

# SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

## ST. ANDREWS PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

PALM/PASSION SUNDAY  
MARCH 25, 2018  
10:00 AM



### GATHERING IN GOD'S NAME

#### WELCOME

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.  
**And also with you.**

OPENING VOLUNTARY    *Flourish for an Occasion*    Noel Rawsthorne

#### †CALL TO WORSHIP

We come to prepare for the holiest of weeks.

**We will journey through praise, with joy on our lips;  
we will travel through betrayal and death, cradling hope deep in our  
hearts.**

Jesus leads us through this week, and we will follow, for he is the life we long for, he is the Word who sustains us.

**We wave palm branches in anticipation, we lay our love before him,  
to cushion his walk.**

Setting aside all power, glory, and might, he comes: modeling humility and obedience for all of us.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom  
of God.**

†HYMN                                    *All Glory, Laud, and Honor*    VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

**Thou art the King of Israel, thou David's royal Son,  
who in the Lord's name comest, the King and blessed One.**

**The people of the Hebrews with palms before thee went;  
Our praise and prayers and anthems before thee we present.**

**To thee, before thy passion, they sang their hymns of praise;  
to thee, now high exalted, our melody we raise.**

**Thou didst accept their praises; accept the prayers we bring,  
Who in all good delightest, thou good and gracious King!**

**All glory, laud, and honor to thee, Redeemer, King,  
To whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring!**

#### WELCOME

The service begins with the first note of the Opening Voluntary.

Please join in reading or singing those parts of the service printed in **bold**.

† When this symbol precedes an element of the service, please rise in body or spirit, as able.

#### PALM/PASSION SUNDAY

Today we commence our Holy Week journey to Easter. We begin with Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem. But before the week is through, those shouts from the crowds with change from "Hosanna!" to "Crucify him!" This service will move us from Palms to Passion (suffering) as we await shouts of a different kind on Easter morning

#### ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

The text dates from about 820 and was written by Theodulph, the Bishop of Orleans in France under the emperor Charlemagne. The music was composed by Melchior Teschner, who was a musician of considerable ability and was greatly interested in enriching public worship. The tune first appeared in a small tract published in 1615, quickly became popular, and is found in many choral books and hymnals dating from the late 1600's.

## CONFESSING OUR SIN

Lord Jesus—your arrival in Jerusalem was welcomed with a show of palms and a shout of praise. Yet soon you were abandoned. Even your closest friends left your side.

**Jesus, we confess that we too make a joyful noise at your coming, but that we often turn our backs on you when the going gets rough.**

O Lord, we often serve you with our lips instead of with our whole lives.

**We intend to follow you wherever you go, but we often do not.**

**Instead, like Peter, we deny you. We try to fit in with the crowd. We avoid risking ourselves for your sake and for the sake of the gospel.**

Forgive us God for our timid and faltering faith.

**Forgive us Lord for our part in nailing you to the cross to suffer and die.**

*(a time of silent, personal confession)*

## CHORAL PETITION

**HYMN 437**     *You Are the Lord, Giver of Mercy!*     WAYFARING STRANGER

**You are the Lord, giver of mercy!  
You are the Christ, giver of mercy!  
You are the Lord, giver of mercy!**

## DECLARATION OF FORGIVENESS

**CHORAL RESPONSE**     *The Lord's Prayer*     Traditional Caribbean Melody  
Glory to God Kids Choir

## †SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Grounded in grace, let us share the peace we have received from Christ with one another and with the world. The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

**And also with you.**

## HEARING GOD'S WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION**     Margaret Ellingson

**HEBREW SCRIPTURE READING**     Nehemiah 1:5-11     Pew Bible, page 419 (OT)

**MUSICAL OFFERING**     *Shout Hosanna*     Russell Nagy  
Chancel Choir

**GOSPEL READING**     Mark 14: 32-42     Pew Bible, page 49 (NT)

## CHILDREN'S LESSON

**SERMON**     *The Worshipping Life: Pray*     Rev. Camille LeBron Powell

## RESPONDING TO GOD'S WORD

†**HYMN 220**     *Go to Dark Gethsemane*     REDHEAD 76  
v. 1-3 only

## †AFFIRMATION OF FAITH

**We believe in the God who is the pillar of fire and the pillar of cloud.**

**We trust in our Holy Parent who judges and shows mercy.**

**We hope in our Creator who is faithful to all that is seen and unseen.**

**We believe in the Jesus who rode in triumph into Jerusalem.**

**We trust in the Messiah who was crucified, died, and was buried.**

**We hope in the living Christ who walked out of the tomb.**

## CHORAL PETITION

Following a time for silent confession the congregation will join in a sung prayer of petition. *You are The Lord, Giver of Mercy* is an adaptation of the traditional *Kyrie eleison*. The plaintive setting derived from an Appalachian melody preserves a sense of humility and trust.

## SHARING THE PEACE OF CHRIST

Because we have been forgiven in Christ, we can forgive one another. We demonstrate this by sharing Christ's peace with one another.

## HOSANNA

The word has progressed from the Hebrew *bosha na* ("save us") to Greek to Late Latin to the Middle English *osanna*. Rarely used at other times in the Christian year, Hosanna is most closely linked with the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem and, therefore, Passion Sunday.

## GO TO DARK GETHSEMANE

The first three stanzas of this hymn take us through the events of Holy Week. Today we will not sing the final stanza, which takes us to Easter. Today we leave with the darkness of Good Friday as we anxiously await the joy to come.



## CALENDAR

### **Sunday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church School  
10:00 AM Worship  
11:00 AM Baby Shower  
12:00 PM Mission to Atlanta  
Furniture Bank

### **Monday, March 26<sup>th</sup>**

8:00 PM AA/ALANon

### **Tuesday, March 27<sup>th</sup>**

### **Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

7:30 PM Chancel Choir

### **Thursday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

6:30 PM Maundy Thursday Dinner

### **Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup>**

9:00 AM Church at Prayer  
10:00 AM Friday Bells  
7:30 PM Good Friday Service  
8:00 PM AA/ALANon

### **Saturday, March 31<sup>st</sup>**

10:00 AM Egg Hunt

### **Sunday, April 1<sup>st</sup>**

9:00 AM Easter Breads  
10:00 AM Worship

## PRAYER CONCERNS AND

### CELEBRATIONS

If you have a prayer concern, please complete a Prayer Request Card, located in the pew rack, and place it in the offering plate.

Please update the office of any changes in the condition of your loved one.

**Pricilla Barnett**

**Lisa Temples' family, on the death of Mike Clark.**

**In the Nursing Home, Home Care, or Assisted Living:**

**Nell Foster**-Atria of Tucker, **Bill Blasingame**-Regency House, **Sharon Shenkman**-North Decatur H.R.C., **Evelyn Wallace**-at home, **Clyde & Jane Wentz**-Orchard at Tucker, **Sue & Bona Puckett**-Orchard at Tucker **Orin & Barbara Mattheis**-Del Mar Gardens, Smyrna, **Joan Catlin**-at home

## WELCOME

We invite you to join St Andrews, a congregation of the Presbyterian Church (USA), in ministry and in worship.

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Please note your presence in the registry of friendship so that members of our church family may welcome you.

Your presence is a joy for us.

Nursery Care is available in the Education Building, Room 107.

## CONNECT AT ST. ANDREWS

**Facebook** [facebook.com/sapctucker/](https://facebook.com/sapctucker/)

*Like and follow us on Facebook—there are updated photos from church events, and announcements*

**Website** [sapctucker.org](http://sapctucker.org)

*Church Calendar, Sunday School Page, Youth News, Listen to past sermons.*

**Weekly Email and Monthly Newsletter**

*Email the office to be added to our email list: [office@sapctucker.org](mailto:office@sapctucker.org)*

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Today's Flowers** are given to the Glory of God by Deborah Oriel and Charles Chambers.

**Easter Lily Dedications** Today is the last day for Easter lily dedications. Slips are available in the pews. If you would like to dedicate a lily in honor or in memory of someone, place the completed form in the offering plate. Lilies are \$10 each.

**Baby Shower** for David and Kjersti Lukens Today at 11:00 AM in Heffner Hall.

**All Adults and Youth** are invited to join us at the Atlanta Furniture Bank today. Please bring \$20 per person to cover the cost of the furniture we are going to build. We will leave the church at 12:30, after having lunch at the baby shower and will return at 4:30 PM. Please wear closed-toe shoes and dress for the weather.

**Maundy Thursday Dinner March 29, 6:30 PM** Join your St. Andrews family for a simple meal as part of our Maundy Thursday service in Heffner Hall. To remember Christ's Last Supper during Holy Week, we'll share a meal, pray, listen to scripture, and join in song. To help with cooking, serving, or clean-up, contact Paige Kubik 404-895-4210, [paigemk@gmail.com](mailto:paigemk@gmail.com).

**Good Friday 7:30 PM** Through Scripture reading and song, The Lessons and Carols of the Cross will take us through the story of Jesus' betrayal, arrest and crucifixion.

**Egg Hunt** Saturday, March 31 at 10 AM for toddlers-5th graders. Come to Heffner for Hall for crafts, stories and Egg Hunts divided by age. Bring your basket and join in the fun.

**Easter Breads** Join us at 9:00 AM in Heffner Hall on April 1st, for a St. Andrews' tradition of fellowship, coffee and pastries before the 10:00 AM Easter Sunday Service.

### **Lenten Discipline: Plastic Shopping Bags**

The average American family takes home almost 1500 plastic shopping bags per year. Many of these bags find their way into the natural environment where they are mistaken for food and consumed, harming both land and marine animals. Plastic bags do not biodegrade, instead they photo-degrade, breaking apart into smaller and smaller pieces over time. These tiny pieces of plastic pollute our soil, waterways, and oceans and are especially dangerous for filter-feeding marine life. It's time to get serious about plastic bags! Please make a plan so that you'll always have reusable bags with you when shopping. More information can be found here: <https://greenerideal.com/news/environment/0613-how-do-plastic-bags-affect-our-environment/>