



As we arrive at Jerusalem with Jesus, the question presses upon us. Are we going along for the trip in the hope that Jesus will fulfill some of our hopes and desires? Are we ready to sing a psalm of praise, but only as long as Jesus seems to be doing what we want? The long and dusty pilgrim way of our lives gives most of us plenty of time to sort out our motives for following Jesus in the first place. Are we ready not only to spread our cloaks on the road in front of him, to do the showy and flamboyant thing, but also now to follow him into trouble, controversy, trial and death? -N.T. Wright

QUOTES for REFLECTION

The Gospel of John recounts Jesus' words to his disciples in the upper room before his death. During this final discourse, he tells them that it is better that he goes away so that the comforter (the Holy Spirit) would come. The point is that the loss of his physical presence through his death, resurrection and ascension would lead to an even deeper communion with God. It is possible that, strangely enough, the absence of the church will be a great testimony to the presence of God in our care for our neighbors. -Esau McCaulley

God was grieved to his heart, Genesis declares, over the violent wickedness of his human creatures. He was devastated when his own bride, the people of Israel, turned away from him. And when God came back to his people in person—the story of Jesus is meaningless unless that's what it's about—he wept at the tomb of his friend. St. Paul speaks of the Holy Spirit "groaning" within us, as we ourselves groan within the pain of the whole creation. The ancient doctrine of the Trinity teaches us to recognize the One God in the tears of Jesus and the anguish of the Spirit. -N.T. Wright

Jesus has not promised full deliverance in this life, but in the life to come. Remember that we are living in an abnormal world, in which disability is normal. Sooner or later almost everyone who lives long enough becomes disabled. Even if we are not disabled from birth or by an injury, most of us will be disabled by the breakdown of our bodies as we grow old. We rebel against this, because it is not the way we were created to be. We are dismayed by all the debilitating effects of the fall on our physical bodies. Yet we live in the hope of our perfection at the resurrection. -Phil Ryken

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www.childrensbulletins.com/Covid19-childrens-activites-for-churches

ORDER OF WORSHIP

Thank you for joining our live stream this morning. We are made to worship together, but we find ourselves living in a particular and unprecedented moment that has not touched American lives in generations. The good news is that while we are made to worship God together, we do not need to be in a particular place to meet with God. So I hope you have gathered together with your housemates, family, and maybe a couple others. God is present with us at all times, and He delights to meet with you today regardless of where you are or how many people you are with. We seek to offer this service as an encouragement to you amid these difficult times. We look forward to worshipping together again, breaking bread and giving hugs to one another. You are missed.

As an encouragement to others, please take a picture of your home gathering, post it to social media with the hashtag *#abbottchurchathome* and tag us on Instagram *@abbottchurchbaltimore*

WELCOME TO ABBOTT CHURCH

Please prayer requests to the pastor by text message 410.299.6929

CALL TO WORSHIP (read responsively)

Psalm 62 (selected verses)

Truly my soul finds rest in God;
my salvation comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will never be shaken.**

Yes, my soul, find rest in God;
my hope comes from him.

**Truly he is my rock and my salvation;
he is my fortress, I will not be shaken.**

My salvation and my honor depend on God;
he is my mighty rock, my refuge.

**Trust in him at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him,
for God is our refuge.**

SILENT PREPARATION

OPENING HYMN

TH#50 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Praise to the Lord, the Almighty, the King of creation!
O my soul, praise him, for he is thy health and salvation!
Come, all who hear; now to his temple draw near,
Join me in glad adoration.

Praise to the Lord, who o'er all things so wondrously reigneth,
Shelters thee under his wings, and so gently sustaineth!
Have thou not seen How thy desires e'er have been
Granted in what he ordaineth?

Praise to the Lord, who doth prosper thy work and defend thee!
Surely his goodness and mercy here daily attend thee;
Ponder anew what the Almighty will do,
if with his love he befriends thee!

Praise thou the Lord, who with marvelous wisdom hath made thee,
Decked thee with heath and with loving hand guided and stayed
thee.
How oft in grief hath not he brought thee relief,
Spreading his wings to o'er shade thee!

Praise to the Lord! O let all that is in me adore him!
All that has life and breath, come now with praises before him!
Let the Amen sound from his people again;
Gladly for aye we adore him.

CONFESSION OF SIN

Heavenly Father, we confess to you our fears, our worries, and our anxieties. You have given us your perfect love which casts out all fear and your peace which transcends all understanding, but even still we feel dislodged, displaced, untethered, and uncertain during these times. We believe, Lord; help our unbelief.

(Please confess your sins silently to the Lord)

WORDS OF COMFORT & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

May Almighty God, who in Jesus Christ has given you a kingdom that cannot be destroyed, forgive you your sins, open your eyes to God's truth, strengthen you to do God's will, and give you the joy of his kingdom, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

All: **AMEN**

HYMN OF PRAISE

Love Incarnate

**With a prayer You fed the hungry, with a cry You stilled the storm;
With a look You had compassion on the desperate and forlorn.
With a touch You healed the leper, with a shout You raised the dead;
With a word expelled the demons, with a blessing broke the bread.**

**Love Incarnate, Love Divine, captivate this heart of mine,
Till all I do speaks of You.**

**As a sheep before the shearer You were silent in Your pain;
You endured humiliation at the hands of those You'd made.
And as hell unleashed its fury You were lifted on a tree,
Crying 'Father God, forgive them, place their punishment on me.'**

**I will feed the poor and hungry, I will stand up for the truth;
I will take my cross and follow to the corners of the earth.
And I ask that You so fill me with Your peace, Your power, Your
breath,
That I never love my life so much to shrink from facing death.**

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EXTENDING GOD'S WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS and GREETING

Minister: The peace of the Lord be always with you.

All: **And also with you.**

SONG OF PRAISE

TH#221 I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Come unto me and rest;
Lay down, O weary one, lay down Your head upon my breast."
I came to Jesus as I was, so weary, worn and sad;
I found in him a resting place, and he has made me glad.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "Behold, I freely give
The living water; thirsty one, stoop down and drink, and live."
I came to Jesus, and I drank of that life-giving stream;
My thirst was quenched, my soul revived, and now I live in him.

I heard the voice of Jesus say, "I am this dark world's Light;
Look unto me, your morn shall rise, and all your days be bright."
I looked to Jesus and I found in him my Star, my Sun;
And in that light of life I'll walk, 'til trav'ling days are done.

CONFESSION OF FAITH

The Apostles' Creed

I believe in God, the Father Almighty, Creator of heaven and earth: I believe in Jesus Christ his only Son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended to the dead; the third day he rose again; he ascended into heaven, and is seated at the right hand of the Father; from there he will come to judge the living and the dead.

I believe in the Holy Spirit; the holy catholic Church; the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins; the resurrection of the body; and the life everlasting. Amen.

SONG OF PRAISE

Passover Song (I am Covered)

Oh my mind looks back to the last great night
When my God searched for the blood
When He saw the red resting on the post
Then my God passed over us
Can you hear the children sing?
To the mighty King of Kings

(continued)

They say "I am covered, I am covered
For my God passed over me
I'm alive today, my sins erased
For the blood has covered me"

We prepared to march out of Pharaoh's reach
Oh we dressed and ate in haste
When the hour came God delivered us
Then we were no longer slaves
Can you hear the children sing?
To the mighty King of Kings

How can I forget on that great day
When the Christ died for the world
He became the lamb, perfect sacrifice
Freeing every boy and girl
Can you hear the nations sing?
To the mighty King of Kings

Salvation! Salvation!
Jesus bled and died for me
I'm alive today and my sin's erased
For the blood has covered me
For the blood has covered me
For the blood has covered me

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PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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*O Lord our God, accept the fervent prayers of your people as we cry out to you; in the multitude of your mercies, look with compassion upon us and all of your creation; for you are gracious, O lover of souls, giver of life, and to you we give glory, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, now and for ever. **Amen.** (continued)*

Gracious God, the comfort of all who sorrow, the strength of all who suffer: Let the cry of those who grieve come to you, that they may find your mercy present with them in all their afflictions; and give us, we pray, the strength to serve them for the sake of him who suffered for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

Let us also pray...

For a swift end to COVID-19.

For those infected and those who have been exposed; **grant them strength, healing, and protection.**

For their loved ones and caretakers; **grant them peace, comfort, and endurance.**

For those leading nations; **grant them sound minds, courage, and humility.**

For physicians, nurses, technicians, researchers, administrators, and all other healthcare employees around the world; **grant them strength by your life-giving Spirit, wisdom, and resources to do the work before them.**

For those who must work, despite the threat of sickness; **grant them protection and continued provision.**

For those who have become unemployed or underemployed during this pandemic; **grant them comfort, wisdom, and financial provision.**

For churches and their clergy; **grant them discernment and creativity to lead and minister in unprecedented circumstances.**

For parents and families; **grant them wisdom, patience and joy.**

For children; **grant them protection from fear.**

For those for whom home is not a safe haven; **grant them refuge.**

For those who are alone; **grant them a sense of your nearness and love.**

For all navigating decisions during this time of uncertainty and fear; **grant them your peace.** And for all the prayers we cannot voice because our language is insufficient or our ignorance too great; **Lord, hear our prayer. Amen.**

O God, your unfailing providence sustains the world we live in and the life we live; grant that we may never forget that our common life depends upon each other's toil; **through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Now gathering our prayers into one, let us pray boldly as our Savior has taught us:

**Our Father, who art in heaven,
hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come;
thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven.
Give us this day our daily bread.
And forgive us our debts, as we forgive our debtors.
And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil.
For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory forever and
ever. Amen.**

SCRIPTURE FOR THE SERMON

Luke 13:10-17

10 Now he was teaching in one of the synagogues on the Sabbath.
11 And behold, there was a woman who had had a disabling spirit for
eighteen years. She was bent over and could not fully straighten herself.
12 When Jesus saw her, he called her over and said to her, "Woman, you
are freed from your disability." 13 And he laid his hands on her, and
immediately she was made straight, and she glorified God. 14 But the
ruler of the synagogue, indignant because Jesus had healed on the
Sabbath, said to the people, "There are six days in which work ought to
be done. Come on those days and be healed, and not on the Sabbath
day." 15 Then the Lord answered him, "You hypocrites! Does not each of
you on the Sabbath untie his ox or his donkey from the manger and lead
it away to water it? 16 And ought not this woman, a daughter of Abraham
whom Satan bound for eighteen years, be loosed from this bond on the
Sabbath day?" 17 As he said these things, all his adversaries were put to
shame, and all the people rejoiced at all the glorious things that were
done by him.

Reader: The Word of the Lord.

All: **Thanks be to God.**

SERMON

Pastor Paul Warren

"A Day for Mercy"

OFFERING

Abbott Church depends on your generosity. It is important to realize that people's needs are only going to increase in the coming months. So will you help us come alongside others as we seek to minister with the good news of Jesus and meet people's needs? You can give online at www.abbottchurch.org/giving or by mailing a check to the church office at 3426 Bank St., Baltimore, MD 21224.

CELEBRATION OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

-Let's take a moment to mourn the fact that our church body is not able to assemble together this Sunday.

-Pray that the Lord would work to enable us to return to a fuller communion with one another soon.

-Give thanks that though we do not celebrate the sacrament of communion together today we have true communion with Jesus and one another through the power of the Holy Spirit, who dwells in every believer giving us union with Christ and all his people.

-Ask God to grow into a deeper hunger and desire to commune with him and his people in this time of waiting and separation.

CLOSING HYMN

TH#402 Amazing

Grace

**Amazing grace, how sweet the sound
That saved a wretch like me!
I once was lost, but now I'm found -
Was blind, but now I see**

**'Twas grace that taught my heart to fear,
And grace my fears relieved;
How precious did that grace appear
The hour I first believed!**

**Through many dangers, toils and snares
I have already come;
'Tis grace that brought me safe thus far
And grace will lead me home**

(continued)

And when this flesh and heart shall fail,
And mortal life shall cease,
I shall possess within the veil
A life of joy and peace.

When we've been there ten thousand years,
Bright shining as the sun,
We've no less days to sing God's praise
Than when we've first begun.

POSTLUDE

God be with You Till We Meet Again

God be with you till we meet again,
By His counsels guide, uphold you,
With His sheep securely fold you,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
'Neath His wings securely hide you,
Daily manna still provide you,
God be with you till we meet again.

*Till we meet, till we meet,
Till we meet at Jesus' feet;
Till we meet, till we meet,
God be with you till we meet again.*

God be with you till we meet again,
When life's perils thick confound you,
Put His loving arms around you,
God be with you till we meet again.

God be with you till we meet again,
Keep love's banner floating o'er you,
Smite death's threatening wave before you,
God be with you till we meet again.

Sing to the Lord: Lillenas Publishing Co., Kansas City, MO, 1993

BENEDICTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS AND COMMUNICATIONS:

PRAYER for the SICK - if you would like the elders to pray with you or a family member for healing, please contact the pastor at 410.299.6929.

Directions for accessing Periscope: Once the service begins, please visit twitter.com/abbottchurch from any computer or smartphone. Click on the link that says "abbottchurch is LIVE"

NEED PRAYER? We are beginning a daily noon prayer hour at the church each weekday. From 12:00 PM until 1:00 PM, Monday through Friday, someone will be available here at the church to pray with, and for, anyone in need of prayer. The time will also be focused on praying for the ministry of our church and for God's Spirit to be at work in our midst. If you would like to be part of this new prayer ministry, please let the pastor know. Please text prayer requests to the pastor, Julius and/or George.

HE HEARS

“This is the assurance we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us.” — 1 JOHN 5:14

Prayer tip: *The Lord is near to all who call on Him, to all who call on Him in truth. Psalm 145:18*

Please pray for:

- Your church staff, officers and leaders
- Men and women of the military, police and fire departments
- Family members and friends who are not walking with Christ
- Ongoing health concerns for the following members and friends:
Larry Halterman, Milly Flynn, Gene and Diane Shaw, Phyllis Brown, Dawn Brewer, Brent Schepleng, Clint Neuder, Brenda Neuder, Robin and Toni (Billie Mitchell’s granddaughters), Narouz family (especially Vicky), Don Sapp, Jackie Lubin
- *Raj Mohan’s wife, dementia, and granddaughter, mental health issues*
- *Lydia Frasca, chemotherapy and radiation treatment*
- *David Files, pain management*
- *Nancy Steigler - cancer surgery, recovery and salvation*

MISSIONARIES AND MINISTRIES WHICH WE SUPPORT:

- Andy and Bev Warren with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jason and Liz Polk with MTW in Ethiopia
- Jessica Ringsmuth with MTW in Kenya
- Bert and Nancy Williams with MTW in Uganda
- Bruce and Pat with MTW in France
- Chris Garriott with RUF at the University of Maryland
- Jacob Jasin with RUF-I at Johns Hopkins University
- Mountain View Bible Camp — Abbott Center for the Arts
- Abbott Tutoring Center. — We Care Ministry

Prayer requests will be removed from list after 4 weeks unless updated

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ABBOTT

Today, 4/5	10:45 AM Morning Worship
Monday-Friday, 4/6-4/10	12:00 PM Prayer - Please send requests to the pastor or to abbottchurchoffice@gmail.com

COMMUNITY GROUPS & ONGOING EVENTS: ALL ACTIVITIES ARE CANCELLED UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE

Tuesdays at 5:45 PM (summer break)	Abbott Tutoring Center Please think about helping in the fall!
1st Wednesdays 7:00 PM	Session Meeting @ Room 7
Thursdays at 11:00 AM	Senior Community Group @ Room 8
Thursdays at 6:30 PM	Highlandtown Community Group @ Warren Home (Manse)
4th Fridays at 6:30 PM (5th Fridays on conflict nights)	Abbott Fellowship Night (FAA) Next Meeting: 10/25
1st & 2nd Saturday mornings 10 AM-12 PM	We Care Center @ Room 7+8
3rd Sundays after worship service	Prayer Group @ Room 8

Welcome to Abbott.

We're glad we worshiped with you today!

April 5, 2020

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How may we serve you?

(please check the appropriate box)

- I am a visitor
- I would like to find out about how to become a Christian
- I am interested in membership
(Abbott schedules classes regularly)
- I would like a call from the pastor
- I would like prayer
- I would like to join a community group
- My contact information has changed

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