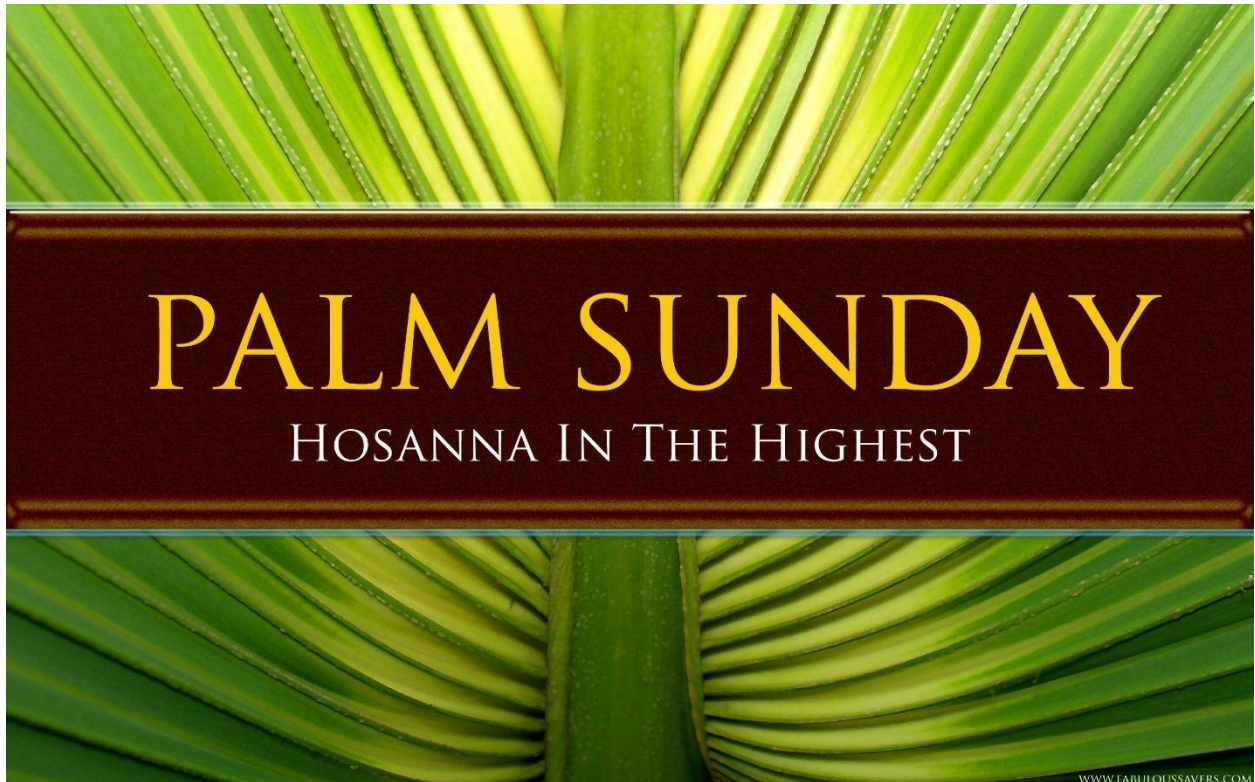


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Lent VI – Palm Sunday April 13, 2025, 11:00 AM

Pastor: Rev. John C. R. Silbert

Worship Leader: Lars Morrison

Music Director: Dominico Reyes

TV Producer: Brian F Graff, C.P.

Musician: Lars Morrison

Vocals: The Chancel Choir

~ Order of Worship ~

** = Please stand, as able

The Gathering

WELCOME & ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRELUDE *Sarabanda* ~ Schickhardt Lars Morrison

CHORAL INTROIT *Create in Me a Clean Heart* ~ Gilbert

*Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me.
Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me.
Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with your free Spirit.*

PALM SUNDAY PROCLAMATION

Pastor: Rejoice Greatly, O daughter of Zion! Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem! Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he, humble and riding a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

All: **Hosanna in the highest!**

THE PRAYER OF THE DAY

Liturgist: The Lord be with you.

People: **And also with you.**

Liturgist: Let us pray.

All: **Merciful God, as we enter Holy Week and gather at your house of prayer, turn our hearts again to Jerusalem, to the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ, that united with Christ and all the faithful we may one day enter in triumph the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens, where with you and the Holy Spirit, Christ lives in glory forever. Amen.**

**THE PROCLAMATION OF THE ENTRANCE INTO JERUSALEM

(A Reading from the Gospel of Luke 19: 28b-40 with responses)

Pastor: Listen and respond to the gospel, written by Luke. "... [*Jesus*] went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, 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. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' just say this, 'The Lord needs it!'"

Liturgist: *So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, "Why are you untying the colt?" They said, "The Lord needs it."*

Pastor: Blessed is the coming of the kingdom.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Liturgist: *"Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. 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, saying,*

People: ***"Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!"***

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

Liturgist: Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

People: **Hosanna in the highest!**

**HYMN 196

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

INVITATION TO CONFESSION & CORPORATE PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Triumphant God, we join the crowds of the ages in shouting your praises. While our lips give you glory, our lives seldom reflect your purposes. We sing easily of your greatness, but living faithfully is often beyond us. We hear of your salvation, yet sin is still close and real, daily leading us away from you.

Have mercy on us. Ride into our hearts with healing grace. Forgive what we have done and direct who we shall be. Lord, save us. Hosanna!

A TIME OF SILENT CONFESSION & ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Pastor: He who rode into Jerusalem, struggled on the cross, and was sealed in a tomb is risen from the dead! Jesus Christ has defeated sin forever. This is good news!

People: **In Jesus Christ we are forgiven!**

**CONFESSION RESPONSE K9 *Glory Be to the Father* GLORIA PATRI (Meineke)

***Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be,
world without end. Amen, amen.***

**THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Leader: Through Christ, God was pleased to reconcile all things, by making peace through the blood of the cross. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

People: **And also with you!**

The Word

**ILLUMINATION 224 v. 1 *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross* ROCKINGHAM

***When I survey the wondrous cross on which the Prince of Glory died;
my richest gain I count but loss, and pour contempt on all my pride.***

HT LESSON Isaiah 50: 4 – 9a *Pew Bible P.594*

Leader: This, is the Word of the Lord. People: **Thanks be to God!**

PSALM 31: 9 – 16 HYMN 214 *You Are My Refuge, Faithful Lord* MORNING SONG

NT LESSON Philippians 2: 5 – 11 *Pew Bible P.954*

Leader: Here ends the reading of the Epistle. People: **Praise be to You, O Lord!**

**CANTICLE *My Spirit Longs for Thee* FINGAL

***My spirit longs for Thee with in my troubled breast,
Though I unworthy be of so divine a Guest.
Of so divine a Guest unworthy though I be,
Yet has my heart no rest, unless it come from Thee.
Unless it come from Thee, in vain I look around;
In all that I can see no rest is to be found.
No rest is to be found but in Thy blessed love;
O let my wish be crowned, and send it from above! A-men.***

THE MESSAGE Pastor John, Reader

THE GOSPEL STORY OF THE PASSION OF OUR LORD AND SAVIOR, JESUS CHRIST

Luke 22: 14 – 23: 56

Pew Bible P. 857 – 860

Pastor: The Gospel of Our Lord. People: **Glory to you, O Christ!**

RESPONSE 583

Glory to God

GLORIA (Taizé)

Glor-ia, glor-ia, in excelsis Deo!
Glor-ia, glor-ia, alleluia, alleluia!

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH IN SONG

HYMN 215 *What Wondrous Love Is This?*

WONDROUS LOVE

A RESPONSIVE PRAYER ON CHRIST'S PASSION along with THE LORD'S PRAYER

Pastor: Our Redeemer suffered death, was buried and rose again for our sake.

With love let us adore him, aware of our needs, and let us pray.

Christ our teacher, for us you were obedient, even to death:

People: **Teach us to obey God's will in all things.**

Pastor: Christ our life, by dying on the cross you destroyed the power of evil and death:

People: **Enable us to die with you, and to rise with you in glory.**

Pastor: Christ our strength, you were despised, and humiliated as a condemned criminal:

People: **Teach us the humility by which you saved the world.**

Pastor: Christ our salvation, you gave your life out of love for us:

People: **Help us to love one another.**

Pastor: Christ our Savior, on the cross you embraced all time with your outstretched arms:

People: **Gather all the scattered children of God into your realm.**

Pastor: Jesus, Lamb of God,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, bearer of our sins,

People: **have mercy on us.**

Pastor: Jesus, redeemer of the world,

People: **grant us peace.**

Pastor: Eternal God, as we are baptized into the death of Jesus Christ, so give us the grace of repentance that we may pass through the grave with him and be born again to eternal life. For he is the One who was crucified, dead, and buried, and rose again for us, Jesus our Savior.

People: **Amen.**

Pastor: Our Lord has also taught us to pray, saying:

All: **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.

The Eucharist

PRESENTATION OF TITHES, OFFERINGS, & GIFTS

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Lost in the Night ~ Haugen

*Lost in the night do the people yet languish,
Longing for morning the darkness to vanquish,
Plaintively heaving a sigh full of anguish.
Will not day come soon? Will not day come soon?
Must be vainly awaiting the morrow?
Shall those who have light no light let us borrow,
Giving no heed to our burden of sorrow?
Will you help us soon? Will you help us soon?
Sorrowing wand'ers, in darkness yet dwelling,
dawned has the day of a radiance excelling,
Death's dreaded darkness forever dispelling.
Christ is coming soon! Christ is coming soon!
Will not day come soon? Come and save us soon!
Christ is coming soon!*

**DOXOLOGY 717

For the Life That You Have Given

PLEADING SAVIOR

***For the life that you have given, for the love in Christ made known,
with these fruits of time and labor, with these gifts that are your own;
here we offer, Lord, our praises; heart and mind and strength we bring;
give us grace to love and serve you, living what we pray and sing.***

**CORPORATE PRAYER OF DEDICATION

We give thanks, O God, for these gifts we lift up to you. We pray that these resources will help to alleviate suffering, offer compassionate care, and feed those who live with food insecurity. Grant that all of our gifts — our time, our talent and our treasure — may serve to strengthen and restore your creation in all places. Grant that all we say and do with all of our gifts — and with our very lives — may be a form of prayer, responding to your grace with gratitude. Amen.

The Sending

** HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

****THE CHARGE & BENEDICTION**

****CHORAL RESPONSE** *Abide with Me* ~ Lyte/Monk

*Abide with me: fast falls the eventide. The darkness deepens: Lord, with me abide!
When other helpers fail and comforts flee, help of the helpless, O abide with me.*

****POSTLUDE** *La Bourree* ~ Praetorius

Lars Morrison

Wait, Don't Go Yet! Join us for conversation and food during fellowship hour downstairs in Fellowship Hall. Thanks to Brian & Sandy Graff for hosting today! And thanks to Don & Dorothy Wallace for their help today!

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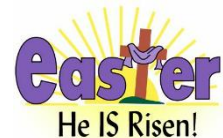
Coming Up:

Wednesdays Adult Brown-Bag Education 11am – 1pm

April 17 7:00 PM Maundy Thursday – BAP at Hill UPC

April 18 12:00 PM Good Friday – BAP at St. Andrews UPC

May 4 3:00 PM Musical Melodies 2 – Choral Concert @ Trinity Sanctuary



Sunday April 20

7:00 AM Son-rise Service @ Moraine State Park – Pleasant Valley

10:00 AM Continental Breakfast @ Fellowship Hall

10:50 AM Easter Festival Service w/ the Preludes of Easter



ABBE (Adult Brown Bag Education): The group will be off for two weeks and reconvening Wed. April 30 at 11:00 AM. Participants should finish reading the book *Gilead* ~ Marilynne Robinson.



Prayer Concerns: If you have a prayer request, please contact the Prayer Cordon: Virginia Lokovich 724-287-3920, Jane Hall 724-287-5410, Pastor John 412-779-6148, or covenantoffice@zoominternet.net

Please Pray for:

Neil Nucci, Elaine Nucci's Dad, undergoing medical testing

All PC(USA) World Mission Co-workers who have been recently furloughed from their positions – a mandated 50% reduction in mission co-worker personnel worldwide ... **And especially Mission Co-workers Cathy Chang, Juan Lopez, & Aurelie**, for health & discernment.

Concord Presbyterian Church of Hooker, as the congregation works at rebuilding the sanctuary roof!

Bob Mathias continues in a rehabilitation regimen and is thankful for all the prayers and support he is receiving.

Jane Faulkner, Ann Morrison's sister, is in need of break-throughs in the log jam and impediments to the release of needed FEMA housing funding.

Residents, relief workers, coordinators and PCUSA Presbyteries who are working amidst the devastated areas in both Southern California and in Western North Carolina & Eastern Tennessee.

Sharon Anderson, friend of Nancy Rice, facing one more chemo treatment – it has been a struggle for her.

Pam Patterson, at Concordia Cabot.

Luke 19: 33 – 38

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Sunday, May 4 3:00 PM

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