



Santa Margarita

Community Church

Order of Worship

March 22, 2020

Instructions:

On this Lord's Day, you will be leading through our service order at home. We feel the loss of not gathering, at the same time, we feel the comfort of the Holy Spirit in our hearts. Feel the weight of what you are doing when you speak the *Call to Worship* and when you pray for your household. This is a holy obligation. It is not to be taken lightly or to be taken to downplay what happens on a Sunday when we gather. This is a wartime effort and these are wartime measures.

Fathers or head of household: please lead the service. The Apostle Peter charges you to speak as if you are speaking the very words of God (1 Peter 4:11).

Assign someone to read the Scripture, another to read the prayer. Feel free to simply pass the order around and take turns.

Sing on your own or sing along with the links provided.

Preparation

Lead: Take a moment to quietly prepare your hearts.

The Call to Worship

Lead: This hour is not like every other hour. In this hour, we gather as the people of God, according to the command of God, in order to worship God.

Today, the Word of God speaks to us in our suffering. It says, loud and clear that sometimes it is as bad as you think it is. Sometimes there is grief and loss and fear. Sometimes there is disease that shuts us in our homes and keeps us from gathering with the church. And yet, when we put ALL of our suffering on one side of the scale and the glory that God has planned for us on the others side, there really is no comparison. It is hard. It hurts. It is frustrating. And God is the one one who can satisfy the longing of our hearts. Come, let us worship the one true God.

Our call to worship comes from Psalm 42.

Psalm 42

As a deer pants for flowing streams, so pants my soul for you, O God. My soul thirsts for God, for the living God. When shall I come and appear before God? My tears have been my food day and night, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" These things I remember, as I pour out my soul: how I would go with the throng and lead them in procession to the house of God with glad shouts and songs of praise, a multitude keeping festival. Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God. My soul is cast down within me; therefore I remember you from the

land of Jordan and of Hermon, from Mount Mizar. Deep calls to deep at the roar of your waterfalls; all your breakers and your waves have gone over me. By day the Lord commands his steadfast love, and at night his song is with me, a prayer to the God of my life. I say to God, my rock: "Why have you forgotten me? Why do I go mourning because of the oppression of the enemy?" As with a deadly wound in my bones, my adversaries taunt me, while they say to me all the day long, "Where is your God?" Why are you cast down, O my soul, and why are you in turmoil within me? Hope in God; for I shall again praise him, my salvation and my God.

Prayer (Collect)

Almighty God, you created all things, you sustain all things and you are governing all things to your intended end. Life and death are in your hand. War and peace are in your hand. Health and disease are in your hand. We know you and we trust you, but we do not understand this. We do not understand our present suffering. We do not understand the world as we see it today. We do not understand the loss of life and the loss of security. We do not understand why family members and neighbors are suffering. Teach us to long for you in this time of crisis. Train our hearts to value you above all things. Give us hope today by your presence, even while we mourn our losses. We pray this so that we would be sanctified by your grace alone. We pray this so that our world would see its need for you. In the name of Jesus who sought us out in our suffering and continues to seek us out in our suffering. Amen and amen.

Adoration

O Church Arise

<https://youtu.be/x63cVewXAeg>

A7sus D G/B A/C# D D/F# G A7 D A7sus

1. O Church, a - rise, and put your ar - mour on; hear the call of Christ our Cap - tain. For now the
 2. Our call to war - to love the cap - tive soul, but to rage a - gainst the cap - tor; And with the
 3. Come see the cross, where love and mer - cy meet, as the Son of God is strick - en; Then see His
 4. So Spi - rit come, put strength in ev - 'ry stride, give_ grace for ev - 'ry hur - dle, that we may

5 D G/B A/C# D D/F# G A7 D D/F#

weak can say that they are strong in the strength that God has gi - ven. With shield of
 sword that makes the wound - ed whole, we will fight with faith and val - or. When faced with
 foes lie crushed be - neath His feet, for the Con - quer - or has ris - en! And as the
 run with faith to win the prize of a ser - vant good and faith - ful. As saints of

9 G D/F# Asus A D/F# G D/F# Bm7 A A7sus D

faith and belt of_ Truth, we'll stand a - gainst the de - vil's lies; An ar - my bold, whose bat - tle -
 trials on ev - 'ry_ side, we know the out - come is se - cure, and Christ will have the prize for
 stone is rolled a - way and Christ e - mer - ges from the grave, this vic - tory march con - tin - ues
 old still line the_ way, re - tell - ing tri - umphs of His grace, we hear their calls and hun ger

14 G/B A/C# D D/F# G A7 D G 1.2.3. 4.

cry is love, reach-ing out to those in dark - ness.
which He died— an in - her - it - ance of na - tions.
'til the day ev - 'ry eye and heart shall see Him.
for the day when with Christ we stand in Glo - ry.

2. Our call to
3. Come see the
4. So Spi - rit

The Long Reading

Reader: Strangely, most of the prophecies of the OT bring some kind of threat or warning. Now, they always have a backside as well. There is the promise of blessing for obedience and the promises of cursing for disobedience. People like their disobedience and do not like being told that it will not end well. Sometimes the message that our sin puts us in a pit makes people throw you in one. Hear the word of God who is providential over both good times and bad.

Jeremiah 38:2-23

“Thus says the Lord: He who stays in this city shall die by the sword, by famine, and by pestilence, but he who goes out to the Chaldeans shall live. He shall have his life as a prize of war, and live. Thus says the Lord: This city shall surely be given into the hand of the army of the king of Babylon and be taken.” Then the officials said to the king, “Let this man be put to death, for he is weakening the hands of the soldiers who are left in this city, and the hands of all the people, by speaking such words to them. For this man is not seeking the welfare of this people, but their harm.” King Zedekiah said, “Behold, he is in your hands, for the king can do nothing against you.” So they took Jeremiah and cast him into the cistern of Malchiah, the king’s son, which was in the court of the guard, letting Jeremiah down by ropes. And there was no water in the cistern, but only mud, and Jeremiah sank in the mud. When Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, a eunuch who was in the king’s house, heard that they had put Jeremiah into the cistern—the king was sitting in the

Benjamin Gate— Ebed-melech went from the king’s house and said to the king, “My lord the king, these men have done evil in all that they did to Jeremiah the prophet by casting him into the cistern, and he will die there of hunger, for there is no bread left in the city.” Then the king commanded Ebed-melech the Ethiopian, “Take thirty men with you from here, and lift Jeremiah the prophet out of the cistern before he dies.” So Ebed-melech took the men with him and went to the house of the king, to a wardrobe in the storehouse, and took from there old rags and worn-out clothes, which he let down to Jeremiah in the cistern by ropes. Then Ebed-melech the Ethiopian said to Jeremiah, “Put the rags and clothes between your armpits and the ropes.” Jeremiah did so. Then they drew Jeremiah up with ropes and lifted him out of the cistern. And Jeremiah remained in the court of the guard. King Zedekiah sent for Jeremiah the prophet and received him at the third entrance of the temple of the Lord. The king said to Jeremiah, “I will ask you a

question; hide nothing from me.” Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “If I tell you, will you not surely put me to death? And if I give you counsel, you will not listen to me.” Then King Zedekiah swore secretly to Jeremiah, “As the Lord lives, who made our souls, I will not put you to death or deliver you into the hand of these men who seek your life.” Then Jeremiah said to Zedekiah, “Thus says the Lord, the God of hosts, the God of Israel: If you will surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then your life shall be spared, and this city shall not be burned with fire, and you and your house shall live. But if you do not surrender to the officials of the king of Babylon, then this city shall be given into the hand of the Chaldeans, and they shall burn it with fire, and you shall not escape from their hand.” King Zedekiah said to Jeremiah, “I am afraid of the Judeans who have deserted to the Chaldeans, lest I be handed over to them and they deal cruelly with me.” Jeremiah said, “You shall not be given to them. Obey now the voice of the Lord in what I say to you, and it shall be well with you, and your life shall be spared. But if you refuse to surrender, this is the vision which the Lord has shown to me: Behold, all the women left in the house of the king of Judah were being led out to the officials of the king of Babylon and were saying, “ ‘Your trusted friends have deceived you and prevailed against

you; now that your feet are sunk in the mud, they turn away from you.’ All your wives and your sons shall be led out to the Chaldeans, and you yourself shall not escape from their hand, but shall be seized by the king of Babylon, and this city shall be burned with fire.”

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In Christ Alone

In Christ alone my hope is found
He is my light my strength my song
This Cornerstone this solid Ground
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm
What heights of love what depths of peace
When fears are stilled when strivings cease
My Comforter my All in All
Here in the love of Christ I stand

In Christ alone who took on flesh
Fullness of God in helpless babe
This gift of love and righteousness
Scorned by the ones He came to save
Till on that cross as Jesus died
The wrath of God was satisfied
For every sin on Him was laid
Here in the death of Christ I live

There in the ground His body lay
Light of the world by darkness slain
Then bursting forth in glorious Day
Up from the grave He rose again
And as He stands in victory
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me
For I am His and He is mine
Bought with the precious blood of Christ

No guilt in life no fear in death
This is the power of Christ in me
From life's first cry to final breath
Jesus commands my destiny
No power of hell no scheme of man
Can ever pluck me from His hand
Till He returns or calls me home
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand

Exhortation: Pastor Robert

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Sunday, March 22, 10:45 a.m.

Just the Spirit: Time for a little comparison

Romans 8:18-25

These are crazy times and we are rightfully worried. While taking a full, honest view of today, let's compare that with the glory that awaits the children of God.

On the one hand, there is our present suffering

On the other hand, there is our future glory

Dedication

The Benediction

Pastor Robert

*May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope. Romans 15:13 Amen and **Amen**.*

Announcements

All Church Services & Midweek Groups Postponed: As a result of the coronavirus outbreak, we are following the recommendations of our civic and health leaders in postponing all of our worship services and midweek groups for the next two weeks.

Keep in touch: In order to keep in touch, please ensure that you are participating in our current means of communication.

1. Download the SMCC smartphone app. [App for Android](#). [App for Iphone](#). When notifications come from the church, open them. This is the primary, family only, means of our communication, connection and encouragement right now. Click on the links to read, pray and sing along with us.
2. Ensure that you can login to [mysmcc](#). This is our church database where you can get phone numbers to call others in the church. And please call people. Who? Whoever you think of. What do you say? Say, I miss you, I've been thinking of you, I can't wait until we can worship together again.
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4. Follow SMCC on [FB](#) and [IG](#) as a means of encouragement and comment.
5. Please be regular with your giving as we are separated. This still remains our family responsibility and privilege. You can give to your regular offering and to the Help Fund through [online giving](#). People will be needing our financial help during this time.