

Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church – April 10, 2022

Passion/Palm Sunday

Church in person at 9:30 and 11:00 a.m.

Livestream on YouTube at 11:00 a.m.



Moment for Reflection *"Palm/Passion Sunday is, by design, a day of drama and paradox, of triumph and tragedy. As the service begins, a crowd gathers, waving branches and shouting "Hosanna" (Hebrew for "save us"), and wanting to crown Jesus as king. But as the story of Christ's passion unfolds, the shouts of praise turn into demands for his death...Jesus' death and resurrection cannot be separated...God's way of glory leads through the grave" (Book of Common Worship).*

Opening Music

(9:30)

"Consolation No. 3 in D-flat major"

Franz Liszt

Wade Meyers, piano

(11:00)

"Hosanna, Loud Hosanna, The Little Children Sang"

Christian Women Fellowship

Welcome *Please register your attendance with the QR code on page 6 of the bulletin, or with the online link, or on paper in the church Gathering Space.*

Need help? Ask any usher.

Call to Worship [*responsive*]

Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord.

Hosanna in the highest!

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!

Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!

See, your king comes to you;

triumphant and victorious is he,

yet humble and riding on a donkey.

Hosanna in the highest! God, Most High, save us!

Opening Prayer

Processional

“Handbell Processional”

Michael Burkhardt

Hymn [*stand*]

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

Glory to God #196

Call to Confession and Prayer of Confession [*together*]

Loving God, you sent Jesus to be the King of kings and the Prince of peace. But we are like those crowds long ago who proclaim our praise one moment and shout our anger the next. Forgive us, we humbly pray. Help us to join all of creation in rejoicing before you, the Savior of the world. Give us courage to walk with Jesus in his final days, so that the glory of Easter will astound us.

[*Silence for Personal Prayer*]

Assurance of Pardon [*responsive*]

The steadfast love of God never ceases. God’s mercies never come to an end.

God’s love covers even our unfaithfulness. God’s mercies overcome our brokenness.

Know that you are completely forgiven and that you are called to new life with Christ.

Hosanna in the highest! Thanks be to God.

We Listen to God’s Word

Children’s Message

Carolyn Hayes

Children and youth stay in worship today.

Scripture

Holy Week Begins

Isaiah 53:4–6

Surely he has borne our infirmities

and carried our diseases;

yet we accounted him stricken,

struck down by God, and afflicted.

⁵But he was wounded for our transgressions,

crushed for our iniquities;

upon him was the punishment that made us whole,

and by his bruises we are healed.

⁶All we like sheep have gone astray;

we have all turned to our own way,

and the LORD has laid on him

the iniquity of us all.

Silent Reflection

Psalm 118:19–26

Open to me the gates of righteousness,

that I may enter through them

and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰This is the gate of the LORD;

the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹I thank you that you have answered me

and have become my salvation.

²²The stone that the builders rejected

has become the chief cornerstone.

²³This is the LORD's doing;

it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴This is the day that the LORD has made;

let us rejoice and be glad in it.^[a]

²⁵Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!

O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.

Music for Reflection

(9:30)

“Fugue on the Magnificat First Tone, No. 4”

Johann Pachelbel

Wade Meyers, organ

(11:00)

“Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosa-a-nna, Blessed Is He that Cometh”

Christian Women Fellowship

Philippians 2:5–11

Let the same mind be in you that was^[a] in Christ Jesus,
6 who, though he was in the form of God,
did not regard equality with God
as something to be exploited,
7 but emptied himself,
taking the form of a slave,
being born in human likeness.
And being found in human form,
8 he humbled himself
and became obedient to the point of death—
even death on a cross.
9 Therefore God also highly exalted him
and gave him the name
that is above every name,
10 so that at the name of Jesus
every knee should bend,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth,
11 and every tongue should confess
that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.

Holy Wisdom, Holy Word. **Thanks be to God.**

Meditation

The First Step

Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

Luke 19:29–40

²⁹ When Jesus had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, ³⁰ saying, “Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. ³¹ If anyone asks you, ‘Why are you untying it?’ just say this, ‘The Lord needs it.’” ³² So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. ³³ As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, “Why are you untying the colt?” ³⁴ They said, “The Lord needs it.” ³⁵ Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. ³⁶ As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. ³⁷ As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, ³⁸ saying,

"Blessed is the king

who comes in the name of the Lord!

Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"

³⁹Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, order your disciples to stop." ⁴⁰He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out."

Music for Reflection

(9:30)

"Ride On! Ride On in Majesty!"

Wade Meyers, piano

(11:00)

"When Jesus Entered Jerusalem, the People Shouted Hosanna"

Christian Women Fellowship

We Respond to God's Grace

Invitation to Generosity and Prayer of Thanksgiving

The Lord's Prayer *[together]*

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. Amen.

Announcements

Sending Song

"Lord, Bid Your Servant Go in Peace"

Glory to God #545

We Depart for Service

Prayers of the People

Prayer Stations

For those worshipping at home:

Slides will take you from Palm Sunday to Maundy Thursday to Good Friday and then to Holy Saturday at the garden tomb. We invite you to pray at each station, walking with Jesus in these final days of his earthly life.

For those worshipping in the sanctuary:

We invite you to move to the stations for prayer. Move to the stations in any order, choosing to visit any that you want. Note that the final station is outside in the memorial garden. Please refrain from conversation until you join us for Sunday Coffee in Lindsay Hall. Our worship will continue on Maundy Thursday evening at 7:00 p.m.

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Participating in the service:

Elder Vivian Chefor (9:30)
Mr. Daniel Anpoma, Mr. Ezekiel Anpoma, and Mr. Blaise Scavullo (11:00)
Mr. Wade Meyers, Director of Music and Worship Arts
Ms. Carolyn Hayes, Director of Children and Young Families
Rev. Mary Austin
Rev. Mary Beth Lawrence

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*The flowers in the sanctuary were given by Roger Burkhart
"in memory of my wife Nancy Burkhart."*



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Praying with Jesus during Holy Week

At the Palms

The people who wave their palms in celebration of Jesus are the same people who shout “crucify him” at the end of the week.

Pray here for your own places of fickle faith.

Pray here for those who long for deeper faith.

Pray here for all of our modern prophets, and our disdain for their word.

On the Communion Table

Communion isn't just a meal, it's a connection with God.

Pray here for the places you feel communion with God, or the places you feel out of sync.

Pray here for every place God nurtures you, or every place you need to be fed.

Pray here for the hungry in body or spirit, that they will be fed.

At the Cross

We know that Jesus calls out to God from the cross.

Pray here for every place you're calling out to God in need.

Pray here for the evil of the world, and for God's transforming power.

In the Memorial Garden

The tomb is the place of grief and confusion. The place of questions. The place of doubt.

The tomb is also the place of resurrection.

Pray here for loved ones who have gone to be with God, giving thanks for their lives and the things they left in your spirit.

Pray here for places in your life that need resurrection, by God's creative grace.

Pray here for any place of doubt or sorrow you have.

Lent, Holy Week, and Easter 2022

Wednesdays, March 2 – April 13, 8:30 AM

Prayer on Zoom (or join by phone)

Sunday, April 10 – 9:30 & 11:00 AM

Palm Sunday Services, with palm processional

Tuesday, April 12 – Friday, April 15

Labyrinth in Fellowship Hall for walking prayer

Tuesday & Wednesday: Noon to 3:00 PM

Thursday: 6:00 to 7:00 PM | 8:00 to 9:00 PM

Friday: 11:00 AM to Noon | 1:00 to 3:00 PM

Thursday, April 14 – 7:00 PM

Maundy Thursday Service, worship and communion

**Friday, April 15 – Good Friday
12:00 Noon**

Community Worship Service | *Epworth United Methodist Church*

8:00 PM

Worship service hosted by the Mizo Presbyterian Church | *GPC Sanctuary*

**Sunday, April 17 – Easter
6:00 AM**

Community Sunrise Service | *Bohrer Park, Gaithersburg*

9:30 & 11:00 AM

Worship Services | Rev. Mary Austin preaching | *GPC Sanctuary*
Livestream Service at 11:00 AM

For full event information, please visit gpchurch.org/easter.