

Friday, 4/14

Come to the weekly prayer meeting *this morning at 6:30.*

Read **Hebrews 10:1-18** and **Jeremiah 31:31-40.**

Meditate on God's promise, "I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more."

Mourn for how we don't trust His fidelity, trying to appease Him ourselves.

Consider fasting today as an aid to your prayers.

Pray, "O God, we long to be done with our sin. We are so weary. The very things that we don't want to do, the very things that are toxic to our souls and harmful to others, we continue to do. Have mercy upon us. Give us Your rest. Allow us to cease from our vain labors, trying to earn Your favor. Teach us to rest in You. Show us how to give up our worries and trust Your provision. Help us to not take back again, those worries we have brought to You. Have mercy upon us. Amen."

Come to the Seder Dinner *this evening at 6:30.*

Saturday, 4/15

Read tomorrow's sermon passage **Matthew 27:62-28:10.**

Prepare today for the gathered worship service tomorrow.

Sing the song *We Bow Down.* ⁴

You are Lord of creation
And Lord of my life,
Lord of the land and the sea.
You were Lord of the heavens
Before there was time,
And Lord of all lords You will be!
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
Lord of all lords You will be!

You are King of creation
And King of my life,
King of the land and the sea.
You were King of the heavens
Before there was time,
And King of all kings You will be!
We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
King of all kings You will be!

We bow down and we worship You, Lord. (3x)
Lord of all lords you will be!

Pray, "We hear Jesus say, 'My God, My God, why have you forsaken me?' And we too at times pray, 'Why Lord, are You so far from helping me? Why do you not answer my cry?' We know that You alone are holy, enthroned on the praises of Your people, Israel. In You have our fathers trusted, and again and again we have seen Your faithfulness. Those who have gone before us cried out to You and were saved. They put their trust in You and were not put to shame.

"Yet, we confess that we often doubt You. Despite all the ways You have shown Yourself faithful, we doubt and scorn Your love. Lord, have mercy on us for we are weak people.

"Strengthen us, even as we remember how You, Lord Christ, entered into the tomb for us. Bring us together with Your people tomorrow as we celebrate Your resurrection and allow us to repent and believe anew. All Your promises are true in Christ our Redeemer in whose name we pray. Amen."



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Sermon notes from 4/9/06

Matthew 27:11-61

Rev. Douglas Warren

Outline

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The King and the Governor

27-30 **Scorned by Soldiers**

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The King Hung on a Tree

38-44 **Mocking the One True King**

45-53

The King Is Utterly Forsaken

54-61 **Responses to Crucifixion**

We cannot understand who Jesus is apart from His crucifixion. It is here that Jesus sets Himself apart from all other kings. He who knows perfect fellowship with His Father is at the cross God forsaken for us.

Message

I. Three Judgments

II. Three Responses

III. Sitting Opposite the Tomb

Application

Please consider the following, asking the Holy Spirit to guide you:

1. Whom do you most often judge as not worthy?
2. How do you respond to judgment?
3. What is your response to Jesus today?
4. Whom are you afraid of? Why? What can they do to you?

Taking Gathered Worship Home—Family and Individual Devotions

What are we to make of a crucified king? Surely his defeat in death shows him to be worthless. But what if Jesus died not in defeat, but in order to defeat death itself? He is the promised king who came not only to bring us life, but to completely satisfy His Father's wrath, so that there could never be any more for us—ever.

Please use the devotional material below each day this week to meet with Jesus. Please pray that we as a community of faith will learn His ways and walk in them to accomplish His purposes.

Sunday, 4/9

Read today's sermon passage: **Matthew 27:11-61**.

Discuss the sermon.

Sing the song Majesty. ¹

Majesty, worship His majesty.	The name of Jesus.
Unto Jesus be all glory,	Magnify, come glorify
Honor and praise.	Christ Jesus, the King.
Majesty, kingdom authority	Majesty, worship His majesty.
Flow from His throne	Jesus who died, now glorified,
Unto His own, His anthem raise.	King of all kings.
So exalt, lift up on high	

Pray that we might truly worship His majesty, that His praises might fill this place and resound throughout all the earth. Now praise Him for He has promised He will surely do it.

Monday, 4/10

Read **Psalms 69:1-21**. How did Jesus face these trials and more? How does His endurance give us strength?

Repent for scorning His deliverance in the ways we try to do it ourselves.

Pray for your neighbors, peers, friends & family asking God to save them.

Consider how to specifically honor Christ today through loving others.

Tuesday, 4/11

Read **Psalms 69:22-36** and consider how our inheritance has been won through Christ taking the wrath we deserve.

Meditate on "the God of Israel gives power and strength to His people. Praise be to God!"

Consider fasting and praying during a mealtime today. *See article on-line.* ²

Pray, "Mighty God and Father, You overwhelm us with Your great mercy. At the time of our greatest need You surprised us with Your wondrous love.

Jesus offered His life for us to remove our dreadful curse. As You draw us into this renewing relationship of love, may we respond with gratitude as we walk in the newness of life You have given us. Lead us to love others with the same self-sacrificing love with which You have loved us. Work in us Your power to bring great life transformation to us, our families, our community, and through us the whole earth. Work in us with Your power, to the glory and majesty of Your holy name.

Sing *Ancient Words*. ³

1 Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world, They resound with God's own heart. O, let the ancient words impart. Words of life, words of hope, Give us strength, help us cope. In this world where'er we roam, Ancient words will guide us home. (<i>refrain</i>)	2 Holy words of our faith Handed down to this age, Came to us through sacrifice. O, heed the faithful words of Christ. Holy words long preserved For our walk in this world, They resound with God's own heart O, let the ancient words impart. (<i>refrain</i>)
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**Refrain: Ancient words, ever true, We have come with open hearts,
Changing me and changing you; O, let the ancient words impart.**

Wednesday, 4/12

Read **Matthew 27:45-53** and **Psalms 22:1-31** and consider how "he has done it."

Discuss Jesus receiving no answer so the Father could answer when we cry.

Mourn for the ways we often demean His sacrifice for us.

Pray for all those who today grieve feeling alone and abandoned. Ask the Lord to use you and us as a community to reach them to praise Christ.

Sing *Majesty*.

Thursday, 4/13

Read **Hebrews 9:11-28** and discuss Christ's sacrifice for His people. Why is it sufficient?

Consider fasting and praying during a mealtime today.

Pray, "Merciful God, we have not loved You with our whole hearts."

[Silence]

"Lord, have mercy. Christ have mercy. Lord Jesus forgive us our sins."

[Silence]

"We acknowledge our sin before You. It is only through Your work, Lord Christ, that we are able to pray at all. Forgive and heal us we ask."

Sing *Ancient Words*.

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² For more on fasting as a devotional aid, please see the church website www.MainePCA.org or ask the pastor.

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