

**PALM / PASSION SUNDAY  
GATHER IN GOD’S NAME**

(\*=**please stand if you are able**)

**Prelude**

**Welcome**

**Opening Prayer**

L: With crowds from ancient times we cry,

**P: Hosanna! Save us!**

L: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**P: God’s steadfast love endures forever.**

L: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

**P: We bless you in the house of the Lord!**

L: Lo, your king comes to you; triumphant and victorious is he,

**P: Humble and riding on a donkey, on a colt, the foal of a donkey.**

L: Let us worship the living God!

**Hymn of the Month**

**“For God so loved the World / Porque tanto amó al mundo”**

**Call to Confession**

Let us now confess before God our tendency, like the Jerusalem crowds, to profess our faith in moments of enthusiasm and deny our faith in moments of fear and stress.

**Prayer of Confession GTG#431 Forgive Us Lord /Perdón, Señor**

**For grievance and injustice; Forgive us, Lord. Aloofness and indifference: Forgive us, Lord. For weakness and transgression: Forgive us, Lord. Resistance and rebellion: Forgive us, Lord**

Merciful God, as we enter this Holy Week of Lent, solemnly gathered at your house of prayer, we turn our hearts toward Jerusalem. We want to walk the way with Jesus, to be present each step from the Mount of Olives to the cross to the empty tomb. And yet we fall away.

**Por tantas injusticias: Perdón Señor. Por tanta indiferencia: Perdón Señor. Por todas nuestras faltas: Perdón Señor. Por nuestra rebeldía: Perdón Señor.**

Forgive our stubborn resistance to Christ’s work and witness. Inspire us by your Spirit to follow in his way, until we enter with him into the city not made by human hands, the new Jerusalem, eternal in the heavens. May your will be done on earth as it is in heaven

**Silent Confession**

**Assurance of Pardon**

The one who rode into Jerusalem to cheering crowds knew that the cross awaited. In this way, we might know the great love of God for us. Jesus Christ, risen from the dead, has defeated sin forever.

**ALL: Hear and believe this good news! In Jesus Christ, we are forgiven!**

**\*Gloria Patri GTG#581**

**“Glory Be to the Father”**

Glory be to the Father and to the Son,  
And to the Holy Ghost;

as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,  
world without end. Amen, amen.

**Prayer for Illumination**

Open our hearts and our ears to hear your Word as it is read and proclaimed. Fill us with the Spirit and surprise us, for we eagerly expect your Word and know that you will speak to us today.

**Scripture Reading**

Isaiah 50:4-9a

The Lord God gave me an educated tongue to know how to respond to the weary with a word that will awaken them in the morning. God awakens my ear in the morning to listen, as educated people do. The Lord God opened my ear; I didn’t rebel; I didn’t turn my back. Instead, I gave my body to attackers, and my cheeks to beard pluckers. I didn’t hide my face from insults and spitting. The Lord God will help me; therefore, I haven’t been insulted. Therefore, I set my face like flint, and knew I wouldn’t be ashamed. The one who will declare me innocent is near. Who will argue with me? Let’s stand up together. Who will bring judgment against me? Let him approach me. Look! The Lord God will help me. Who will condemn me? Look, they will wear out like clothing; the moth will eat them.

L: This is the word of God. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Anthem:**

**Scripture Reading**

Mark 14:1-15

It was two days before Passover and the Festival of Unleavened Bread. The chief priests and legal experts through cunning tricks were searching for a way to arrest Jesus and kill him. But they agreed that it shouldn’t happen during the festival; otherwise, there would be an uproar among the people. Jesus was at Bethany visiting the house of Simon, who had a skin disease. During dinner, a woman came in with a vase made of alabaster and containing very expensive perfume of pure nard.

She broke open the vase and poured the perfume on his head. Some grew angry. They said to each other, “Why waste the perfume? This perfume could have been sold for almost a year’s pay and the money given to the poor.” And they scolded her. Jesus said, “Leave her alone. Why do you make trouble for her? She has done a good thing for me. You always have the poor with you; and whenever you want, you can do something good for them. But you won’t always have me. She has done what she could. She has anointed my body ahead of time for burial. I tell you the truth that, wherever in the whole world the good news is announced, what she’s done will also be told in memory of her.” Judas Iscariot, one of the Twelve, went to the chief priests to give Jesus up to them. When they heard it, they were delighted and promised to give him money. So he started looking for an opportunity to turn him in. On the first day of the Festival of Unleavened Bread, when the Passover lamb was sacrificed, the disciples said to Jesus, “Where do you want us to prepare for you to eat the Passover meal?” He sent two of his disciples and said to them, “Go into the city. A man carrying a water jar will meet you. Follow him. Wherever he enters, say to the owner of the house, “The teacher asks, “Where is my guest room where I can eat the Passover meal with my disciples?”” He will show you a large room upstairs already furnished. Prepare for us there.”

L: This is the word of the Lord. **P: Thanks be to God.**

**Sermon**

“Overflowing Essence”

**Rev. Jeniffer Rodriguez**

**Hymn GTG#704**

**“To My Precious Lord”**

**Words of Gratitude**

Consider what you carry in your hands today. Do you carry the reign of a donkey, a cloak to share, a branch to wave? What do you bring to welcome the Lord today? Whether you share your gifts today as the plates are passed, online, or through the mail, trust that the Lord needs you.

**Offertory GTG#205**

**RESPOND IN GRACE**

**“Live in Charity / Ubi Caritas”**

Live in Charity and steadfast love.  
Live in charity; God will dwell with you.

Ubi caritas et amor,  
ubi caritas Deus ibi est.

**\* Doxology**

**“Amen We Praise Your Name O God”**

Sing amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)

Amen, we praise your name, O God. (Sing amen.)

Amen, amen, amen, amen.

Amen, we praise your name, O God.

Masithi.

Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)

Amen, siakudu misa. (Masithi.)

Amen, bawo, amen, bawo.

Amen, siakudu misa.

**Prayer of Dedication**

As the crowds cried, “Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord,” we are truly grateful for the greatest gift of all, Jesus Christ our Lord. Receive these gifts as a symbol of the dedication of our very selves to you, O God. Use our gifts and use us as a part of the inbreaking of your kingdom, which comes and is still coming into our world today. Amen.

**Prayers of the People**

**\*Lord’s Prayer**

**Hymn GTG#853**

**“We are Marching in the Light of God / Caminemos a la luz de Dios”**

**Announcements**

**Minute for Mission**

**Benediction**

God is Good! All the time! All the Time! God is Good!

As we enter this Holy Week, may we have the courage and the faith to wait and to walk, to listen and to pray, to plan and to be surprised by the plan of the Lord that leads to life. And as we go to invite others to join us in this most sacred way, may the love of God, the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the fellowship of the Holy Spirit draw near to us and carry us this day and each day to come. Amen.

**The Peace**

Leader: The peace of Christ be with you

**People: And also with you**

**Amen**

**Postlude**

**Prayers of the People**

O Lord, we love a parade. We love the floats and the bands. We love to wave at those passing by. We remember the joy of candy thrown to the crowd. And what could be better than balloons or ticker tape to celebrate a victory? Oh what joy!

And yet, we know too well that parades can become mobs. That celebrations are interrupted by gunshots. That shouts of joy are replaced by screams of terror. That cries of "Hosanna!" can turn into shouts of "Crucify!" Oh, Lord, we need you.

Hear our prayers for those who wait for the heroes and victors to arrive instead of joining the fight themselves.

Hear our prayers for those who cannot lift their voice because life or health has worn them down.

Hear our prayers for those who spoil the joy with their own agenda.

Hear our prayers for those who feel a burden of expectations they cannot meet.

Hear our prayers for those who just need a little peace and quiet.

Hear our prayers for those who wonder why everyone else has not yet joined the march for justice.

Hear our prayers for those who have heard, "not yet, wait a little longer."

Hear our prayers for those who cannot face the cross.

Hear our prayers for those who desperately need an empty tomb on Easter morning.

Hear our prayers for us and all the things we carry.

Give us strength and courage, faith and hope, to follow Jesus this Holy Week. As we dine at tables, as we pray, as we walk, and even as we flee, remind us of your love that never fails. Oh, Lord, we need you, until that day when we might know the joy.

As we wait, with the confidence of children of God, we pray as Jesus taught us: **"Our Father..."**.

**Current Church Officers**

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## EVENTS HAPPENING IN 2024

**In person hybrid worship** is at 11AM

Zoom link is as follows:

By Computer

Join Zoom Meeting

Meeting ID: 870 270 865

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**Drumming Program** will be on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of each month. The next session will be April 1<sup>st</sup> at 6:00PM in the Fellowship Hall

**Hybrid English Bible Study** will be on Thursdays at 11AM in the Fellowship Hall.

Zoom Link bible study

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**Spanish Bible Study** will be on Wednesdays.

**Coffee Hour** following worship today

**Session Meeting** will be March 25<sup>th</sup> 7PM

**Next Worship Team Meeting Tuesday April 23, 2024 at 9:30AM**

**Presbyterian Women 2024 Churchwide Gathering** will be August 8-11, 2024 in St. Louis, Missouri. If you are interested in attending please register at [www.2024pwcwg.org](http://www.2024pwcwg.org)

### Holy Week Calendar



**MARCH 2024**

*Holy Week*

↙ **24** SUNDAY **PALM SUNDAY**  
WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00AM

↙ **28** THURSDAY **MAUNDY THURSDAY**  
WASHING OF THE FEET & MEAL 11:00AM

↙ **29** FRIDAY **GOOD FRIDAY**  
PRAYER & MEDITATION BY ZOOM 11:00AM  
MEETING ID: 870 270 865

↙ **31** SUNDAY **EASTER SUNDAY**  
SUNRISE SERVICE AT 6:30AM, OSSING WATERFRONT  
BREAKFAST AFTER SUNRISE SERVICE 8:30AM-FELLOWSHIP HALL  
TRADITION AL WORSHIP SERVICE 11:00AM

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### **Prayers and Praise**

Please pray for everyone in leadership

Please pray for children/ families

Please pray for the Otu family

Please pray for the Supina/Ruess family

Please pray for the Sevilla family

Please pray for people struggling with cancer for healing

Please pray for people struggling with mental health

Please pray for leaders, people in a position of authority

Please pray for the Denzer Family

Please pray for Heather Blenkinsopp

Please pray for the Carretta family

Please pray for the Yumart family

Please pray for the Sippel family

Please pray for the Quinoy family

Please pray for Joy and Teresa Zeiden

Please pray for Boateng family

Please Pray for Orr family

Please pray for Kiara Taylor's family

Please pray for Bruce and family

Please pray for Bob

Please pray for Curtis

Please pray for the Bonapace family

Please pray for peace in the world

### **Praise Songs and Hymns**

#### **For God so loved the World / Porque tanto amó al mundo Dios**

God could have chosen to never love again,  
Leave all creation in sin and despair.

But God with compassion said:  
I'll pay redemptions price and took on the form of man,  
became the perfect sacrifice.

*Refrain:*

*For God so loved the world  
that he gave his only begotten Son (begotten Son)  
that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, should not perish;  
but they shall have, they shall have everlasting life.*

En el principio al mundo Dios creo  
Todo perfecto en paz y en amor;  
pero fuimos rebeldes, pecamos sin razon mas Dios  
no deajo de a mar y por nosotros se entre go. *(Refrain)*

#### **To My Precious Lord**

*Refrain:*

*To my precious Lord I bring my flask of fragrant oil;  
kneeling down, I kiss his feet, anoint them with the oil.*

Jesus, who for my sake walked the road to Calvary,  
With each step has marked the imprint of his love for me. *(Refrain)*

Jesus, who for my sake had his feet nailed to the cross,  
With his blood has washed and healed me, paid the heavy cost. *(Refrain)*

When in clouds of glory you come back to earth again,  
Jesus, with your love, embrace and claim me as your friend. *(Refrain)*

#### **We are marching in the light of God**

We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.  
We are marching in the light of God;  
we are marching in the light of God.

We are marching,  
we are marching,

We are marching in the light of God

We are marching,  
we are marching,

We are marching in the light of God

Caminemos a la luz de Dios.  
Caminemos a la luz de Dios.  
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Caminemos a la luz de Dios.  
Caminemos todos.  
Caminemos todos,  
Caminemos a la luz de Dios.  
Caminemos todos.  
Caminemos todos,  
Caminemos a la luz de Dios.