



PAW CREEK

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM SUNDAY

March 24, 2024

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Palm Sunday - The Sunday of the Passion

March 24, 2024

Eleven O'clock

The Service of the Palms

Entering Into God's House

Leader: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Congregation: **Hosanna in the highest!**

Chimes of the Trinity

The Story of Palm Sunday

John 12: 12-16

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord— the King of Israel!" Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it; as it is written: "Do not be afraid, daughter of Zion. Look, your king is coming, sitting on a donkey's colt!" His disciples did not understand these things at first; but when Jesus was glorified, then they remembered that these things had been written of him and had been done to him.

*Processional with Palms

Hymn 196

"All Glory, Laud and Honor"

Palm Sunday Prayer

Leader:

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. As we are united with Christ and all the faithful, may we 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.

Congregation:

Hosanna in the highest!

Welcome and Announcements, Joys and Concerns

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Offertory

“Hosanna, Loud Hosanna”

Gesangbuch Der Herzogl

Passion Prayer (*in unison*)

God of all, you gave your only-begotten Son to take the form of a servant, and to be obedient even to death on a cross. Give us the same mind that was in Christ Jesus. Sharing in his humility, may we come to be with him in his glory; who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and forever. Amen.

* Hymn 205

“Live in Charity”

Taizé Community

Live in charity and steadfast love.

Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor, Ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

The Crucifixion

Sir John Stainer

So they took Jesus; and carrying the cross by himself, he went out to what is called The Place of the Skull, which in Hebrew is called Golgotha. There they crucified him, and with him two others, one on either side, with Jesus between them. Pilate also had an inscription written and put on the cross. It read, “Jesus of Nazareth, the King of the Jews.” [John 19: 16-19]

Procession to Calvary

Fling wide the gates!

For the savior waits to tread in his royal way;
He has come from above, in his power and love,
To die on this Passion day.

His crown is the sign of a love divine,
His crown is the thorn-wreath of woe,
He bears his load on the sorrowful road
And bends 'neath the burden.

How sweet is the grace of his sacred face
And lovely beyond compare;
Through weary and worn with merciless scorn
Of a world he has come to spare
The burden of wrong that earth bears along,
Past evil and evil to be
All sins of man since the world began,
They are laid, dear Lord, on thee.

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, "Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing." And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, "He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!" The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, "If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!" There was also an inscription over him, "This is the King of the Jews." [Luke 23: 32-38]

And when they were come to a place called Calvary

And when they had come to the place called Calvary, They they crucified him, And the malefactors, one on the right and the other on the left.

The majesty of the Divine Humiliation

King ever glorious ! King ever glorious!

The dews of death are gathering round thee

Upon the cross thy foes have bound thee;

Thy strength is gone, thy strength is gone.

Not in thy majesty, Robed in heaven's supremest splendor,

But in weakness and surrender, Thou hangest there.

Who can be like thee? Pilate, high in Zion dwelling, Rome with arms the world compelling,

Proud through they be?

Thou are sublime, thou art sublime: Far more awful in thy weakness,

More than kingly in thy meekness, Thou Son of God, Thou Son of God.

Glory and honor: Let the world divide and take them; Crown its monarchs and unmake them;

But thou, thou wilt reign.

Here in a basement; Crownless, poor, disrobed, and bleeding: There, in glory interceding,

Thou are the King, Thou art the King!

Jesus said: "Very truly, I tell you, we speak of what we know and testify to what we have seen; yet you do not receive our testimony. If I have told you about earthly things and you do not believe, how can you believe if I tell you about heavenly things? No one has ascended into heaven except the one who descended from heaven, the Son of Man. And just as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness, so must the Son of Man be lifted up, that whoever believes in him may have eternal life. "For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life. Indeed, God did not send the Son into the world to condemn the world, but in order that the world might be saved through him. Those who believe in him are not condemned; but those who do not believe are condemned already, because they have not believed in the name of the only Son of God. And this is the judgment, that the light has come into the world, and people loved darkness rather than light because their deeds were evil." [John 3: 11-19]

And as Moses lifted up the serpent in the wilderness

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God so loved the world

God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whoso believeth in him should not perish but have everlasting life. For God sent not his Son into the world to condemn the world, but that the world through him might be saved.

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, "Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!" But the other rebuked him, saying, "Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong." Then he said, "Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom." He replied, "Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise." [Luke 23: 39-43]

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And one of the malefactors

And one of the malefactors which were hanged railed on him, "If thou be the Christ, save thyself and us."

But the other, answering, rebuked him, saying, "Dost not thou fear God, seeing thou art in the same condemnation? And we indeed justly; for we receive the due reward of our deeds: but this man hath done nothing amiss."

And he said unto Jesus, "Lord, remember me when thou comest into thy kingdom."

And Jesus said unto him, "Verily I say to thee, today shalt thou be with me in Paradise."

Meanwhile, standing near the cross of Jesus were his mother, and his mother's sister, Mary the wife of Clopas, and Mary Magdalene. When Jesus saw his mother and the disciple whom he loved standing beside her, he said to his mother, "Woman, here is your son." Then he said to the disciple, "Here is your mother." And from that hour the disciple took her into his own home. [John 19: 25-27]

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, "Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?" which means, "My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?" When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, "Listen, he is calling for Elijah." And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, "Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down." Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. [Mark 15: 33-38]

When Jesus therefore saw his mother

When Jesus therefore saw his mother, and the disciple standing by, whom he loved, He saith unto his mother, "Woman, behold thy son!" Then saith he to the disciple, "Behold thy mother!"

There was darkness over the whole land. And at the ninth hour Jesus cried with a loud voice, saying; "My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?"

Is it nothing to you, all you who pass by? Look and see if there is any sorrow like my sorrow, which was brought upon me, which the Lord inflicted on the day of his fierce anger. [Lamentations: 1-12]

Is it nothing to you, all you that pass by?

Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by? Behold, and see if there be any sorrow like unto my sorrow, which is done unto me, wherewith the Lord hath afflicted me in the day of his fierce anger.

The appeal of the crucified

From the throne of his cross,
the King of grief cries out to a world of unbelief:

Oh! Men and women, afar and nigh,
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
I laid my eternal power aside, I came from the home of the Glorified.
A babe, in the lowly cave to lie;
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?
I wept for the sorrows and pains of men,
I healed them, and helped them and love them: but then,
They shouted against me, Crucify! Crucify!

Is it nothing to you? Behold me and see: pierced through and through
With countless sorrows, and all is for you;
For you I suffer, for you I die,
Is it nothing to you, all ye that pass by?

Oh! men and women, your deeds of shame,
Your sins without reason and number and name,
I bear them all on the cross on high;
Is it nothing to you?

Is it nothing to you that I bow my head?
And nothing to you that my blood is shed?
O perishing souls to you I cry,
Is it nothing to you?

O come unto me: by the woes I have borne,
By the dreadful scourge, and the crown of thorns,
By these, I implore you to hear my cry,
Is it nothing to you?

O come unto me, this awful price,
Redemption's tremendous sacrifice;
Is paid for you, is paid for you
For why will ye die? O come unto me, For why will ye die?

After this, when Jesus knew that all was now finished, he said (in order to fulfill the scripture), "I am thirsty." A jar full of sour wine was standing there. So they put a sponge full of the wine on a branch of hyssop and held it to his mouth. When Jesus had received the wine, he said, "It is finished." Then he bowed his head and gave up his spirit. [John 19: 28-30]

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After this, Jesus knowing that all things were now accomplished, saith, "I thirst". When Jesus had received the vinegar, he saith, "It is finished. Father, into thy hands I commend my spirit." And he bowed his head, and gave up the ghost.

Silence

Passion Prayer *(in unison)*

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. Amen.

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* **Blessing and Charge** *(responsive)*

May the God of peace, which surpasses all understanding, guard our hearts and minds in Jesus Christ.

Amen.

Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.

The Lord's name be praised.

Upcoming Sermon Titles & Scriptures

Thursday, March 28

Maundy Thursday - 7pm - Scout Hut

Table Service of Communion and Candlelight

Friday, March 29

Good Friday - 7pm - Sanctuary (will also be Live Streamed)

Tenebrae - Service of Shadows

Sunday, March 31

Easter Sunday - 11am - Sanctuary

Celebration of the Lord' Supper

Mark 16: 1-8; 1 Corinthians 15: 1-11

"He Appeared Also to Me"

Welcome to Paw Creek Presbyterian Church!

We are a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), two centuries young and committed to living out the Gospel today as we Seek, Serve, Praise and Love Christ. If you are a visitor today, we are especially glad that you are here. We hope that you will leave us a record of your visit by completing a visitor card and placing it in the offering plate. Feel free to contact our pastor, Elliott Hipp, with questions or prayer concerns: deh46@columbia.edu or 704-502-2143. Please come again soon.

Worshipping On-Line

Our worship service is also streamed live each week, and is available to watch later in the week as well. For Facebook and YouTube links, please visit pawcreekpc.org. When you worship with us from home, you can use an on-line version of our Glory to God hymnal so that you can sing along or follow the words to the hymns. For phone or tablet, search "Glory to God" in your app store. For computer, go to hymnary.org/hymnal/ GG2013 and click on the hymn number. Most hymns are available, although there are a few that cannot be displayed due to copyright restriction.

Paw Creek Presbyterian Church Staff:

Pastor Elliott Hipp
Music Director Andrew Cumbow
Pianist..... Mark Burleson
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Videography Coordinator Clint Shaw

Easter Flowers

Paw Creek will be decorating the Sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, **March 31.**

Donations will be accepted in memory or in honor of loved ones, and their name will be included in the Bulletin for Easter as well.

Names must be received in the church office by Tuesday, March 26.

This year there will be White Calla Lilies instead of Easter Lilies. The flowers will be planted in the Prayer Garden and surrounding area sometime after Easter. Any monies collected will be used to offset the cost of the Easter flowers with any extra money raised going to the Chuck Overbeck Fund and used for the beautification and maintenance of the gardens and landscaping around the church.

If you have any questions, please contact the church office at 704-392-0329. Thank you!

Presbyterian Women

Circle Meeting, **Tuesday, April 2nd**
Morning Circle (Go & Grow) 10:00am
Evening Circle (Life Seekers) 7:00pm
We will meet in the Parlor

Church Office Closed

The Church Office will be closed on **Thursday, March 28** for Easter.

Annual Coulwood Easter Egg Hunt Postponed until March 30

This was originally scheduled for Saturday, **March 23, but has been postponed until March 30 due to possible rain.**

Free Community Event

9:30am – 11:00 am

Coulwood Clubhouse

506 Coulwood Dr. Charlotte, NC 28214

See Celia Gray (704-756-9697) for more details or to volunteer.

Sunday School Class

There are no Sunday School classes on Easter Sunday, March 31

Prayer time on March 31 will be in the Chapel at 10:15

Thank you, Christian Ed. Committee

Wednesday Bible Study

Wednesday Bible Study will not meet this week. We will resume on Wednesday April 3rd.