

THE
GEORGETOWN
PRESBYTERIAN
CHURCH

Sunday, March 25, 2024, 11 a.m.

Palm Sunday

PRELUDE Introduction and Toccata William Walond (1719-1768)

WELCOME Leader: The grace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.
People: **And also with you.**

MINUTE *for* REMEMBER NIGER Robert Bell

CALL to WORSHIP Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good; God's steadfast love
from Psalm 118 endures forever.

People: The stone that the builders rejected has become the chief
cornerstone.

Leader: This is the Lord's doing; it is marvelous in our eyes.

People: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna
in the highest.

Leader: Let us worship God.

◆ HYMN 196 All Glory, Laud, and Honor Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

◆ *You are invited to stand*

As a courtesy to others, please turn off your cell phone and refrain from flash photography during the service.

I. Triumphal Entry: Celebration of the King

SCRIPTURE READING	Matthew 21:1-11	Pg. 23
ANTHEM	Laudate Dominum <i>(translation)</i> <i>Praise the Lord, all ye nations (peoples), praise him, all ye peoples. For his loving kindness (mercy) has been bestowed upon us, and the truth of the Lord endures for eternity</i>	Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart
TIME <i>with</i> CHILDREN		Rev. Jessica Tate
PRESENTATION <i>of</i> NEW MEMBERS	LUKE BIENSTOCK, HANNAH DIAZ, MICHAEL HAWTHORNE, ALYSSA <i>and</i> MITCH ERDEL, JENNIFER MATHEWS	

II. The Last Supper: Communion and Betrayal

SCRIPTURE READING	Luke 22:14-23	Pg. 88
ANTHEM	Tristis Est Anima Mea <i>(translation)</i> <i>Sorrowful is my soul even unto death. Stay here, and watch with me. Now you shall see the mob that will surround me. You shall take flight, and I shall go to be sacrificed for you.</i>	Giovanni Pierluigi da Palestrina
PRAYER <i>of</i> CONFESSION		

III. Gethsemane: The Agony of Decision

SCRIPTURE READING Matthew 26:36-46

Pg. 31

ANTHEM

Go to Dark Gethsemane

T. Tertius Noble

*Go to dark Gethsemane,
You who feel the tempter's power;
Your Redeemer's conflict see;
Watch with Him one bitter hour;
Turn not from His griefs away;
Learn of Jesus Christ to pray.*

*Follow to the judgment hall;
View the Lord of life arraigned;
See the worm-wood and the gall!
See the pangs His soul sustained!
Shun not suffering, shame, or loss;
Learn of Him to bear the cross.*

*Calv'ry's mournful mountain climb
There' adoring at His feet,
Mark the miracle of time,
God's own sacrifice complete:
"It is finished!" Hear the cry;
Learn of Jesus Christ to die.*

*Early hasten to the tomb
Where they laid his breathless clay;
All is solitude and gloom;
Who has taken Him away?
Christ is ris'n! He meets our eyes:
Savior, teach us so to rise.*

IV. The Trial: Injustice and Denial

SCRIPTURE READING from Mark 14 Pg. 52

ANTHEM He Was Despised (from Messiah) George Frideric Handel

*He was despised
Despised and rejected
Rejected of men
A man of sorrows
And acquainted with grief*

*He gave His back to the smiters
And His cheeks to them
That plucked off His hair
He hid not His face
From shame and spitting*

PRAYER *for* PEACE

OFFERING *and* Faithful Cross Leo Nestor (1948-2019)
OFFERTORY
Passing of the Fellowship Books

PRAYER *of* THANKSGIVING

V. The Crucifixion: The Cost of Love and Obedience

SCRIPTURE READING John 19:16-22 Pg. 118

◆ HYMN 215 What Wondrous Love *Wondrous Love*

◆ BENEDICTION

*Lamb of God, who takes away the sins of the world,
grant them rest.*

*Man that us born of a woman
hath but a short time to live,
and is full of misery.*

*He cometh up, and is cut down like a flower;
he fleeth as it were a shadow.*

*In the midst of life, we are in death;
of whom may we seek for succour?*

*I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord;
He that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live;
and whosoever liveth and believeth in me shall never die.*

About Today's Service

About the Music: Composers throughout the centuries have wrestled with the story of Holy Week, leading from the triumphal entry to the crucifixion. The dramatic themes and events of the story have inspired some of the greatest works of sacred music and this morning, we experience a selection of these efforts, from the polyphony of Palestrina in the high Renaissance to Leo Nester, a composer in our own time and place.

Flowers: The flowers in the sanctuary today are given to the glory of God

Ushers: Dwight Smith (Captain), Judi Crowson, Nancy Kuhn, Roy Henwood, Tyler McGreevy, Paige McDermott, Alexis Williams, and Abby Wise

Punch Bunch: Please join us in the Georgetown Room following worship for Punch Bunch and join outside the front of the building for the children's lemonade stand

Children's Worship Leaders: Pastor Meghan, Katie Novaria, Casey Nolan, Brian Stocker, and Jennifer Krusius

Nursery Caregivers: Gamage Perera, Swarna Nawarantha, and Udeni Passaramudalige

Weekly Calendar

Sunday, March 24

9:45am Nursery, Adult Education
10:00am Sunday School
10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
11:00am Worship**
12:00pm Punch Bunch, Lemonade Stand
5:00pm Yoga*

Tuesday, March 26

11:00am GPC Staff Meeting

Thursday, March 28

6:00pm Maundy Thursday Dinner

Friday, March 29

7:00pm Good Friday Worship Service

Sunday, March 31

8:30am Nursery
9:00am Easter Worship Service
10:00am Easter Brunch
10:45am Singing with Ms. Regina
11:00am Easter Worship Service**
5:00pm Yoga*

Monday, April 1

Office Closed - Easter Monday

**Event will be conducted virtually.*

***Both virtual and in-person options will be available.*

Announcements

Holy Week

Palm Sunday: March 24th, 11:00am
Maundy Thursday: March 28th, 6:00pm
Good Friday: March 29th, 7:00pm
Easter Sunday Services: March 31st,
9:00am and 11:00am

Remember Niger seeks to find 40 sponsors for 40 children in Niger during the 40 days of Lent!

The children in the sponsorship program are in preschool through 6th grade and they cannot afford the cost of going to school.

For \$35 a month, your sponsorship provides your student with tuition, books and supplies, nutritious meals, and more. Or for \$50 a month, you can provide a scholarship for a girl in middle school or high school.

You can sign up to sponsor a child here:

bit.ly/gpcponsors40 or Remember Niger will have a table after the service in the Georgetown Room where people can sign up to sponsor a child in Niger.

Fish Bank Lemonade Stands Return this Lent!

This Sunday, March 24th, GPC Children and Youth will be hosting a Lemonade Stand and Bake Sale during Children's Church and after worship. Proceeds go to the fish banks (One Great Hour of Sharing) which supports Presbyterian Disaster Assistance, the Presbyterian Hunger Program, and Self-Development of People - organizations that serve individuals and communities in need.

Easter Flowers

Would you like to donate to the beautiful floral arrangements that fill our sanctuary on Easter? Please put your donation in the marked envelopes in the pews and in the Narthex. You may also include a dedication that will be listed in the Easter Sunday bulletin.

Pastoral Sabbatical

Pastor Camille is away on sabbatical March 18th to June 10th. Please reach out to Pastor Meghan or Pastor Jessica for pastoral care and to the church office for other inquiries. Join us in giving Camille space for rest and renewal.

Flowering of the Cross

The Flowering of the Cross, which was scheduled for Saturday, March 30th, has been cancelled. Please join us next year for this communal activity, hosted by the Flower Committee. We give thanks for the incredible work of the Flower Committee, led by Patricia Berl, who have reminded us of God's bounty and glory through their beautiful pulpit flowers, baptismal wreaths, and flower workshops this year!

Worship

gtownpres.org/worship

Welcome to Georgetown Presbyterian Church, where people have gathered to worship for over 240 years. We worship each Sunday at 11:00am.

This March, Communion will be celebrated during Holy Week at the Maundy Thursday service on Thursday, March 28th at 6 pm. Please join us for this event, which will include worship and a meal. All ages are welcome.

Connect

gtownpres.org/connect

New Member Conference

Interested in joining GPC? Learn more about membership and what it means to be a Presbyterian at our next New Member Conference on May 19th. Be in touch with Pastor Jessica for more information.

Requests for Prayers

Scan here or visit gtownpres.org/connect to fill out the care and support form. Responses will go directly to the GPC Care Committee. Thank you for helping us care for yourselves and the broader GPC community.



Learn

gtownpres.org/learn

Children's Programming on Sunday Morning Education Hour 10:00 - 11:00 am

Sunday School: Children ages 3.5 - fifth grade are invited to attend as often as you are able at 10:00 am in the third floor classrooms. The Sunday School teachers will walk children down to the chapel for singing at the end of class.

Singing with Ms. Regina: Children of all ages are welcome to sing along with us in the chapel beginning at 10:45. Parents are invited to stay and sing together.

Worship Hour 11:00 am - 12:00 pm

Young Children and Worship: Following the Time with Children in the worship service, children in PreK-2nd grade are led upstairs to participate in this Montessori-based worship program. Parents should plan to walk upstairs to pick their children up from the classrooms.

Children's Church: Following the Time with Children in the worship service, children in 3rd - 5th grade are led to the chapel to participate in age-appropriate worship, led by one of our pastors and Ms. Regina. Children are dismissed back to the sanctuary or to punch bunch when Children's Church is over.

Youth Group

Youth Group meets a couple of Sunday evenings each month. If you're interested in receiving emails about youth group programming, please reach out to Pastor Meghan or Trey Fields (fieldstreyo@gmail.com) to be added to the list.

Serve

gtownpres.org/serve

Sign Up to Be a Greeter

You may have noticed the smiling faces of GPC's greeters, volunteers who welcome members and visitors each Sunday with a friendly word and a warm handshake (or elbow bump!). This is a great way to meet people in the congregation and help bring warmth and community to our congregation. To volunteer for this fun and important role, visit gtownpres.org/connect.

Georgetown Saturday Suppers

Saturday Suppers are back inside! The last Saturday of every month, GPC members meet at Mt. Zion United Methodist Church to serve dinner to 30-60 neighbors who are hungry. The move inside means a return to seated suppers and hot food. It also means a jump from 4-5 volunteers to 10-12 volunteers every last Saturday. Email info@gtownpres.org if you would like to get involved. To support, visit gtownpres.org/give.

Give

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Your gifts enable the mission and ministry of this church. To manage a current pledge or make a one-time gift, visit gtownpres.org/give or scan the QR code below.

To give of your time and talents, visit gtownpres.org/timeandtalents.



Happy Birthday!

March 25	Matthew Banks Sharon Brooke Wilson Holman Olive Bergamo Andrew Christianson Henry Meyers
March 26	Bill Krokowski Greta Krusius
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