

Sunday Worship 10th May 2020

OPENING PRAYER: God our Father, we pray that the message of your Son will dwell richly among us, as we teach and admonish one another with the wisdom you give, and sing with thankfulness in our hearts to you. And whatever we do, in word or deed, may it be done in the name of our Saviour Jesus Christ, and for his glory. Amen.

SONGS: *This I Believe* https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=VRzI_FbWTkg
Now Thank We All Our God <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=sR6Kajdt3M>

FAMILY SPOT: *God separates* <https://youtu.be/XEUY0umlBmo>

MOTHERS DAY SPOT: https://youtu.be/lB4wo_37qtU

MOTHERS DAY PRAYERS: https://youtu.be/kbSEGUasi_c

FAMILY SONG: *My God is so big* <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=01mas6L-pBY>

MARK 2:1-12 A few days later, when Jesus again entered Capernaum, the people heard that he had come home. ² So many gathered that there was no room left, not even outside the door, and he preached the word to them. ³ Some men came, bringing to him a paralytic, carried by four of them. ⁴ Since they could not get him to Jesus because of the crowd, they made an opening in the roof above Jesus and, after digging through it, lowered the mat the paralyzed man was lying on. ⁵ When Jesus saw their faith, he said to the paralytic, "Son, your sins are forgiven." ⁶ Now some teachers of the law were sitting there, thinking to themselves, ⁷ "Why does this fellow talk like that? He's blaspheming! Who can forgive sins but God alone?" ⁸ Immediately Jesus knew in his spirit that this was what they were thinking in their hearts, and he said to them, "Why are you thinking these things? ⁹ Which is easier: to say to the paralytic, 'Your sins are forgiven,' or to say, 'Get up, take your mat and walk'?" ¹⁰ But that you may know that the Son of Man has authority on earth to forgive sins...." He said to the paralytic, ¹¹ "I tell you, get up, take your mat and go home." ¹² He got up, took his mat and walked out in full view of them all. This amazed everyone and they praised God, saying, "We have never seen anything like this!"

BIBLE SPOT: *Who is this man? Jesus forgives* <https://youtu.be/mzQUuZBfL8Y>

REFLECTION

1. Why do you think Jesus dealt with the man's invisible need, before his more obvious physical need?
2. What did the healing of the paralytic man say about Jesus?
3. If forgiveness is acknowledging an offense, and then releasing another from a relational debt, what does the death of Jesus say about the extent of our debt to God?
4. What journey of forgiveness do you need to keep persisting in?

CONFESSION: Most merciful God, we humbly admit that we need your help. We confess that we have wandered from your way: we have done wrong, and we have failed to do what is right. You alone can save us. Have mercy on us: wipe out our sins and teach us to forgive others. Bring forth in us the fruit of the Spirit that we may live as disciples of Christ. This we ask in the name of Jesus our Saviour. Amen.

COMMUNITY SPOT from around the parish <https://youtu.be/B9mv--yCAU4>

PSALM 31:1-5 & 17-24 For the director of music.

A psalm of David. In you, O LORD, I have taken refuge; let me never be put to shame; deliver me in your righteousness. ² Turn your ear to me, come quickly to my rescue; be my rock of refuge, a strong fortress to save me. ³ Since you are my rock and my fortress, for the sake of your name lead and guide me. ⁴ Free me from the trap that is set for me, for you are my refuge. ⁵ Into your hands I commit my spirit; redeem me, O LORD, the God of truth.

¹⁷ Let me not be put to shame, O LORD, for I have cried out to you; but let the wicked be put to shame and lie silent in the grave. ¹⁸ Let their lying lips be silenced, for with pride and contempt they speak arrogantly against the righteous. ¹⁹ How great is your goodness, which you have stored up for those who fear you, which you bestow in the sight of men on those who take refuge in you. ²⁰ In the shelter of your presence you hide them from the intrigues of men; in your dwelling you keep them safe from accusing tongues. ²¹ Praise be to the LORD, for he showed his wonderful love to me when I was in a besieged city. ²² In my alarm I said, "I am cut off from your sight!" Yet you heard my cry for mercy when I called to you for help. ²³ Love the LORD, all his saints! The LORD preserves the faithful, but the proud he pays back in full. ²⁴ Be strong and take heart, all you who hope in the LORD.

PRAYER FOR FAMILY BREAKDOWN: God of peace, we pray for families in crisis. Heal the broken-hearted, and bind up the wounded; comfort and sustain them in their need. Give them wise and faithful friends, grace to forgive and be forgiven, and courage for the road ahead, in the name of Jesus. Amen.

LORD'S PRAYER: Our Father in heaven, hallowed be your name, your kingdom come, your will be done, on earth as in heaven. Give us today our daily bread. Forgive us our sins as we forgive those who sin against us. Save us from the time of trial and deliver us from evil. For the kingdom, the power, and the glory are yours, now and forever. Amen.

SONG: *When I Survey with Col Buchanan* <https://youtu.be/57iOQcWiBmM>

FINAL PRAYER: The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, the love of God, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit be with us all evermore. Amen.

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FOR LATER: *How could a good God allow suffering (part 3)?* with Don Carson
<https://youtu.be/DfFwHfKfwDQ> - Below is a study guide.



How could a good God allow suffering?

Video Discussion Guide

Video

Don Carson, *How could a good God allow suffering?*

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=cksr6amsDHM>

Aim

- Don Carson's video is a very long lecture, full of some big words and ideas!
- Don does not give easy answers, but proposes 6 Biblical insights that together help give us God's perspective on suffering.
- It is a very helpful way to think more slowly and deeply about suffering, on your own, with a friend, or small group.
- You could individually watch 1 section of the video at home, and then meet up online (or on the phone) to discuss and pray about it. You could chat about 'what stood out for you' or use the questions below.

Insight 3: From the place of innocent suffering [Job]

Watch 33:08 – 45:02

- How did the "comforters" have an awful simplistic view of the universe, without any "mystery"?
- How is Job 42 like the end of the Bible?