

Worship Resources - [Reflections on the Text](#)

Pentecost 16, Year B,

12th September, 2021

Isaiah 50:4-9a CEV / Mark 8:27-38 CEV

Prelude ***It Is Well With My Soul,***

written by Philip Bliss, arr. by Martha Mier,

performed by church musician Annie Center,

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https://youtu.be/2hXJpf_d0n4

Welcoming Guests/Announcements

Pass the Peace

Call to Worship (Responsive)

In the name of the Lord Jesus, the bread breaker, the light gatherer, cross carrier welcome.

May the peace of the Lord Jesus, the peacemaker, and the temple disturber, friend of the sinner, and companion on the road, be with us all.

Let us draw close to the Lord Jesus, the saviour, the healer, the teacher, and worship him.

and ask ourselves who do we say he is?

I'm glad to welcome you to online worship with Olympic View Community Church. We seek to welcome all of God's children to join us in bearing witness to the radically transforming power of God's love.

As we gather today and watch Annie play the following selection, Where Can I Turn for Peace, let's give some thought as to where we seek peace and solace, and how successful are we in that endeavor?

Reflection Video ***Where Can I Turn for Peace***

By Emma Lou Thayne, arranged by Susan W. Henry,

played by Annie Center

<https://youtu.be/bHq4JPDXH90>

Invocation

Loving God,
you call us to turn away from our own selfish interests, to take up our cross, and to follow you. To find our lives, may we live them in service of your mission.

As we come before you this morning, give us open hearts and open hands.
Make us eager to hear your voice and seek your guidance.

Open our minds to your ever-present spirit that is always moving within and around us
Open our spirits to your nudging and open our lives to your love.

We light a candle today to represent the Spirit burning within us, and among us, guiding our time together. (light candle) Amen.

In our reading from Isaiah today, we hear of the writer's suffering on behalf of his faith. As we listen to these words, let's reflect on what role sacrifice plays in our lives.

First Testament Reading Isaiah 50:4-9a CEV

The Lord God gives me the right words to encourage the weary. Each morning he awakens me eager to learn his teaching;

he made me willing to listen and not rebel or run away.

I let them beat my back and pull out my beard. I didn't turn aside when they insulted me

and spit in my face.

But the Lord God keeps me from being disgraced. So I refuse to give up, because I know God will never let me down.

My protector is nearby; no one can stand here to accuse me of wrong.

The Lord God will help me and prove I am innocent. My accusers will wear out like moth-eaten clothes

Scripture Video Isaiah 50:4-9a

***The Servant Submits
To Suffering***

Lectionary bible reading

<https://youtu.be/w3kBSLcxRvc>

A Time of Prayer

Today we come together as a community to share together our joys and concerns, and lift them to God in prayer. If you would like to share a specific request to be included in our communal prayer time, please leave a comment in the video below, or email myself at: vicarglenn@gmail.com, and I'll make sure to include that request in next week's service, as well as send a prayer chain email, if you would like.

Joys and Concerns

This morning, we keep the Obergs in our prayers.

We also remember Kristi Morris as she continues her journey in treating her afib.

Let's also remember George DeBon, as he continues to adjust to his circumstances without Betty.

We also take joy that Myrna successfully moved and got settled into her new apartment, and we pray she can find solutions to some details that still need ironed out.

Pastoral Prayer

Let's bring these concerns and others in our lives to God together in prayer.

Creator God, we come before you asking prayers for those who lead nations, cities, Churches, homes.

As you poured out your love in the Word may we hear your word and follow; may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

Holy One, we come before you - a people broken into shards of lives sick, poor, hungry, hidden by the limitations of our eyes.

Help us to see as You see as you poured out your love in the Word. May we hear your word and follow may the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

God of Mercy, we come before you – seeking to live as you command, but often failing, and thus we are torn by cries of despair; anger, power, control, lost to foolishness and stumbling blocks despite your love in the Word

Help us to hear your word and follow. May the words of our mouths and the meditations of our hearts lead us to you.

Gentle God, we come before you giving thanks for all our blessings
the gift of life, hope, faith, love, family, friends, all we care for this day.
Help us to be Your hands.

Incline Your heart, O gracious God, and teach us to love. O Christ, our rock and our
Redeemer. Amen.

In our gospel lesson this morning, Jesus asks the disciples who they say he is. As we listen to these words from Mark, let's think about how we define Jesus in our own faith journeys.

Gospel Lesson **Mark 8:27-38 CEV**

Jesus and his disciples went to the villages near the town of Caesarea Philippi. As they were walking along, he asked them, "What do people say about me?"

The disciples answered, "Some say you are John the Baptist or maybe Elijah.[a] Others say you are one of the prophets."

Then Jesus asked them, "But who do you say I am?"

"You are the Messiah!" Peter replied.

Jesus warned the disciples not to tell anyone about him.

Jesus began telling his disciples what would happen to him. He said, "The nation's leaders, the chief priests, and the teachers of the Law of Moses will make the Son of Man suffer terribly. He will be rejected and killed, but three days later he will rise to life."

Then Jesus explained clearly what he meant.

Peter took Jesus aside and told him to stop talking like that.

But when Jesus turned and saw the disciples, he corrected Peter. He said to him, "Satan, get away from me! You are thinking like everyone else and not like God."

Scripture Video **Mark 8:27-38 *Peter's Confession Of Faith***

Lectionary bible reading

<https://youtu.be/Wp-QP7pcm8o>

Reflections on the Text

Various Participants

This week, while I am on vacation, we are trying something a little different. The texts this week have several themes. We asked several people, from within and without our congregation two questions:

How do you define God?

And What does sacrifice mean to you?

It is truly fascinating the different unique perspectives we each have, and I hope you take the opportunity to listen to the varied responses we received, and continue to reflect on those themes in your own walks of faith.

Call to Serve.

The psalmist declares, “The heavens are telling the glory of God.
Day to day pours forth speech,
and night to night declares knowledge.”
Let us share our gifts
so that we can also partake in telling others of God’s glory!

As we continue to seek to be a place of compassion and support to our community, we ask that you give prayerful consideration as to how you may support our efforts. If you would like to make a donation, gifts can still be mailed to our church office, or online donations can be made through the link in the video description. Thanks again for all your support, and may we continue to work together to keep being a place of ministry that seeks to promote the growth of God's shalom around us. Today, as we listen to the following song performed by Annie, let’s reflect on how we define God in Christ, and what sacrifice really means, or should mean to us.

A Time for Reflection

Reflection on the Word [Video]

<https://youtu.be/MaD6rhAc53M>

My Tribute

Words and music by Andraé Crouch.,
played by church musician Annie Center,
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The Prayer of Thanksgiving

All-knowing God, teach us to use these gifts to create greater access, insights, and wisdom for people within and outside of these walls. So be it!

Blessing/Assurance

Jesus stands and asks: "Who do you say I am?" We join millions who have gone before and say: "the Messiah"

Jesus stands in front of us and tells us the realities of discipleship
We join millions who have gone before in the challenges of living as disciples.

Jesus stands before us and offers food and drink for the journey.
Fed and nourished, we go out into the world to live and serve.

Jesus stands before us, shining in glory, and will be with us to the end of the age.
Thanks be to God. Amen.

As we extinguish this candle, let's carry it's divine spark into our own lives this week, shining God's like into the lives of all we encounter. Amen.

Postlude

The Ash Grove,

Traditional Welsh folk melody played by church musician Annie Center

<https://youtu.be/wLDq6XxPBfU>