

# Order of Worship for the Lord's Day

Eleven o'clock Palm Sunday March 25, 2018

## THE CHURCH GATHERS

### PRAYER FOR MEDITATION

*O God, whose very presence causes us to choose whom we serve, help us to joyfully choose always you. Let us not be tossed about by conflicting motives or tempting lures. Deepen our faith, increase our loves, and strengthen our resolve to live solely for you and your coming reign in Christ Jesus our Lord. Amen.*

†PRELUDE All Glory, Laud, and Honor Dale Wood

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS Alex Evans

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

*All are encouraged to sign the Friendship Pad found in the pews.*

INTROIT Hosanna, Loud Hosanna *Ellacombe*

### \*CALL TO WORSHIP *(said responsively)*

On this Palm Sunday, we are drawn to the pageantry of a parade and to the One who comes as Savior of the world.

**Hosanna! Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord!**

\*Processional Hymn 196 *Valet Will Ich Dir Geben*  
All Glory, Laud, and Honor

### LITANY FOR PALM SUNDAY

We come from all directions, from various lives and backgrounds, from different pursuits and circumstances.

**We come and join the happy throng that gathers to honor Jesus.**

God invites us to join the parade, to demonstrate our zeal to follow Jesus.

**We love parades. We gladly focus on Jesus. We shout our praise and wave our palm branches. Hosanna in the highest!**

It is between parades that we do not do so well.

**From Sunday to Sunday, we forget our hosannas. After the crowd leaves, our passion fades.**

When we are off on our own, and especially in hard times, we grow fearful, we hesitate to trust, we become unsure about God.

**When we get caught up in the rush of life, we forget who God is.**

**We forget that God has come to us, that the Spirit is at work among us, that Christ offers us a transforming salvation.**

In between parades, we get lost in sin, discouragement, and selfishness.

**In between parades, we do not live as God's faithful, worshipping, loving, serving people.**

Yet Christ does come to save us, reclaim us, and re-frame our lives towards God's promised reign.

**This means Christ comes for us. Christ comes for our whole lives.**

Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**In Christ we have forgiveness and life, victory and hope. Today we declare we want to follow Jesus. Thanks be to God! Amen.**

\*GRATEFUL RESPONSE tune: *Ellacombe*

**Hosanna, loud, hosanna, the little children sang;  
through pillared court and temple the joyful anthem rang.  
To Jesus, who had blessed them, close folded to his breast,  
the children sang their praises, the simplest and the best.**

## THE CHURCH PROCLAIMS GOD'S WORD

SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN Ginger Evans  
*Children are invited to come forward at this time.*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 11:1–11 Pew Bible, p. 823  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

*Children may return to sit with parents or be released for Children's Worship Time.*

ANTHEM Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates William Mathias  
Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord strong and mighty, the Lord mighty in battle. Lift up your heads, O ye gates; and be ye lift up, ye everlasting doors; and the King of Glory shall come in. Who is this King of Glory? The Lord of Hosts, He is the King of Glory. – *Psalm 24:7-10*

SCRIPTURE LESSON Mark 14 and 15 *(selections)* Pew Bible, p. 826  
This is the Word of the Lord.  
**Thanks be to God.**

SERMON *Savior* Alex Evans

### PRAYER OF COMMITMENT

## THE CHURCH RESPONDS IN FAITH

\*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH from *The Iona Abbey Worship Book*  
**We believe in God:  
who has created and is creating, who has come in Jesus  
the Word made flesh, to reconcile and make new,  
who works in us and others by the Spirit.  
We trust in God.  
We are called to be the church:  
to celebrate God's presence, to live with respect in creation,  
to love and serve others, to seek justice and resist evil,  
to proclaim Jesus, crucified and risen, our judge and our hope.  
In life, in death, in life beyond death, God is with us.  
We are not alone. Thanks be to God. Amen.**

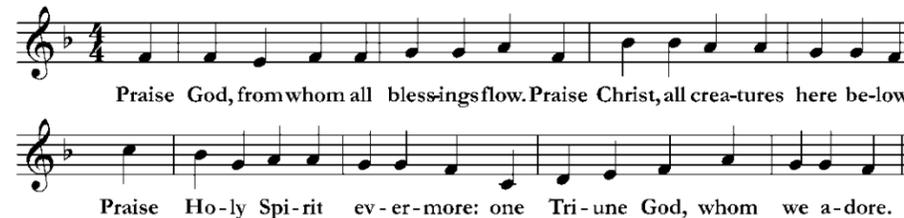
\*Hymn 223 When I Survey the Wondrous Cross *Hamburg*

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE Kathryn Lester-Bacon  
The Lord be with you  
**And also with you...**

THE LORD'S PRAYER *(Debts/Debtors)* Hymnal, p. 35

OFFERING OF OUR LIVES AND GIFTS  
Collection of Tithes and Offerings  
Offertory Surely He Has Borne Our Griefs G. F. Handel  
*(from Messiah)*  
Surely He hath borne our griefs, and carried our sorrows! He was wounded for our transgressions, he was bruised for our iniquities; the chastisement of our peace was upon Him. – *Isaiah 53: 4-5*

\*Doxology *Tallis' Canon*



\*Prayer of Dedication

\*Hymn 221 O Sacred Head Now Wounded *Passion Chorale*

\*BENEDICTION

POSTLUDE O Sacred Head, Now Wounded Max Reger

## COMMUNITY WORSHIP ENDS — DISCIPLESHIP AND SERVICE BEGIN AGAIN

\* Please stand if you are able.

† Ushers will seat people here and during the hymns.

The flowers are given to the glory of God  
and in memory of  
Tom and Lucy Moore  
Charlie and Catherine Hudson  
and in memory of Jeffrey Roth

### In Our Prayers

*For intercession:* for all who are recovering, in treatment, or in transition; and for all who are facing challenging situations and in need of healing

*Metropolitan Richmond at Prayer:* We pray for health care: For a national health care system which promotes and encourages health, wellness, and well-being for all people.

## Announcements & Opportunities

**Welcome and God's peace to you as we gather for worship on this Palm/Passion Sunday.** Regardless of who you are or from where you have come, we welcome you and greet one another as we seek to devote our lives as disciples of Christ. We are especially delighted to have visitors with us. We have such joy in our church and want to share it with others.

**If you are visiting, or seeking a church home, we invite you to explore all that happens in life and ministry in this church.** Speak to one of the pastors for more information and be sure to sign the Friendship Pad, which is found in the pew. We also invite you to leave us your address, phone number, and/or email so that we might contact you. Also, please be sure to touch base with one of our greeters outside the main door on Fifth Street after worship.

**Your children are always welcome at Second Presbyterian Church.** We have a wonderful nursery for infants and toddlers available each Sunday. **The worship service is live-streamed to the Dining Room** which is set up for a place where children of any age can be freer to move about.

**One Great Hour of Sharing** will be received next Sunday, Easter Day. These funds go to alleviate suffering around the world. Checks should be payable to Second Church with OGHs on the memo line. The Five Cent a Meal offering will be received on the following Sunday, April 8.

**Guatemala Meeting TODAY** at 1:00 at Kuba Kuba Dos (403 N. Ridge Road) for those planning to go to Guatemala this summer and for anyone who would like to learn more. Flyer with more details is on the credenza.

### Holy Week & Easter Schedule

- ❖ **Maundy Thursday Service with Ebenezer** ~ Second is hosting our partners from Ebenezer Baptist Church on March 29 at 7:00 p.m. Dr. James Leary is preaching, both choirs are singing, and the Lord's Supper will be celebrated.
- ❖ **Ecumenical Good Friday Stations of the Cross** ~ All Saints, Second, Third Street Bethel, Centenary, and others are participating in the Stations of the Cross at Third Street Bethel at 9:30 a.m. All are invited to meet and march around the downtown area making stops at various churches, businesses, the Capitol, and more, for prayer and reflection.
- ❖ **Easter Sunrise Service** ~ 6:30 a.m. at the circle in Chimborazo Park.
- ❖ **Easter Worship** ~ A festive Easter worship at 11:00 a.m. (Church School for all ages at 9:30 a.m.)

**The Church App for smartphones may be found by going to the App store and searching for "2ndpresrva."** Then download the APP to your device(s). We look forward to all the ways this technology can strengthen us in faith, community, and service. You can make a safe and secure donation through this app as well.

### Upcoming

**Assisting Families of Inmates 40th Anniversary Celebration:** You are invited to AFOI's 40th Anniversary Celebration on Tuesday, April 10, at the Jepson Alumni Center, University of Richmond. Please note that the event will be held from 5:30 - 9:00 p.m. and will include a cocktail hour, live and silent auctions, and a plated dinner. For more information and/or to buy tickets, please visit [www.afoi.org](http://www.afoi.org). Tickets are limited.

### This Morning's Worship Assistants

*Greeters:* Don Falls (*atrium*); Philip Hart (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeters:* Anne Grier, Patrick McDonnell  
*Deacon on Duty:* Margaret Wade  
*Fellowship Hour:* Amy Thompson

### Next Week's Assistants

*Lay Reader:* Kate Nash  
*Greeters:* Cathy Howard (*atrium*); Heather Harvey (*parking deck*)  
*Visitor Greeter:* Patrick McDonnell  
*Deacon on Duty:* Richard Reynolds  
*Fellowship Hour:* Emily Gilchrist, Frederick Helm

### CALENDAR FOR THE WEEK

<b>Sunday, March 25 ~ Palm Sunday</b> 9:30 am Gathering in Dining Room Choir rehearsal 10:15 am DCM Palm Sunday Service 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour	<b>Friday, March 30 ~ Good Friday</b> Church office closed 9:30 am Ecumenical Stations of the Cross Walk starting at Third Street Bethel
<b>Monday, March 26</b> 10:30 am Walk-In Ministry (4 <sup>th</sup> Monday)	<b>Sunday, April 1 ~ Easter Day</b> 6:30 am Sunrise Service at Chimborazo Park 9:30 am Flowering of the Cross 10:00 am Choir rehearsal 11:00 am Worship 12:15 pm Fellowship Hour
<b>Tuesday, March 27</b> 9:30 am Staff meeting 6:00 pm Women's Bible Study	<b>Ongoing Programs</b> Weekdays Child Care Center Mondays AA Thursdays UKirk Campus Ministry Saturdays Families of Inmates
<b>Wednesday, March 28</b> 12:00 pm Kerygma Bible Study 6:00 pm Bell Choir rehearsal 7:00 pm Choir rehearsal	
<b>Thursday, March 29</b> 7:00 pm Service with Ebenezer Baptist Church at Second	

### CHURCH STAFF

*Ministers:* All members of the congregation  
*Pastor:* Alex Evans  
*Associate Pastor:* Kathryn Lester-Bacon  
*Parish Associate:* Sam Adams  
*Director of Christian Education:* Ginger Evans  
*Director of Music:* Jeffrey Riehl  
*Organist:* Michael Simpson  
*Building Administrator:* Rob Fergusson  
*Office Manager:* Dorothy DeJong  
*Administrative Assistant:* Willa Jacob  
*Financial Manager:* Terry Sherman  
*Production Director:* Bo Jacob

*Pastor Emeritus:* Ben Sparks  
*UKirk Campus Minister:* Molly Spangler  
*Youth Ministers:* Elizabeth Baril (Intern),  
Alex Lester-Abdalla, Ben Brannan  
*Walk-In Coordinator:* Elva Mapp  
*Child Care Center Director:* Ginger Hudson  
*Sextons:* Kerry Randolph, Chris Adams  
*Security:* Cliff Anderson  
*Mission Co-Workers:*  
Karla Koll, San Jose, Costa Rica  
Cindy Corell, Haiti  
Leslie Vogel, CEDEPCA, Guatemala

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*We welcome all whom God calls into the life, worship, work, and leadership of this church without regard to gender, cultural heritage, skin color, socio-economic status, circumstances, or sexual orientation.*

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PALM SUNDAY

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