

Order of Worship

March 24, 2024 ~ Palm/Passion Sunday

*Stand as you are able in body or spirit.

Prelude

Crown Him with Many Crowns

arr. Wilbur Held

Welcome, Announcements

Palm Sunday Processional

Hosanna

Chancel choir, KIDS Sing Choir, Alleluia Ringers

Christian Gregor

*Hymn of Praise

No. 197

Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

*Call to Confession

Doug Bitterman, liturgist

Christ comes to the center of our busy, conflicted lives. He comes in triumph and in humility. He comes in glory and in mercy. He comes knowing the best of who we are, and he comes knowing our worst. Trusting in God's grace, let us make our confession, first in silent prayer.

*Time for Silent Confession

*Prayer of Confession

Holy One, we confess that we sing Your praises in one breath and curse one another in the next. We fail to follow You and to live into Your ways. We follow the ways of this world, the crowds of power, and feed the fears of the powerful. We abandon faith in You to chase a passing glimpse of worldly satisfaction and security. Forgive us for our foolishness. Call us back into Your ways of love, compassion, and hope. Call us into living into Your ways of healing and reparation and restoration. In the name of Jesus Christ, who entered Jerusalem as one of us and died for us all, we pray. Amen.

*Declaration of Forgiveness

We know that our Redeemer lives. We know that in the face of all our faults and shortcomings, Christ lifts us up, embraces us, and forgives us. You are loved. You are forgiven. You belong to Christ and can never be forgotten. You are valued. Know your worth—you are God’s beloved child, and with you God is well pleased. Go forth and share the good news of God’s hope to the world. Amen.

All: Thanks be to God, our Redeemer!

*Response

No. 443

There is a Redeemer (v1)

GREEN

There is a Redeemer, Jesus, God’s own Son;
Precious Lamb of God, Messiah, Holy One.
Thank you, O My Father, for giving us your Son;
and leaving your Spirit till the work on earth is done.

The peace of the Lord be with you.
And also with you.

Passing the Peace

Prayers of the People and Lord’s Prayer (using debts and debtors)

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.

Offertory

The Mercy Tree

arr. Mary McDonald

Doxology

No. 609

LASST UNS ERFREUEN

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow;
Praise God, all creatures high and low: Alleluia, alleluia!
Praise God, in Jesus fully known: Creator; Word, and Spirit one.
Alleluia, alleluia! Alleluia, alleluia, alleluia!

*Prayer of Dedication (Congregation will be seated following the prayer.)

Scripture

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29, OT, pg. 565-566

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Anthem

Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates

William Mathias

Sermon

“The Dangers of Fame”

Rev. Dr. Lou Ventura

Scripture

John 12:12-16, NT, pg. 106

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*Closing Hymn

No. 221

O Sacred Head Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

*Charge and Benediction

*Benediction Response

No.313

Lord, Make Us More Holy

Trad. Spiritual

Lord, make us more holy; Lord, make us more holy;
Lord, make us more holy, until we meet again:
Holy, holy, holy, until we meet again.

Postlude

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

arr. David Shack

This morning we welcome Janet Phelps as our guest organist during Cheryl’s absence.

Coming up!



- March 24 PALM SUNDAY, 9:30 Traditional Worship, 11:00 Contemporary Worship
10:30 NO KIDS SING due to worship participation
11:00 IMPACT Youth Group
12:00 Confirmation Class informational meeting, Youth Room (Parents/Students, Grades 7 and up)
1:00 pm GriefShare and DivorceCare, Rms 240 & 230
- 26 6:30 pm Harmonious Flutes, Choir Suite, 7:30 pm Alleluia Ringers, Sanctuary
27 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
28 7:30 pm Maundy Thursday with Communion
29 GOOD FRIDAY, the office will close at noon
31 EASTER SUNDAY, 9:30 am Traditional Worship, 11:00 am Contemporary Worship
11:00 IMPACT Youth Group
NO KIDS SING
NO GriefShare, NO DivorceCare due to Easter
- April 1 EASTER MONDAY, the church office will be closed
2 NO rehearsals due to public school Spring Break
3 7:00 pm Chancel Choir rehearsal, Sanctuary
4 7:00 pm Contemporary Worship rehearsal, Sanctuary
5 6:30 am Men's Bible Study, Rm 230

*Denotes weekly meetings unless otherwise listed.

WELCOME! If you are visiting with us this morning, we are glad you are here! Please scan the QR code to register with our church. After worship stop by our Welcome Desk for a special gift and to learn more about our church.

EASTER EGG HUNT—Donations of FILLED EGGS are needed for our fun Easter Egg Hunt! Candy needs to be pre-packed, not loose. Use the QR code to sign up to attend. On Saturday, March 23, 10:00 am, rain or shine! We need adult volunteers to hide eggs at 9:00 am...please volunteer.

CONFIRMATION CLASSES TO BEGIN—Confirmation classes are typically for students grade 7 and up. It is a continuation of the faith journey that began at baptism and continues throughout their lives. For more information, contact our Director of Youth Ministry, Jordan Bybee, jrbybee@gbpres.org.

ON MAUNDY THURSDAY we celebrate the sacrament of communion together, commemorating Jesus' last supper with his disciples before his crucifixion. In addition, at GBPC we also combine this service with a Tenebrae service, or Service of Darkness. As we hear each of the final words of Jesus upon the cross, the sanctuary is stripped of communion and liturgical symbols and becomes gradually darker until we are in total darkness. "...and when the sixth hour had come, there was darkness over the whole land until the ninth hour." (Mark 15:33) Worshipers leave the sanctuary in silence pondering the impact of Christ's death as we wait for the celebration of the coming Resurrection.

THE CONGREGATIONAL NOMINATING COMMITTEE (CNC) is seeking nominations for elders, who are committed to Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior and are willing to serve Christ's Church as officers. Those nominated must be active members of GBPC and will be elected for three-year terms which begin in June. Nomination forms can be found in the narthex or use link provided on the church website. Nominations are due April 15.

AARP TAX PREPARATION CONTINUES! Make your appointment and pickup your preparation packet for AARP Tax-aide. IRS certified preparers will be available, Tuesday and Wednesday, 8am-1pm, call 757-547-4741 to make an appointment.

EASTER LILY PICKUP—If you ordered an Easter Lily in honor of or in memory of someone, you may pick up the lily following the 11:00 am service on Easter.

Check our website for updates: <https://www.gbpres.org> Thank you for joining us for worship today.

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"Sharing Christ's love, equipping God's people" Founded in 1964



Hozanna

to the Son of David



Matthew 21:7-9

*Blessed
is he
who comes
in the name
of the Lord!*

*Hozanna
in the
highest!*

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