

# Second Hand Preacher

*Palm Sunday*

March 20, 2016

**Philippians 2:6-11**

Music can motivate us. For me, music can recharge me and shift my mood in a positive direction. I love Christian contemporary and I love church music as well. My soul is lifted by this music and I love to sing along. I am sure most of us have music that moves us. Many of us have music that gives us the hope to endure.

In this week's reading, St. Paul shares a hymn. He really likes the Philippians, so that is possibly why he shares this early Christian hymn that tells of the glory of Jesus. Jesus became a slave making himself low in this life. The Philippians would have embraced this because they sacrificed to be called Christian. This was a fairly new reality and it must have been both wonderful and scary. This hymn was a sign of hope in what must have seemed to be a time of darkness. They were being asked to sacrifice their lives for the honor of the name. If they were found out, they would be asked to renounce the sacred name; if not, it meant certain death. Paul really wrote to comfort the troops.

The Word of God was written for us too. St. Paul gave glory to Jesus by giving us this hymn. Musicians have made setting for us that we too can proclaim it. Jesus loves us so much that he gives us the gift of the Paschal Mystery. He endured our human condition. His death meant something. He died that we might have the chance of eternal life. We are called to follow him that we may know truth. The truth is that at the name of Jesus every knee shall bend and every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord.