



## Worship Bulletin

Dear Ones,

"Lord, he whom you love is sick." This was the message Jesus received regarding His friend Lazarus. This Sunday and next we will look at Jesus raising His friend Lazarus from the dead. This is a pivotal event in the ministry of Jesus (probably the precipitating event that led to his crucifixion, John 11:53).

Mary, Martha and Lazarus are suffering and Jesus waits to go to Bethany, their hometown. John takes great pains to tell us that Jesus loved this family. "Now, Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus".

Just because Jesus delays, or just because Jesus allows Lazarus to die, does not temper His love in the least. He loved this family with a sure, steadfast, and eternal love. The same is true for us.

He still loves us in the midst of dark days.

Warmly,  
Steve

### **God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him**

#### **The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Psalm Sunday**

Today we move toward the conclusion of the season of Lent known as Passion Week—a recounting of the final days of the earthly ministry of Jesus Christ. It begins on Palm Sunday with the entry of Christ into Jerusalem, and includes both Maundy Thursday (the institution of the Lord's Supper) and Good Friday (the crucifixion of our Lord). It follows Jesus through His betrayal, trial, and death on a cross. It culminates in His resurrection on Easter Sunday. We use this week to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the suffering, death, and resurrection of Jesus Christ.

#### **Preparation for Worship on Palm Sunday**

*Do You Believe This?*

"This week remembers the Passion of Jesus Christ crucified. He was led forth like a lamb; He was slaughtered like a sheep. He freed us from our slavery to the devil, as He had freed Israel from the hand of Pharaoh. He sealed our souls with His own Spirit, and the members of our body with His own blood. He is the One who covered death with shame and cast the devil into mourning, as Moses cast Pharaoh into mourning. He is the One who brought us out of slavery into freedom, out of darkness into light, out of death into life, out of tyranny into an eternal Kingdom... It is He who was hung on the Tree; it is He who was buried in the earth. He is the One who rose from the dead, and who raised mankind from the depths of the tomb below to the heights of heaven."

*-Melito of Sardis, from a Passion Week sermon c.170 AD*

#### **Call to Worship**

*Zechariah 9:9-10,16-17*

Rejoice greatly, O daughter of Zion!  
Shout aloud, O daughter of Jerusalem!  
Behold, your King is coming to you;  
righteous and having salvation is He,  
humble and mounted on a donkey,  
on a colt, the foal of a donkey.

**His rule shall be from sea to sea,  
and from the River to the ends of the earth.**

On that day the LORD their God will save them,  
as the flock of His people; for like the jewels of a crown  
they shall shine on His land.

**For how great is His goodness, and how great His beauty!**

#### **Invocation**

#### **Song of Adoration**

#### **JESUS! WHAT A FRIEND FOR SINNERS!**

Jesus, what a friend for sinners,  
Jesus lover of my soul.  
Friends may fail me, foes assail me;  
He my Saviour makes me whole...

*Hallelujah, what a Saviour.  
Hallelujah, what a friend.  
Saving, helping, keeping, loving,  
He is with me to the end.*

Jesus, what a strength in weakness,  
Let me hide myself in Him.  
Tempted, tried, and sometimes failing;  
He my strength, my vict'ry wins...

Jesus, what a help in sorrow,  
While the billows over me roll.  
Even when my heart is breaking,  
He, my Comfort, helps my soul...

Jesus, what a guide and keeper,  
White the tempest still is high.  
Storms about me, night overtakes me,  
He, my Pilot, hears my cry.

Jesus, I do now receive Him,  
More than all in Him I find.  
He hath granted me forgiveness,  
I am His and He is mine.

*"A friend of tax collectors and sinners..." -Luke 7:34*  
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#### **Welcome**

*We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are "visiting" our church for the first time, we encourage you to send us an email at [mail@wepc.org](mailto:mail@wepc.org) to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.*

## Declaring the Faith

### The Apostles' Creed

*The Apostles' Creed is a concise summary of the teachings of the apostles of Jesus Christ as they are recorded in the New Testament. This creed originated as a baptismal confession, probably in the second century, and developed into its present form by the sixth or seventh century. The Apostles' Creed is recognized to contain the essential beliefs of Christianity by all Protestant, Roman Catholic & Eastern Orthodox Churches.*

**I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth.**

**I believe in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, and born of the virgin Mary. He suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of God the Father Almighty. From there he will come to judge the living and the dead.**

**I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.**

### Reflecting on the Apostles' Creed

*Heidelberg Catechism, Q&A 42 and 56 (1563)*

Since Christ has died for us, why do we still have to die?

**Our death does not pay the debt of our sins.<sup>1</sup> Rather, it puts an end to our sinning and is our entrance into eternal life.<sup>2</sup>**

What do you believe concerning "the forgiveness of sins"?

**I believe that God, because of Christ's satisfaction, will no longer remember any of my sins<sup>3</sup> or my sinful nature which I need to struggle against all my life.<sup>4</sup> Rather, by grace God grants me the righteousness of Christ to free me forever from judgment.<sup>5</sup>**

<sup>1</sup> Ps. 49:7; <sup>2</sup> John 5:24, Phil. 1:21-23, 1 Thess. 5:9-10 ;

<sup>3</sup> Ps. 103:3-4, 10, 12, Mic. 7:18-19, 2 Cor. 5:18-21,

<sup>1</sup> John 1:7; 2:2; <sup>4</sup> Rom. 7:21-25; <sup>5</sup> John 3:17-18; Rom. 8:1-2

### Old Testament Reading

*Isaiah 45:21-25*

Declare and present your case;

let them take counsel together!

Who told this long ago?

Who declared it of old?

Was it not I, the LORD?

And there is no other god besides me, a righteous God and a Savior; there is none besides me.

"Turn to me and be saved, all the ends of the earth!

For I am God, and there is no other.

By myself I have sworn;

from my mouth has gone out in righteousness

a word that shall not return:

'To me every knee shall bow,

every tongue shall swear allegiance.'

"Only in the LORD, it shall be said of me,

are righteousness and strength;

to him shall come and be ashamed

all who were incensed against him.

In the LORD all the offspring of Israel

shall be justified and shall glory."

## Prayer for Restoration and Renewal

*Our "Prayer for Restoration and Renewal" comes each week from Matthew Henry's Method for Prayer ([www.matthewhenry.org](http://www.matthewhenry.org)).*

Pray for those who grieve, who are being touched by death, and the grace needed for each of us to die trusting Jesus Christ.

*\*\*\*Please email the staff at [mail@wepec.org](mailto:mail@wepec.org) with any of your prayer requests. We welcome your prayer requests and commit to praying for them each week.*

## Offering

*If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please either mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quiocassin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229) or visit our website ([www.wepec.org/resources/giving](http://www.wepec.org/resources/giving)) for online giving options.*

## Song of Praise

### I SHALL NOT WANT

From the love of my own comfort,  
From the fear of having nothing,  
From a life of worldly passions,  
Deliver me, O God.

From the need to be understood,  
And from a need to be accepted,  
From the fear of being lonely,  
Deliver me, O God.  
Deliver me, O God.

*And I shall not want;*

*No I shall not want.*

*When I taste Your goodness,*

*I shall not want.*

*When I taste Your goodness,*

*I shall not want.*

From the fear of serving others,  
Oh, and from the fear of death or trial,  
And from the fear of humility,  
Deliver me, O God.  
Yes deliver me, O God.

And I shall not want, no I shall not want.  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.  
No I shall not want; no I shall not want.  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.  
When I taste Your goodness, I shall not want.  
I shall not want, shall not want.

*"The Lord is my shepherd, I shall not want." -Psalm 23:1*

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## Children's Message

*Pastor Joe Brown*

## God the Son Renews Us through His Word

### Scripture Reading

*John 11:1-27*

<sup>1</sup> Now a certain man was ill, Lazarus of Bethany, the village of Mary and her sister Martha. <sup>2</sup> It was Mary who anointed the Lord with ointment and wiped his feet with her hair, whose brother Lazarus was ill. <sup>3</sup> So the sisters sent to him, saying, "Lord, he whom you love is ill." <sup>4</sup> But when Jesus heard it he said, "This illness does not lead to death. It is for the glory of God, so that the Son of God may be glorified through it."

<sup>5</sup> Now Jesus loved Martha and her sister and Lazarus. <sup>6</sup> So, when he heard that Lazarus was ill, he stayed two days longer in the place where he was. <sup>7</sup> Then after this he said to the disciples, "Let us go to Judea again." <sup>8</sup> The disciples said to him, "Rabbi, the Jews were just now seeking to stone you, and are you going there again?" <sup>9</sup> Jesus answered, "Are there not twelve hours in the day? If anyone walks in the day, he does not stumble, because he sees the light of this world. <sup>10</sup> But if anyone walks in the night, he stumbles, because the light is not in him." <sup>11</sup> After saying these things, he said to them, "Our friend Lazarus has fallen asleep, but I go to awaken him." <sup>12</sup> The disciples said to him, "Lord, if he has fallen asleep, he will recover." <sup>13</sup> Now Jesus had spoken of his death, but they thought that he meant taking rest in sleep. <sup>14</sup> Then Jesus told them plainly, "Lazarus has died, <sup>15</sup> and for your sake I am glad that I was not there, so that you may believe. But let us go to him." <sup>16</sup> So Thomas, called the Twin, said to his fellow disciples, "Let us also go, that we may die with him."

<sup>17</sup> Now when Jesus came, he found that Lazarus had already been in the tomb four days. <sup>18</sup> Bethany was near Jerusalem, about two miles off, <sup>19</sup> and many of the Jews had come to Martha and Mary to console them concerning their brother. <sup>20</sup> So when Martha heard that Jesus was coming, she went and met him, but Mary remained seated in the house. <sup>21</sup> Martha said to Jesus, "Lord, if you had been here, my brother would not have died. <sup>22</sup> But even now I know that whatever you ask from God, God will give you." <sup>23</sup> Jesus said to her, "Your brother will rise again." <sup>24</sup> Martha said to him, "I know that he will rise again in the resurrection on the last day." <sup>25</sup> Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he die, yet shall he live, <sup>26</sup> and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?" <sup>27</sup> She said to him, "Yes, Lord; I believe that you are the Christ, the Son of God, who is coming into the world."

## Sermon

### God the Holy Spirit Transforms Us by His Grace

#### Prayer of Confession

**King of Glory,  
You came to us as true Peace in the midst of our warfare,  
as true Freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,  
as true Refuge while we languished  
in a chaos of our own design.  
Though we know Jesus as Sovereign King,  
we have rebelled just as Israel did long ago,  
we have negotiated with the Enemy  
by our secret sins and proud skepticism,  
we have betrayed our Heavenly Father  
in our daily refusal of Peace, Freedom, and Life.  
For our treason, You died;  
For our restoration, You rose again.  
Draw us close to You in this week,  
that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears,  
and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.**

*Silent Confession of Sin*

## LORD, HAVE MERCY

Lord, have mercy.  
Christ, have mercy.  
Lord, have mercy on us.

*"God, have mercy on me, a sinner." -Luke 18:13  
Ancient Greek hymn, 4th century; arr. Trenton Durham, 2019*

## Words of Encouragement

*from Psalm 118*

In my anguish I cried to the Lord; and He answered by setting me free. The Lord is with me. The Lord is my Strength and my Song; He has become my Salvation.

## Songs of Response to God's Grace

### BREAK EVERY CHAIN

There is power in the name of Jesus.  
There is power in the name of Jesus.  
There is power in the name of Jesus  
To break every chain, break every chain, break every chain.

All sufficient sacrifice,  
So freely given, such a price  
Bought our redemption, heaven's gates swing wide.

*"At the name of Jesus every knee should bow." -Philippians 2:10  
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### NOTHING TO FEAR

When you pass through the waters,  
I will be with you.  
And the depths of the river  
Shall not overwhelm.  
When you walk through the fire,  
You will not be burned.  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

*And there is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
There is nothing to fear, nothing to fear  
For I am with you always*

In the depths of your sorrow,  
I wept beside you.  
When you walked through the shadow,  
I drew you near.  
And yesterday, today, tomorrow,  
Always the same,  
I am the Lord, I am the Lord...

What can separate you from my perfect love?  
What can separate you from my perfect love?  
What can separate you from my perfect love?  
Do not fear, do not fear, do not fear.

*"Fear not, for I am with you." -Isaiah 41:10  
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## IN CHRIST ALONE

In Christ alone, my hope is found.  
He is my light, my strength, my song.  
This Cornerstone, this solid Ground,  
Firm through the fiercest drought and storm.  
What heights of love, what depths of peace,  
When fears are stilled, when strivings cease.  
My Comforter, my All in All,  
Here in the love of Christ I stand.

In Christ alone, who took on flesh,  
Fullness of God in helpless babe.  
This gift of love and righteousness,  
Scorned by the ones He came to save.  
Till on that cross as Jesus died,  
The wrath of God was satisfied.  
For every sin on Him was laid,  
Here in the death of Christ I live.

There in the ground, His body lay,  
Light of the world by darkness slain.  
Then bursting forth in glorious Day,  
Up from the grave He rose again.  
And as He stands in victory,  
Sin's curse has lost its grip on me.  
For I am His and He is mine,  
Bought with the precious blood of Christ.

No guilt in life, no fear in death,  
This is the power of Christ in me.  
From life's first cry to final breath,  
Jesus commands my destiny.  
No power of hell, no scheme of man  
Can ever pluck me from His hand.  
Till He returns or calls me home,  
Here in the power of Christ I'll stand.

*"I count everything as loss because of the surpassing worth of knowing Christ  
Jesus my Lord." -Philippians 3:8  
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## DOXOLOGY

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." -Psalm 150:6  
Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: "Old 100<sup>th</sup>", Louis Bourgeois (1551)*

Praise God from whom all blessings flow;  
Praise Him, all creatures here below.  
Praise Him above, ye heav'nly host,  
Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.  
Amen.

## Benediction

*Pastor Steve Shelby preached today's sermon. Worship was led by Pastor Kevin Greene. Pastor Joe Brown gave the Children's Message. Pastor Joe Brown, Elder Rick McWhorter, and Ross Bruning managed today's video live stream. Becca Wethered, Worship Arts Coordinator, and Pastor Kevin Greene led this morning's congregational singing.*