

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 13, 2025

## ASSEMBLE IN GOD'S NAME

Prelude – *Hosanna, Loud Hosanna*

Robert J. Powell

Prayer of Preparation (*you may prepare for worship by praying silently*)

To you, O God, we cry: Hosanna! Lord, save us! Let this be our constant prayer— as we dance among the palms, as we sit around the table, as we kneel before the cross, as we bow our heads in sorrow. To you, O God, we cry: Hosanna! Lord, save us! In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Chiming of the Hour

Greeting and Announcements

Catherine Edmonson

Call to Worship (responsive)

Give thanks to the Lord, who is good,

**whose steadfast love endures forever.**

Blessed is the name of the Lord.

**Hosanna, hosanna in the highest!**

Let us worship God.

\* Hymn of Procession 196 – *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

\* Call to Confession

In the name of Christ, I urge you: Be reconciled to God. Trusting in God's grace, let us confess our sin.

\* Prayer of Confession (unison)

**Merciful God, we confess that we have sinned against you. The lips that sing, "Hosanna!" are the same that shout, "Crucify!" The hands that wave palm branches are the same that prepare your cross. Forgive us, God of grace. Look upon us with mercy — our lives are in your hands. Save us, by your steadfast love; through Jesus Christ our Lord.**

(time for silent confession)

\* Declaration of Forgiveness (responsive)

Listen, the time has come at last. Look, now is the day of salvation! In the name of Jesus Christ, we are forgiven! **Thanks be to God.**

\* The Congregation's Response: *Gloria Patri* Hymn 581

**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.**

## PROCLAIM GOD'S WORD

Time with Children

Katie Ginn

Prayer for Illumination

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ that by the power of your Holy Spirit we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen.

First Reading – Luke 19:28-40

pew Bible pg. 854

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Anthem – *Hosanna to the Son*

Ed Harris

Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna, Hosanna to the Son. Hosanna to the Son of David

Hosanna to the Holy One; hosanna to the Son,

The long awaited One, Hosanna to the Holy Son.

O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord; blest is He.

Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna to the Son of David,

Hosanna to the Holy one; hosanna to the Son, the long awaited One,

Hosanna to the Holy Son.

O blessed is He that cometh in the name of the Lord, blest is He.

Hosanna, in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, Lord, blessed is He.

Hosanna in the highest, hosanna, hosanna, hosanna.

Second Reading – Luke 23:1-49

pew Bible pg. 859

The Word of the LORD.

**Thanks be to God!**

Sermon – *They Crucified Jesus*

Rev. Dr. Christopher Crotwell

## GIVE THANKS TO GOD

\* Hymn of Thanksgiving 223 – *When I Survey the Wondrous Cross*

\* Affirmation of Faith: *The Christ Hymn* - Philippians 2:5-11 (unison)

**Christ Jesus, though he was in the form of God, did not regard equality with God as something to be exploited, but emptied himself, taking the form of a slave, being born in human likeness. And being found in human form he humbled himself and became obedient to the point of death – even death on a cross. Therefore God also highly exalted him and gave him the name that is above every name, so that at the name of Jesus every knee should bend, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and ever tongue should confess to the glory of God: Jesus Christ is Lord! Amen.**

Prayers of the People (responsive)

Let us have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus as we pray for the world he came to save, saying: Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for the church . . . On this day of triumph and tragedy help us to bear witness to the saving grace of our suffering Lord. Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.** We

pray for the world . . . Help the victims of violence in every land. Give peace to those who live in fear and dignity to those who are despised. Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for this community . . . Teach us the self-emptying way of Jesus Christ. Humble the proud and lift up the lowly until we know that all are equal in your sight.

Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

We pray for loved ones . . . Be gracious to all who are in distress. Hold their lives in your hand and look upon them with healing. Have mercy, O God; **hear our prayer.**

As we pour out our hearts in prayer, O God, lead us to pour out our lives in service to you — ever seeking your will, ever following your way; all in the name of Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen.**

The Lord's Prayer (unison)

**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.**

Invitation to Offering (responsive)

What shall we offer for all God's goodness to us?

**Let us call on the name of the Lord and commit our lives, all that we are and all that we have, to the way of our Savior.**

Offertory – *Beneath the Cross of Jesus*

David M. Cherwein

\* The Doxology – Hymn 606

\* Prayer of Dedication (unison)

**We praise and thank you, Lord God, for the majesty of your work, the wisdom of your word, and the generosity of your grace. You have shown us, O God, the sacrifice that you desire. Now use these gifts — and use our lives — to liberate the oppressed, to break the bonds of injustice, to feed the hungry, welcome the poor, and unite the human family; all in the name and for the sake of Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

### **GO IN GOD'S NAME**

\* Hymn of Consecration 213 – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

\* Blessing and Charge (responsive)

The peace of God, which passes all understanding, keep your hearts and minds in the knowledge and love of God, and of God's Son, Jesus Christ our Lord; and the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit remain you always.

**Amen.**

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord. **Amen.**

\* Postlude – *In the Cross of Christ I Glory*

Robert J. Powell

*There will be a congregational meeting following the service.*

*If you need to leave, please do so during the Postlude.*



\* Please stand at the \* as you are able. Unison readings are **printed in bold.**

\*Portions of today's liturgy are taken from "Call to Worship" lectionary resources for Year C 2015-2016 and from the *Book of Common Worship* 2018.



## **Palm/Passion Sunday**



# Greeting and Announcements

**Welcome to Westminster!** We're very glad to see you in worship. We hope you will sense Christ's presence. If you are looking for a place to grow and serve, we'd love to tell you more about us. Please silence cell phones during the worship hour.

The session has called for a congregational meeting for today. The purpose of the meeting will be to hear a report from the church officer nominating committee and to elect new officers for the class of 2028.

**Deacons:**

1. Gwen Combs
2. Brandon Hayes
3. Carlie Kaeppler
4. Drew Suttle

**Elders:**

1. Pam Love
2. Charlie Parkman
3. Annie Richerson

Youth: Elisa Suttle  
Trustee: Althea Jerome

### Happenings at Westminster

**Youth only**—today 5-6:30 p.m. (meal provided)

**Brown Bag**—Tuesday at 11 a.m.

**No Wednesday night** supper or activity.

**Choir**—Wednesday at 6:30 p.m.

**Men of the Church**—Thursday at 7 a.m.  
at Loblolly

**Circle 3**—April 23 at 6 p.m. at Karen Reidenbach's home

**Youth Dessert/Casserole Auction**—May 7

**Youth Sunday**—May 11

There is a **sign-up sheet** in the bulletin for the Easter brunch; please place in offering plate.

**Deacons and Session** — today following the congregational meeting.

**PW Prayer Ministry** will meet Tuesday at 10 a.m. There are prayer cards on the back of the pew for prayer requests. Please put the address so a card can be sent and place with the offering. Come join this group as they pray and write cards.

The Youth are **collecting small individually wrapped candy and small trinkets** for the Easter Egg Hunt. There is a box by the church office for any donations.

### Holy Week Summary

4/17 - Maundy Thurs. at 6:00 p.m.

4/18 - Good Friday at noon

4/20 - Sunrise Service at 7:00 a.m.  
Brunch/Egg Hunt at 9:00 a.m.  
Worship/Communion 10:30 a.m.



It is time to purchase Easter lilies. A signup sheet is on the narthex cabinet. The cost is \$15 per lily. Today is the deadline. Please leave money or a check in a brown envelope and put in the pink box on the narthex cabinet. This is a fundraiser for the youth and children's summer camps.

Giving to **One Great Hour of Sharing** enables the Presbyterian Hunger Program to help transform lives and enrich communities. See insert in today's bulletin.



## PRAYERS FOR HEALING AND STRENGTH

(\* new added prayers)

*Terri Banks, friend of Pam Love – at home with 24-hour care*

*Linda Basden, neighbor of Janeil Harris – Alzheimer's*

*Dave Beveridge, friend of Alice Crotwell – stomach cancer*

*Jan Bozeman – constant pain*

*Laura Pearce Cureton, Nancy Johnson's goddaughter – nerve block therapy continues*

*Kim Davis, Dan Davis' sister-in-law – battling cancer*

*Vida Davis, sister of Ruthie Davis – dementia*

*Jessica Dubing, daughter of a friend of Ruthie Davis – paralyzed from motorcycle accident*

*Cathy Dudley – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Bill and Louise Edwards, friends of Charles Brown – strength and endurance*

*Hudson Elliott, grandson of friends of the Reidenbachs—NICU at UMMC with undiagnosed health concerns*

*Teresa Ginn, Michael Ginn's aunt – dementia*

*Brigitte Glowiak, Carolyn McLarnan's family – breast cancer*

*\*Mary Gunn, friend of Annie Richerson – prayers for health concerns*

*Arlandra Harvey, former choir member – waiting for a kidney transplant*

*Peggy Henry, Karen Reidenbach's sister—in rehab for addiction*

*Charlotte Hill*

*\*Patria Holcomb, sister of Glenn Nobles – broken bone*

*Ann Johnson*

*Geraldine Jones*

*Collier Knutson, grandson of a friend of Gwen Combs – waiting on heart transplant*

*Roger Kuyrkendall, Carrie Creel's father –Alzheimer's*

*B.J. Lambert*

*\*Margaret Lochhead – health issues*

*\*Deloris McLaurin, Glenn Nobles' first cousin – dementia*

*Glenn Nobles – endurance and strength*

*Carolyn Mitchell Pintard, Bill & Betty Mitchell's daughter – grave health issues*

*Shannon Love Roberson, daughter of Pam Love – health issues*

*Stephanie Cummings Shaver, daughter of Kathryn and Robert Cummings – at home recovering, no visitors*

*Gibson Smith, friend of Charles Brown – cancer*

*Michael Scheetz, Maggie Scheetz's son – prayers for health issues*

*Laura Todd, Grayson Rayborn's cousin – multiple health issues*

*Louise Traxler, Karen Reidenbach's mom – Bedford Care (Medical Blvd)*

*Elizabeth Robinson, Betty & Bill Mitchell's daughter – chemo and radiation treatment*

*Isobel Treen, Carolyn McLarnan's cousin – heart issues*

*\*Keli Ward, Ann Aldridge's daughter-in-law – burst appendix*