



## WEPC Lectionary Project: *Union with Christ*

West End Presbyterian Church is using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship and our personal and family devotion. This project is part of WEPC's 25th Anniversary Year and will run from December 2018 through November 2019. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

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### Sunday, April 14, 2019

*The Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday*

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) *I Turned Not Backward*

[Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#) *Blessed is He*

[Philippians 2:5-11](#) *Humbled, then Exalted*

[Luke 19:28-40](#) *Going Up to Jerusalem*

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### Monday, April 15

[Isaiah 42:1-9](#) *He Will Bring Forth Justice*

[Psalm 36:5-11](#) *Refuge in the Shadow of Your Wings*

[Hebrews 9:11-15](#) *An Eternal Redemption*

[John 12:1-11](#) *Responses to the Raising of Lazarus*

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### Tuesday, April 16

[Isaiah 49:1-7](#) *Salvation to the End of the Earth*

[Psalm 71:1-14](#) *My Trust, O LORD, From My Youth*

[I Corinthians 1:18-31](#) *We Preach Christ Crucified*

[John 12:20-36](#) *When I am Lifted Up*

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### Wednesday, April 17

[Isaiah 50:4-9a](#) *I Have Set My Face Like a Flint*

[Psalm 70](#) *Make Haste, O God*

[Hebrews 12:1-3](#) *He Endured the Cross, Despising the Shame*

[John 13:21-32](#) *One of You Will Betray Me*

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### Maundy Thursday, April 18

[Exodus 12:1-14](#) *I Will Pass Over You*

[Psalm 116:1-2, 12-19](#) *The Cup of Salvation*

[I Corinthians 11:23-26](#) *Bread & Cup*

[John 13:1-17, 31b-35](#) *Do You Understand?*

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### Good Friday, April 19

[Isaiah 52:13-53:12](#) *Pierced*

[Psalm 22](#) *Forsaken*

[Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9](#) *Tempted*

[John 18:1-19:42](#) *Crucified*

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### Saturday, April 20

[Job 14:1-14](#) *If a Man Dies, Shall He Live Again?*

[Psalm 31:1-4, 15-16](#) *My Times Are In Your Hand*

[I Peter 4:1-8](#) *Even to Those Who are Dead*

[Matthew 27:57-66](#) *They Went and Made the Tomb Secure*

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## A Worship Study Guide for Individuals, Groups and Families for the week of April 14, 2019

### Cornerstone

This week, Steve Shelby preached on [Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29](#)

<sup>1</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

<sup>2</sup> Let Israel say,  
"His steadfast love endures forever."

<sup>19</sup> Open to me the gates of righteousness,  
that I may enter through them  
and give thanks to the LORD.

<sup>20</sup> This is the gate of the LORD;  
the righteous shall enter through it.

<sup>21</sup> I thank you that you have answered me  
and have become my salvation.

<sup>22</sup> The stone that the builders rejected  
has become the cornerstone.

<sup>23</sup> This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.

<sup>24</sup> This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

<sup>25</sup> Save us, we pray, O LORD!  
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

<sup>26</sup> Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!  
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

<sup>27</sup> The LORD is God,  
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,  
up to the horns of the altar!

<sup>28</sup> You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;  
you are my God; I will extol you.

<sup>29</sup> Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;  
for his steadfast love endures forever!

- Outside of the Super Bowl or the World Cup, it is harder and harder to find experiences and events that have universal audiences.
- There is much splintering. This week...
- Today's text is a description of God's people coming together in a festival-like setting to celebrate the Passover.
- There is a *Call to Worship* and a *Congregational Response*. The Psalm ends with the same words with which it begins.
- There is movement, "open the gates" (19) and then calling to mind the great things that God has done for His people.
- There is a prayer for success and salvation.
- But in the midst of this service there is a sacrifice: "Bind the festal sacrifice with cords up to the horns of the altar" (27).
- All of this joy and delight in the worship of God is centered upon the sacrifice of a living being on the horns of an altar.
- What is going on here?
- There can be no real and lasting joy, victory, worship, hope, crying out to God with an expectation of being heard, or resurrection.
- Sin is a black hole that must be dealt with.
- "Pity it is to see a man pay for what he never took. And so Christ, though without sin in himself, yet as a Surety, as a Sacrifice, may justly suffer for others." (*Lancelot Andrewes*)

Lo, the good Shepherd for the sheep is offered:  
The slave hath sinned, and the Son hath suffered:  
For man's atonement, while he nothing heedeth,  
God intercedeth.

For me, kind Jesus, was thine incarnation,  
Thy mortal sorrow, and thy life's oblation:  
Thy death of 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.

*"Ah, Holy Jesus", Johann Heermann (1630)*

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