make His face to shine upon you and be gracious to you;
May the LORD turn His face toward you and give you His peace,
Both now and forevermore. Amen.

Proclamation of God's Word: See Below for Pew Bible Page Numbers
A small portion of God's Word is explained to us and applied to our own lives.

1 O LORD, my heart is not lifted up; my eyes are not raised too high; I do not occupy myself with things too great and too marvelous for me. 2 But I have calmed and quieted my soul, like a weaned child with its mother; like a weaned child is my soul within me. 3 O Israel, hope in the LORD from this time forth and forevermore.

(Psalm 131 ESV)

Resources

A Long Obedience in the Same Direction, Eugene Peterson
On the Road with Saint Augustine, James K.A. Smith
Longing for Home, Stephen Yuille

Discussion Questions

1. What things consistently cause you anxiety and fear?
2. At what times have you experienced your heart to be full of "calm and quiet?"
3. Where do you find yourself "pre-occupied?"
4. What words or thoughts come to mind when you think of "a weaned child with its mother...?"
5. How does hope serve as an antidote to fear in your life? How is our current moment an opportunity for you to practice Psalm 131?
6. As we meet together in the coming weeks, many of us virtually, strategize together how you can help calm and quiet one another as an act of neighbor love.

Sermon Series: Psalms of Ascent: On the Way

Sermon Title: The Calm and Quiet Soul

Date: March 22, 2020

NOTES:

Lenten Devotional

WEEK 4: ANGER

SCRIPTURE

Read Psalm 137

1 By the waters of Babylon, there we sat down and wept, when we remembered Zion. 2 On the willows there we hung up our lyres. 3 For there our captors required of us songs, and our tormentors, mirth, saying, "Sing us one of the songs of Zion!" 4 How shall we sing the LORD's song in a foreign land? 5 If I forget you, O Jerusalem, let my right hand forget its skill! 6 Let my tongue stick to the roof of my mouth, if I do not remember you, if I do not set Jerusalem above my highest joy! 7 Remember, O LORD, against the Edomites the day of Jerusalem, how they said, "Lay it bare, lay it bare, down to its foundations!" 8 O daughter of Babylon, doomed to be destroyed, blessed shall he be who repays you with what you have done to us! 9 Blessed shall he be who takes your little ones and dashes them against the rock!

This is a psalm of a dislocated, disgraced, and frustrated people being carried away to slavery while their homeland gets destroyed. Everything they hoped for, believed in, and enjoyed has been tainted or destroyed completely.

Q: How can you resonate with their anger? Why?

Q: How do you respond to a loss of control or helplessness?

Q: How does God disarm or deal with this sort of anger in Christ?

PRAYER

Pray that your anger would lead you to an acceptance of your helplessness before powers that you can't control, drawing you into the arms of God.

Pray for gentleness among your family, friends, neighbors, and co-workers who would disarm anger and give opportunity to point toward Christ as the just and merciful judge.

Thank Christ for both absorbing our unrighteous anger on the cross and executing His just anger against unrepentant evil in the end.

Announcements

Online Directory: Redeemer City Church's online directory is provided for Regular Attendees and Members. The great thing about this platform is that you can upload your own photo or edit your profile's information and it automatically syncs with our database. Visit redeemerwh.org/directory to access your profile.

Get Connected: The best way to stay up-to-date with what's happening at Redeemer is through our online newsletter (redeemerwh.org/newsletter) and our mobile app (redeemerwh.org/app).

Worship Playlists: Follow our weekly set list on **Spotify** and **Apple Music** so that you can become familiar with the songs that we'll be singing on Sundays. You can find the playlist on the "RedeemerWH" app (above) or at: redeemerwh.org/RCCmusic.



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