



# Santa Margarita

## Community Church

### Order of Worship

May 3, 2020

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### Instructions:

On this Lord's Day, feel the loss of not gathering, at the same time, 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 not normal and will not become our normal. 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 calls us to recognize and respond to the holiness of God in our hearts, in our church and in all the earth. The proclamation of God's perfect character immediately reveals my imperfect character and immediately calls all men and women, whether peasants or kings, to bow and worship His holy name. The problem with that is that I want my name to be great, we want God to respond to us and our needs and our governors forget that there is a holy God to whom they just an account. Today, we proclaim there is only one who is perfectly, perfectly moral and perfectly whole. Our Father who is in heaven is right and all that He does is right. Come let us worship Him.*

*Our call to worship comes from 9.*

## ***Psalm 9:1-10***

I will give thanks to the Lord with my whole heart; I will recount all of your wonderful deeds. I will be glad and exult in you; I will sing praise to your name, O Most High. When my enemies turn back, they stumble and perish before your presence. For you have maintained my just cause; you have sat on the throne, giving righteous judgment. You have rebuked the nations; you have made the wicked perish; you have blotted out their name forever and ever. The enemy came to

an end in everlasting ruins; their cities you rooted out; the very memory of them has perished. But the Lord sits enthroned forever; he has established his throne for justice, and he judges the world with righteousness; he judges the peoples with uprightness. The Lord is a stronghold for the oppressed, a stronghold in times of trouble. And those who know your name put their trust in you, for you, O Lord, have not forsaken those who seek you.

## ***Prayer***

A prayer in time of national crisis.

Heavenly father, we come to your throne of mercy, bowed down and wearied by the weight of suffering in disaster visited upon our country. We beg you to protect this nation in our hour of need. We acknowledge our trespasses before you and do not deny either our own transgressions of your holy law or the sins of other citizens of our homeland. We are laden with iniquity, but you call us to your forgiveness, salvation, hope, and life. Turn the hearts and minds of all to you, that they might find peace through the cleansing of Jesus's blood. Let us not be confounded or dismayed, so that we, as children of your grace, may courageously speak to this needy world of the hope that is within us. Make us instruments of your peace in a world of conflict, witnesses to the power of faith in the world lost in unbelief, and bearers of the joy that overcomes the sorrow of the fallen world. Grant to the leaders of this nation and all the nations of the world wise counsel, calm thinking, and unselfish aims. Amid the tumult of disaster, build your kingdom and turn even more souls to yourself. Because of your grace, we are not altogether lost but find grace and forgiveness in you. O Lord, give us the grace to seek you, trust you, and confess you; in Jesus's name. Amen and amen.

# Adoration

Agnus Dei.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=DdchuOhKGps>

Alleluia, alleluia

For the Lord God  
Almighty reigns

Alleluia, alleluia  
For the Lord God  
Almighty reigns  
Alleluia...

*Holy, holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb*

*You are holy, holy  
Are You Lord God Almighty  
Worthy is the Lamb  
Worthy is the Lamb  
You are holy*

# The Long Reading

***Reader:** While the people of God were in exile, the king of Babylon commanded the people to worship his image, as all governments do when they forget their God given sphere of authority. Three heroes of the faith do what God required of them by simply saying, “no.” Hear the Word of the God who provides a way out for His people through the One who passed through the fire for us.*

## **Daniel 3**

King Nebuchadnezzar made an image of gold, whose height was sixty cubits and its breadth six cubits. He set it up on the plain of Dura, in the province of Babylon. Then King Nebuchadnezzar sent to gather the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces to come to the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Then the satraps, the prefects, and the governors, the counselors, the treasurers, the justices, the magistrates, and all the officials of the provinces gathered for the dedication of the image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And they stood before the image that Nebuchadnezzar had set up. And the herald proclaimed aloud, “You are commanded, O peoples, nations, and languages, that when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, you are to fall down and worship the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar has set up. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace.” Therefore, as

soon as all the peoples heard the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, all the peoples, nations, and languages fell down and worshiped the golden image that King Nebuchadnezzar had set up. Therefore at that time certain Chaldeans came forward and maliciously accused the Jews. They declared to King Nebuchadnezzar, “O king, live forever! You, O king, have made a decree, that every man who hears the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, shall fall down and worship the golden image. And whoever does not fall down and worship shall be cast into a burning fiery furnace. There are certain Jews whom you have appointed over the affairs of the province of Babylon: Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. These men, O king, pay no attention to you; they do not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up.” Then Nebuchadnezzar in furious rage commanded that Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego be brought. So they brought these men before the king. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said to

them, "Is it true, O Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, that you do not serve my gods or worship the golden image that I have set up? Now if you are ready when you hear the sound of the horn, pipe, lyre, trigon, harp, bagpipe, and every kind of music, to fall down and worship the image that I have made, well and good. But if you do not worship, you shall immediately be cast into a burning fiery furnace. And who is the god who will deliver you out of my hands?" Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego answered and said to the king, "O Nebuchadnezzar, we have no need to answer you in this matter. If this be so, our God whom we serve is able to deliver us from the burning fiery furnace, and he will deliver us out of your hand, O king. But if not, be it known to you, O king, that we will not serve your gods or worship the golden image that you have set up." Then Nebuchadnezzar was filled with fury, and the expression of his face was changed against Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. He ordered the furnace heated seven times more than it was usually heated. And he ordered some of the mighty men of his army to bind Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, and to cast them into the burning fiery furnace. Then these men were bound in their cloaks, their tunics, their hats, and their other garments, and they were thrown into the burning fiery furnace. Because the king's order was urgent and the furnace overheated, the flame of the

fire killed those men who took up Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego. And these three men, Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, fell bound into the burning fiery furnace. Then King Nebuchadnezzar was astonished and rose up in haste. He declared to his counselors, "Did we not cast three men bound into the fire?" They answered and said to the king, "True, O king." He answered and said, "But I see four men unbound, walking in the midst of the fire, and they are not hurt; and the appearance of the fourth is like a son of the gods." Then Nebuchadnezzar came near to the door of the burning fiery furnace; he declared, "Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, servants of the Most High God, come out, and come here!" Then Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego came out from the fire. And the satraps, the prefects, the governors, and the king's counselors gathered together and saw that the fire had not had any power over the bodies of those men. The hair of their heads was not singed, their cloaks were not harmed, and no smell of fire had come upon them. Nebuchadnezzar answered and said, "Blessed be the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego, who has sent his angel and delivered his servants, who trusted in him, and set aside the king's command, and yielded up their bodies rather than serve and worship any god except their own God. Therefore I make a decree: Any people, nation, or language

that speaks anything against the God of Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego shall be torn limb from limb, and their houses laid in ruins, for there is no other god who is able to rescue in this way.” Then the king promoted Shadrach, Meshach, and Abednego in the province of Babylon.

## Be Thou My Vision

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Optrm7lF16s>

Be Thou my vision  
O Lord of my heart  
Naught be all else to me  
Save that Thou art

Thou my best thought  
By day or by night  
Waking or sleeping  
Thy presence my light

Be Thou my wisdom  
And Thou my true Word  
I ever with Thee  
And Thou with me Lord

Thou my great Father  
And I Thy true son  
Thou in me dwelling  
And I with Thee one

Riches I heed not  
Nor man's empty praise  
Thou mine inheritance  
Now and always

Thou and Thou only  
First in my heart  
High King of heaven  
My treasure Thou art

High King of heaven  
My victory won  
May I reach heaven's joys  
O bright heaven's Son

Heart of my own heart  
Whatever befall  
Still be my vision  
O Ruler of all

# Exhortation: Pastor Robert

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Sunday, May 3, 11:00 a.m.

**From the heart to the hills: First in my Heart**

**Matthew 6:9-13**

*God has sent us to our closets to remember to pray, to reset our priorities and renew our proclamation. Here, Jesus is teaching us to pray, first, that God would be first.*

First in our hearts.

First in our church.

First in our county.

# Dedication

## The Benediction

Pastor Robert

*Now may the God of peace himself sanctify you completely, and may your whole spirit and soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ. 1 Thess. 5:23 Amen and **Amen**.*

## Announcements

**Congregational Meeting:** We will hold a Congregational Meeting on Zoom on May 17. At that time, we will vote on Dave Redel as an elder. If you would like to comment on Dave's nomination, please contact an elder between now and then.

**Table Groups:** All Table Groups and Bible Studies have moved online. See the weekly email for links to be involved.

**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.
3. Do you receive the all church email? Please reach out to us so you can be included.
4. Follow SMCC on [FB](#) and [IG](#) as a means of encouragement and comment.
5. Many of you have asked how to give during this time. Here are Pastor Paul's detailed and helpful instructions. [Online giving](#).