

# TAKOMA PARK PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

*March 24, 2024*

## PALM SUNDAY

*Live streamed at 11:00 a.m.*



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**A Church for all People.**

# THE SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

*(\* Indicates those who are able, please stand.*

*Please join in speaking and singing the parts in **bold or unison**.*

## Preparation for Worship

*"Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, turn me around, turn me around.*

*Ain't gonna let nobody turn me around, I'm gonna keep on a walkin',*

*keep on a talkin', marching up to freedom land."*

*-Traditional Civil Rights Song*

## GATHER IN GOD'S PRESENCE

*Let the Prelude's music open you to God's presence as we begin worship.*

**Prelude**

**Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

ELLACOMBE

Michael Burkhardt

**Processional Hymn 853**

**We Are Marching**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer** (*unison*)

Holy Word, holy Breath, holy Mystery, on this day of Palms and Passion, you call us to remember your life and death among us. You call us to witness your procession into the city, your challenge to worldly power, your humble service to those who love you. As we wave our palms of anticipation, waken us into awareness of your presence within us, among us, and around us. By your Spirit and grace may we become joined with you as members of the incarnate, risen, Body of Christ. Amen.

**Call to Worship**

With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**Hosanna! Save us!**

O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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

**We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

Let us worship the living God.

**\*Hymn 197                      Hosanna, Loud Hosanna**

### **Prayer of Confession**

Like the Jerusalem crowds, we find ourselves professing our faith in moments of enthusiasm and denying our relationship to Jesus in moments of fear and stress. Let us come before God asking for courage and commitment.

The Lord be with you. **And also with you.** Let us pray:

**Merciful God, we want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives, through the cross, to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away. Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ's work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way of nonviolent love, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem. May your will be done on earth as in heaven.**

*Silent Prayer*

### **Assurance of Pardon**

God loves us when we are cheering in praise, and when we are silent and afraid. Knowing that we are loved, let us live into the freedom of being forgiven. Let us lose our fear and learn to act on our love for God and one another.

**Thanks be to God! Amen.**

**\*Praise 582    Glory to God, Whose Goodness Shines on Me**

Glory to God, whose goodness shines on me,

And to the Son, whose grace has pardoned me,

And to the Spirit, whose love has set me free.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be. Amen.

**\*Sharing the Peace of Christ**

The peace of Christ be with you. **And also with you.**

*(Worshippers on Zoom may unmute themselves and share the peace.)*

## LISTEN FOR GOD'S WORD

### Prayer of Illumination 458

*Thy word is a lamp unto my feet and a light unto my path. (2x)*

### First Scripture Reading

**Philippians 2:5-11**

**Anthem      Hosanna! Sing A Loud Hosanna!      Mark Hayes**

### Time with the Children

**Pastor Harper**

### Second Scripture Reading

**Mark 11:1-11**

### Reflection on the Word

**Sermon              On a Colt Never Ridden      Rev. Mark Harper**

**\*Hymn 196      All Glory, Laud, and Honor**

## RESPOND TO GOD'S WORD

### Prayers of the People

**Rev. John Seaman**

*Prayers will be read from the Prayer and the Chat Box" then the  
Congregation will be invited to share their prayers*

**Prayer Response:**    Lord, in your mercy, hear **our prayer.**

### **The Lord's Prayer** (Unison)

O Holy Trinity of Love,

Holy are you and holy is your name.

May your shalom come and your will be done,  
on earth as in heaven.

Give us our daily bread, and forgive our sins  
as we forgive those who sin against us.

Walk with us through times of trial and save us from evil.

For the Beloved Community, the power, and the glory are yours now and  
forever. Amen.

## **The Offering Invitation**

*The offering plate reminds us of the many contributions we all make to our church and God's realm. Please pass it to your neighbor and offer thanks for each other's gifts.*

### **Offertory**

### **Ah, Holy Jesus**

HERZLIEBSTER JESU

Arr. Craig Courtney

Ah, holy Jesus, how hast Thou offended  
that we to judge Thee have in hate pretended?  
By foes derided, by Thine own rejected, O most afflicted!

Who was the guilty? Who brought this upon Thee?  
Alas, my treason, Jesus, hath undone Thee!  
I, Lord Jesus, I it was denied Thee; I crucified Thee.

For me, kind Jesus, was Thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and Thy life's oblation;  
Thy death and anguish and Thy bitter passion, for my salvation.

Therefore, kind Jesus, since I cannot pay Thee,  
I do adore Thee, and will ever pray Thee,  
think on Thy pity and Thy love unswerving, not my deserving.

### **\*Doxology 607**

Old Hundredth

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Christ all people here below;  
Praise Holy Spirit evermore;  
Praise Triune God, whom we adore. Amen.

### **\*Prayer of Dedication (unison)**

Receive these offerings, O God, as expressions of our love for you and our neighbors. Use our offerings and ourselves as part of the inbreaking of your Beloved Community, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

# WE ARE SENT INTO THE WORLD

## Announcements of the Community's Life

\*Sending Hymn 766 (v.1-4)

The Church of Christ Cannot be Bound.

\*Benediction

Postlude            Choral Prelude on "Vulpus"            Healey Willan

*Community worship ends; discipleship and service begin anew.*

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### *Participants in this morning's service*

Rev. Mark Harper, Pastor

Lara Raney, Liturgist

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir

Dr. James Bingham, Organ

Jay Clouse, Zoom Technician

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Schedule for upcoming events

\*\* Zoom events

Monday, March 25, 7:30 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal
Tuesday, March 26, 12:00 p.m.	Virtual Coffee Hour**
Tuesday, March 26, 6:30 p.m.	Green Team Meeting**
Tuesday, March 26, 7:00 p.m.	SWAC Meeting**
Wednesday, March 27, 8:15 p.m.	Presbyterians for Police Transformation**
Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m.	Maundy Thursday Tenebrae ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Friday, March 29, 12:00 p.m.	Good Friday Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )
Sunday, March 31, 9:00 a.m.	Easter Breakfast - Assembly Room
Sunday, March 31, 11:00 a.m.	Worship Service ( <i>hybrid</i> )

+Whoever you are and wherever you are on life's journey, **you are welcome here.** We are pleased you are with us today.

+**Please continually pray for peace** - - in our homes, in our lives, neighborhoods, the nation and the world.

+**Join the Fun!! Join the Fellowship!!**

**Enjoy Easter Sunday Breakfast Together at TPPC!**

On Sunday March 31, we will celebrate Easter with our traditional potluck breakfast in the Assembly Room beginning at 9:00 a.m. Bring a dish to share, such as fruit, pastries, bagels, eggs, sausage, cereal, etc. or your own breakfast favorites!

Right after breakfast there will be a festive Easter egg hunt and other games for the kids, with worship starting at the customary time of 11:00 a.m.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate our risen Christ and beloved community!

For more information and to sign up to help with set-up or clean-up, call or email Susan Swift, <tel:202-403-1101>, email: [swiftdrake@aol.com](mailto:swiftdrake@aol.com).

+Thank you to Susan Swift for providing refreshments for the coffee hour today.

+If you would like to host Coffee Hour for a birthday, or anniversary or to acknowledge someone please be in touch with Susan Swift.

+**One Great Hour of Sharing:** Every time we set a table where all hungry hearts can eat; every time we welcome neighbors and we add an extra seat; and every time we live as servants, free to wash each other's feet - *In our living, in our giving, we are there.*

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is the single, largest way that Presbyterians come together to work for a better world by advancing the causes of justice, resilience, and sustainability.

Please give generously.

### **+ Choral Post-Easter Service**

The Takoma Park Presbyterian Church Choir and Friends will present a service of celebration on Sunday, April 14, at 11:00 a.m. This service will feature sacred music from largely British composers of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century.

The *Five Mystical Songs* of Ralph Vaughan William, the most substantial musical part of the service will feature baritone Trevor Scheunemann, who enjoys an international operatic career, including performances in leading roles with such houses as: The Metropolitan Opera, Washington National Opera, Opera de Monte Carlo, and San Francisco Opera among many others. Mr. Scheunemann is a graduate of Washington Adventist University, Takoma Park, and a distinguished alumnus of the world-renowned Domingo-Cafritz Artist Program at Washington National Opera.

The *Five Mystical Songs* were written for baritone solo, choir, and orchestra; however, this performance will feature the composer's orchestral reduced for string quintet and piano.

The words are taken from four poems ("Easter" divided into two parts) by George Herbert (1593 – 1633), a metaphysical Welsh poet, orator, and priest of the Church of England; and were selected by Vaughan Williams from the poet's 1633 collection, *The Temple: Sacred Poems*.

Other musical presentations will include *O Clap Your Hands*, by Ralph Vaughan Williams and *Gloria in excelsis "Coronation"* by Charles Villiers Stanford, composed for the coronation of George V in Westminster Abbey, on June 22, 1911. Both anthems will be accompanied by a brass septet.

The service promises to be a joyful post-Easter musical celebration, reflecting the joy of the resurrection and by it, the promise of eternal salvation. Please plan on attending and bring friends, so that this joyful festivity can infuse this season of renewal.

### **+A New Adult Sunday School Class Begins**

Please join us for a book study of Reparations: A Christian Call to Repentance and Repair by Duke Kwon and Gregory Thompson.

This hybrid class will meet in the church parlor and on Zoom April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>. All classes will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will be facilitated by Mary Pat Brennan and John Peacock.

Here is the zoom link: <https://tinyurl.com/TPPCSundayBibleStudy>



**Here are some sample reviews:**

*“What hope do we have of racial reconciliation unless we right the wrongs of the past? Kwon and Thompson have argued convincingly that reparations is a necessary part of the healing of the churches and our nation, and that people of faith should be leading the way. Read this book and learn how to be a bridge builder for reparations.” - **Latasha Morrison**, founder of Be the Bridge and NY Times Best-selling author*

*“In love, the authors direct the White American church to tell the truth to itself and its complicity in and endorsement of racism at the expense of their Black brothers and sisters in Christ. Wrestle with this book alone or in small groups, but don’t call it quits. Let the book’s inevitable discomfort lead to growth, understanding, and the beauty of repentance.” - **Christina Edmondson**, cohost of the Truth’s Table podcast.*

Below is a link to a week-by-week outline of the class:

<https://tinyurl.com/SundaySchoolOnReparations>

**+Thank you for your continued support of TPPC.** As a reminder, there are several ways to give to TPPC.

Information on giving, including giving online, can be found at

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/give>.

Checks may be mailed to

Takoma Park Presbyterian Church,  
310 Tulip Avenue, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

If you have any questions, please contact [finance@takomaparkpc.org](mailto:finance@takomaparkpc.org).

## EASTER LILIES

The Worship Committee is providing an opportunity for us to purchase Easter lilies to decorate the Sanctuary. You may purchase lilies in honor of, or in memory of a loved one.

The price is \$25 per Lily pot. Today is the last day to order lilies.

Please use the form in the bulletin or the online link below

<https://www.takomaparkpc.org/tppceasterlilies>

Please contact Jean Dickey for more information

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