



## Order of Worship

### God the Father Calls Us to Worship Him

#### The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm 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

*The Peace of God*

"Who will comfort you?" --Isaiah 51:19

"Jesus was one that wept with those that wept. And indeed it was mere pity that brought Him into the world, and induced Him not only to shed tears but to shed His blood. He poured out His blood as water on the earth, out of compassion to the poor, miserable children of men. And when do we ever read of any one person coming to Him when on earth, with a heavy heart, or under any kind of sorrow or distress for pity or help, but what met with a kind and compassionate reception? And He has the same compassion now." --Jonathan Edwards

#### 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

##### We Fall Down

We fall down  
We lay our crowns  
At the feet of Jesus  
The greatness of mercy and love  
At the feet of Jesus

And we cry holy, holy, holy!  
And we cry holy, holy, holy!  
And we cry holy, holy, holy is the Lamb

*"Holy, holy, holy is the Lord God Almighty, who was and is and is to come!"*

*Revelation 4:8*

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#### Welcome

*We are glad you have joined us this morning! If you are visiting our church for the first time, or are a regular attendee or church member, we encourage you to use our online "[Keep in Touch](#)" form to introduce yourself, request prayer, or request more information about our church.*

#### The Ministry of Prayer

*Psalms 118:1-2, 19-22, 25-27, 29*

Oh give thanks to the LORD, for He is good;  
for His steadfast love endures forever!

**Let Israel say,**

**"His steadfast love endures forever."**

Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

**This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.**

I thank You that You have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

**The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.**

Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

**Blessed is He who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless You from the house of the LORD.**

The LORD is God,  
and He has made his light to shine upon us.

**Offering**

If participation in the offering is part of your weekly worship, please place your offering in one of the offering plates near the rear Sanctuary doors, mail your offering to the church office (9008 Quioccasin Road, Henrico, VA, 23229), or visit [www.wepc.org/giving](http://www.wepc.org/giving) for online giving options.

**Song of Praise**

**He Will Hold Me Fast**

When I fear my faith will fail  
 Christ will hold me fast  
 When the tempter would prevail  
 He will hold me fast  
 I could never keep my hold  
 Through life's fearful path  
 For my love is often cold  
 He must hold me fast...

*He will hold me fast  
 He will hold me fast  
 For my Savior loves me so  
 He will hold me fast*

Those He saves are His delight  
 Christ will hold me fast  
 Precious in His holy sight  
 He will hold me fast  
 He'll not let my soul be lost  
 His promises shall last  
 Bought by Him at such a cost  
 He will hold me fast...

For my life He bled and died  
 Christ will hold me fast  
 Justice has been satisfied  
 He will hold me fast  
 Raised with Him to endless life  
 He will hold me fast  
 Till our faith is turned to sight  
 When He comes at last...

*"And I am sure of this, that He who began a good work in you will bring it to completion at the day of Jesus Christ." Philippians 1:6  
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**Backyard Children's Worship (10:30 AM)**

Children, age 3 through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, will be dismissed prior to the sermon for an outdoor Bible Lesson, activity, and fellowship on the WEPC playground. Pick-up at the end of the service on the playground. (In case of inclement weather, Children's Worship will meet in the WEPC Chapel.)  
[www.wepc.org/grow/children](http://www.wepc.org/grow/children)

**God the Son Renews Us through His Word**

**Scripture Reading**

*Philippians 4:6-7*

<sup>6</sup> Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving let your requests be made known to God. <sup>7</sup> And the peace of God, which surpasses all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

**Sermon**

Each Sunday, Worship Notes with the Scripture text, study questions, and recordings are posted at [www.wepc.org/sermons](http://www.wepc.org/sermons).

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

**Confession of Sin**

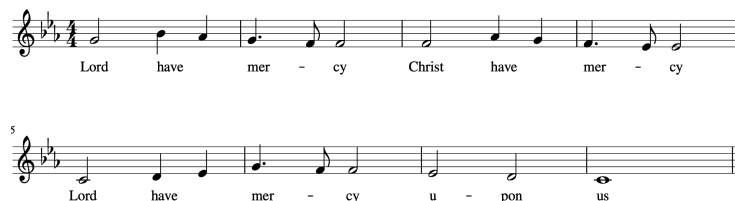
*Psalm 139:1-2, 7, 23-24*

**You have searched me, Lord, and you know me. You know when I sit and when I rise; You perceive my thoughts from afar. Where can I go from Your Spirit? Where can I flee from Your presence? Search me, God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts. See if there is any offensive way in me, and lead me in the way everlasting.**

*Silence*

**Lord Have Mercy**

Lord, have mercy  
 Christ, have mercy  
 Lord, have mercy upon us



*"Have mercy on me God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions." Psalm 51:1  
 Becca Wethered, Lent 2021.*

**Words of Encouragement**

*Heidelberg Catechism 1 (1563)*

Christian, what is your only comfort in life and in death?

**That I am not my own, but belong -- body and soul, in life and in death – to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ. He has fully paid for all my sins with His precious blood, and has set me free from the tyranny of the devil. He also watches over me in such a way that not a hair can fall from my head without the will of my Father in heaven: in fact, all things must work together for my salvation. Because I belong to Him, Christ, by his Holy Spirit, assures me of eternal life and makes me whole-heartedly willing and ready from now on to live for Him.**

**Songs of Response to God's Grace**

**How Deep the Father's Love for Us**

How deep the Father's love for us  
 How vast beyond all measure  
 That He should give His only Son  
 To make a wretch His treasure  
 How great the pain of searing loss  
 The Father turns His face away  
 As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
 Bring many sons to glory

Behold the Man upon a cross  
 My sin upon His shoulders  
 Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
 Call out among the scoffers  
 It was my sin that held Him there  
 Until it was accomplished  
 His dying breath has brought me life  
 I know that it is finished

I will not boast in anything  
 No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom  
 But I will boast in Jesus Christ  
 His death and resurrection  
 Why should I gain from His reward?  
 I cannot give an answer  
 But this I know with all my heart  
 His wounds have paid my ransom

*"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only Son" John 3:16  
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**None Other Lamb**

None other Lamb, none other Name  
 None other Hope in Heaven or sea  
 No hiding place from guilt and shame  
 None beside Thee, none beside Thee

My faith burns low, my hope burns low  
 Only my heart's desire cries out in me  
 By the deep thunder of its want and woe  
 Cries out to Thee, cries out to Thee...

*All who labor  
 And are heavy laden  
 Come unto me  
 And I will give you rest*

Lord, Thou art life, though I be dead  
 Love's fire Thou art, however cold I be  
 Nor heav'n have I, no place for my head  
 No home, but Thee; no home but Thee...

*"Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world!" John 1:29  
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**Doxology**

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

*"Let everything that has breath praise the LORD." Psalm 150:6  
 Thomas Ken (1709); Tune: "OLD 100th", Louis Bourgeois (1551); Public Domain*

"Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer. Contribute to the needs of the saints and seek to show hospitality." -Romans 12:12-13

**Benediction**

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***Our Elders are available for prayer in the West Foyer following both services.***

***Pastor Steve Shelby*** preached today's sermon. ***Pastor Kevin Greene*** led worship. ***Trey Wickham, Jen Wickham, Randall Ingram, Tammy Ingram, Rick Hepner, Pat Reynolds, Worship Arts Director Becca Wethered, and Deacon Jason Weippert*** led this morning's congregational singing. ***Ross Bruning, Jon Greenhill, Scott Hoye, and Elder Tim Sinclair*** managed today's audio and video live stream. ***AJ Anonick*** managed the in-house video system.

**Q & A with Pastor Steve**

Join Steve this morning after the 10:30 AM worship service, as he responds live to some of your text inquiries related to the worship service, the sermon, or general encouragement. We plan on the Q & A lasting approximately 15 minutes. Please text **804-608-9372** with your questions and encouragements.

**Announcements (listed alphabetically)**

**Adult Ministry**

***Mama Bear Apologetics Book Study***

[www.wepec.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepec.org/grow/adults)

Sundays, through May 23, 9:00 AM, Rm. 29 **\*RSVP Required\***

A study written for moms looking at how we prepare our kids for the real world and help them challenge cultural lies.

**Mid-Week Walk** [www.wepec.org/grow/adults](http://www.wepec.org/grow/adults)

Join us for a walk on the James River trails in downtown Richmond. Wednesdays, 9 -11 AM

**Women's Ministry: SOW Together** [www.wepec.org/grow/women](http://www.wepec.org/grow/women)

Book of Ruth Study continues (study & panel discussion recordings)

**Yard Groups** [www.wepec.org/yard-groups](http://www.wepec.org/yard-groups)

Enrollment now OPEN for Spring Yard Groups!

**Children's Ministry** [www.wepec.org/grow/children](http://www.wepec.org/grow/children)

**Backyard Children's Worship:** TODAY, 10:30 AM

**Nursery OPEN during 10:30 AM service**

Ages birth-2 years old \* **Registration Required\***

**Church Planting**

Interested in hearing more about a potential Presbyterian Church in America church plant in that area of Chesterfield County? Contact: Pastor Kevin Greene, [kevin@wepec.org](mailto:kevin@wepec.org)

**Counseling Ministry** [www.wepec.org/counseling](http://www.wepec.org/counseling)

Group Counseling for Young Women: Tolerating and Regulating Emotions Led by Lara Finnie, WEPC Resident in Counseling

**Food Pantry needs** [www.wepec.org/foodpantry](http://www.wepec.org/foodpantry)

**Lent and Easter Happenings** [www.wepec.org/lenteaster](http://www.wepec.org/lenteaster)

**Lenten Daily Readings** <https://www.wepec.org/lentenreadings>

Sign up to receive them in your inbox.

**Maundy Thursday Service**

APRIL 1 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream) **\*RSVP Required\***

**Good Friday Service**

APRIL 2 | 7PM (In-Person + Livestream) **\*RSVP Required\***

### **Easter Sunday Service**

APRIL 4 | 9AM (In-Person) & 10:30AM (In-Person + Livestream)

### **Monthly Communion** [www.wepc.org/monthlycommunion](http://www.wepc.org/monthlycommunion)

Second Sunday of the month, both services

### **Neighborhood Outreach Ministry**

#### **Simple English Christian Service** [www.wepc.org/simpleenglish](http://www.wepc.org/simpleenglish)

Second Sunday of the month, 12 PM, Chapel

#### **Spanish Bible Study** [www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study](http://www.wepc.org/grow/spanish-bible-study)

Saturdays, 7-8 PM, Chapel

### **WEPC Community Preschool** [www.wepc.org/preschool](http://www.wepc.org/preschool)

Enrollment is open for 2021-2022!

### **WEPC Pastoral Letter: The Gospel, Race, and Biblical Justice**

[www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice](http://www.wepc.org/gospelracejustice)

Resources for studying and understanding how the Gospel intersects with race and justice.

### **Wrap Around Ministry**

[www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry](http://www.wepc.org/outreach/wrap-around-ministry)

Adults needed to babysit during "Foster Parents' Day Out" events on 5/15 and 6/19. Contact [wraparound@wepc.org](mailto:wraparound@wepc.org) to help.

### **Youth Ministry** [www.wepc.org/grow/youth](http://www.wepc.org/grow/youth)

Youth Group: TODAY, 10:30 AM, Fellowship Hall