

TAYLORSVILLE PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Palm Sunday 2023



PRELUDE

LeighAnn Perkins

WELCOME, ANNOUNCEMENTS AND CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

CHORAL CALL TO WORSHIP

CALL TO WORSHIP

Leader: Today we hear the story of betrayal, of suffering, of death, a story we may not want to hear.

People: We'd rather wave palm branches and shout Hosanna.

Leader: We come today to watch and wait with those who mourn.

People: Do not be far from us, O God.

***HYMN 472**

“Kum ba Yah”

***PRAYER OF CONFESSION:** Eternal God, in Jesus Christ you entered Jerusalem to die for our sins. We confess that we have not hailed you as king, or gone before you in the world with praise. For brief faith that fades in trouble, for enthusiasms that fizzle out, for hopes we parade but do not pursue, have mercy on us. Forgive us, O God, and give us such trust in your power that we may ever live for justice and tell your loving-kindness; for the sake of our Savior, the Lord Jesus Christ.

***SILENCE AND PERSONAL CONFESSION**

***THE ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

***THE PEACE**

CHILDREN’S MOMENT

***HYMN 196**

“All Glory, Laud, and Honor”

During the hymn, the congregation is asked to pass their palms to the center aisle so the children may collect them and “line the streets” in preparation for the entry of Jesus into Jerusalem.

THE READING OF THE PALM SUNDAY ACCOUNT

The Triumphal Entry of Jesus into Jerusalem

Evangelist: When they had come near Jerusalem and had reached Bethphage, at the Mount of Olives, Jesus sent two disciples, saying to them,

Jesus: Go into the village ahead of you, and immediately you will find a donkey tied, and a colt with her; untie them and bring them to me. If anyone says anything to you, just say this, “The Lord needs them.” And he will send them immediately.

Evangelist: This took place to fulfill what had been spoken through the prophet, saying, “Tell the daughter of Zion, Look, your king is coming to you, humble, and mounted on a donkey, and on a colt, the foal of a donkey.”
The disciples went and did as Jesus had directed them; they brought the donkey and the colt, and put their cloaks on them, and he sat on them. A very large crowd spread their cloaks on the road, and others cut branches from the trees and spread them on the road. The crowds that went ahead of him and that followed were shouting,

**Crowd: Hosanna to the Son of David!
Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!
Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Evangelist: When he entered Jerusalem, the whole city was in turmoil, asking,

Crowd: Who is this?

Evangelist: The crowds were saying,

Crowd: This is the prophet Jesus from Nazareth in Galilee.

Evangelist: Then Jesus entered the temple and drove out all who were selling and buying in the temple, and he overturned the tables of the money changers and the seats of those who sold doves. He said to them,

Jesus: It is written, “My house shall be called a house of prayer”; but you are making it a den of robbers.

Evangelist: The blind and the lame came to him in the temple, and he cured them. But when the chief priests and the scribes saw the amazing things that he did, and heard the children crying out in the temple,

Children: Hosanna to the Son of David.

Evangelist: They became angry and said to him,

Priests: Do you hear what these are saying?

Evangelist: Jesus said to them,

Jesus: Yes; have you never read, “Out of the mouths of infants and nursing babies you have prepared praise for yourself”?

Evangelist: He left them, went out of the city to Bethany, and spent the night there.

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: The Apostles’ Creed

I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of heaven and earth, in Jesus Christ his only son, our Lord; who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead and buried; he descended into hell, the third day he rose again from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth on the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic (universal) church, the communion of saints; the forgiveness of sins the resurrection of the body and the life everlasting. Amen.

THE PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND INTERCESSION

THE LORD’S PRAYER: Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name, thy kingdom come, thy will be done, on earth as it is in Heaven. Give us this day our daily bread; and forgive our debts as we forgive our debtors; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever. Amen.

OFFERING OF GIFTS AND TITHES

***THE DOXOLOGY: Praise God from whom all blessings flow; Praise Him, all creatures here below; Praise Him above, ye heavenly host; Praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.**

THE PASSION OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST ACCORDING TO MATTHEW

The Passion of Jesus Christ

Evangelist: [Jesus] said to his disciples,

Jesus: You know that after two days the Passover is coming, and the Son of Man will be handed over to be crucified.

Evangelist: Then the chief priests and the elders of the people gathered in the palace of the high priest, who was called Caiaphas, and they conspired to arrest Jesus by stealth and kill him. But they said,

Priests: Not during the festival, or there may be a riot among the people.

Evangelist: Now while Jesus was at Bethany in the house of Simon the leper, a woman came to him with an alabaster jar of very costly ointment, and she poured it on his head as he sat at the table. But when the disciples saw it, they were angry and said,

Disciples: Why this waste? For this ointment could have been sold for a large sum, and the money given to the poor.

Evangelist: But Jesus, aware of this, said to them,

Jesus: Why do you trouble the woman? She has performed a good service for me. For you always have the poor with you, but you will not always have me. By pouring this ointment on my body, she has prepared me for burial. Truly I tell you, wherever this good news is proclaimed in the whole world, what she has done will be told in remembrance of her.

Evangelist: Then one of the twelve, who was called Judas Iscariot, went to the chief priests and said,

Judas: What will you give me if I betray him to you?

Evangelist: They paid him thirty pieces of silver. And from that moment he began to look for an opportunity to betray him. On the first day of Unleavened Bread the disciples came to Jesus, saying,

Disciples: Where do you want us to make the preparations for you to eat the Passover?

Jesus: Go into the city to a certain man, and say to him, "The Teacher says, My time is near; I will keep the Passover at your house with my disciples."

Evangelist: So the disciples did as Jesus had directed them, and they prepared the Passover meal. When it was evening, he took his place with the twelve; and while they were eating, he said,

Jesus: Truly I tell you, one of you will betray me.

Evangelist: And they became greatly distressed and began to say to him one after another,

Disciple 1: Surely not I, Lord?

Disciple 2: Surely not I, Lord?

Jesus: The one who has dipped his hand into the bowl with me will betray me. The Son of Man goes as it is written of him, but woe to that one by whom the Son of Man is betrayed! It would have been better for that one not to have been born.

Evangelist: Judas, who betrayed him, said,

Judas: Surely not I, Rabbi?

Jesus: You have said so.

Evangelist: While they were eating, Jesus took a loaf of bread, and after blessing it he broke it, gave it to the disciples, and said,

Jesus: Take, eat; this is my body.

Evangelist: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he gave it to them, saying,

Jesus: Drink from it, all of you; for this is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many for the forgiveness of sins. I tell you, I will never again drink of this fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new with you in my Father's kingdom.

HYMN 510

“Come Share the Lord”

Evangelist: When they had sung the hymn, they went out to the Mount of Olives. Then Jesus said to them,

Jesus: You will all become deserters because of me this night; for it is written, “I will strike the shepherd, and the sheep of the flock will be scattered.” But after I am raised up, I will go ahead of you to Galilee.

Evangelist: Peter said to him,

Peter: Though all become deserters because of you, I will never desert you.

Jesus: Truly I tell you, this very night, before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Peter: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Evangelist: And so said all the disciples.

Disciples: Even though I must die with you, I will not deny you.

Evangelist: Then Jesus went with them to a place called Gethsemane; and he said to his disciples,

Jesus: Sit here while I go over there and pray.

Evangelist: He took with him Peter and the two sons of Zebedee, and began to be grieved and agitated. Then he said to them,

Jesus: I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and stay awake with me.

Evangelist: And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if it is possible, let this cup pass from me; yet not what I want but what you want.

Evangelist: Then he came to the disciples and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter,

Jesus: So, could you not stay awake with me one hour? Stay awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.

Evangelist: Again he went away for the second time and prayed,

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Evangelist: Again he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were heavy. So leaving them again, he went away and prayed for the third time, saying the same words.

Jesus: My Father, if this cannot pass unless I drink it, your will be done.

Evangelist: Then he came to the disciples and said to them,

Jesus: Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? See, the hour is at hand, and the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.

Evangelist: While he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; with him was a large crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests and the elders of the people. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying,

Judas: The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him.

Evangelist: At once he came up to Jesus and said,

Judas: Greetings, Rabbi!

Evangelist: And he kissed him. Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Friend, do what you are here to do.

Evangelist: Then they came and laid hands on Jesus and arrested him. Suddenly, one of those with Jesus put his hand on his sword, drew it, and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to him,

Jesus: Put your sword back into its place; for all who take the sword will perish by the sword. Do you think that I cannot appeal to my Father, and he will at once send me more than twelve legions of angels? But how then would the scriptures be fulfilled, which say it must happen in this way?

Evangelist: At that hour Jesus said to the crowds,

Jesus: Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I sat in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But all this has taken place, so that the scriptures of the prophets may be fulfilled.

Evangelist: Then all the disciples deserted him and fled. Those who had arrested Jesus took him to Caiaphas the high priest, in whose house the scribes and the elders had gathered. But Peter was following him at a distance, as far as the courtyard of the high priest; and going inside, he sat with the guards in order to see how this would end....

Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for false testimony against Jesus so that they might put him to death, but they found none, though many false witnesses came forward. At last two came forward and said,

Witnesses: This fellow said, "I am able to destroy the temple of God and to build it in three days."

Evangelist: The high priest stood up and said,

High priest: Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?

Evangelist: But Jesus was silent. Then the high priest said to him,

High priest: I put you under oath before the living God, tell us if you are the Messiah, the Son of God.

Jesus: You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.

Evangelist: Then the high priest tore his clothes and said,

High priest: He has blasphemed! Why do we still need witnesses? You have now heard his blasphemy. What is your verdict?

Priests: He deserves death.

Evangelist: Then they spat in his face and struck him; and some slapped him, saying,

Priests: Prophecy to us, you Messiah! Who is it that struck you?

Evangelist: Now Peter was sitting outside in the courtyard. A servant-girl came to him and said,

Servant girl 1: You also were with Jesus the Galilean.

Evangelist: But he denied it before all of them, saying,

Peter: I do not know what you are talking about.

Evangelist: When he went out to the porch, another servant-girl saw him, and she said to the bystanders,

Servant girl 2: This man was with Jesus of Nazareth.

Evangelist: Again he denied it with an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man.

Evangelist: After a little while the bystanders came up and said to Peter,

Bystander: Certainly you are also one of them, for your accent betrays you.

Evangelist: Then he began to curse, and he swore an oath,

Peter: I do not know the man!

Evangelist: At that moment the cock crowed. Then Peter remembered what Jesus had said:

Jesus: Before the cock crows, you will deny me three times.

Evangelist: And he went out and wept bitterly. When morning came, all the chief priests and the elders of the people conferred together against Jesus in order to bring about his death. They bound him, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate the governor. When Judas, his betrayer, saw that Jesus was condemned, he repented and brought back the thirty pieces of silver to the chief priests and the elders. He said,

Judas: I have sinned by betraying innocent blood.

Priests: What is that to us? See to it yourself.

Evangelist: Throwing down the pieces of silver in the temple, he departed; and he went and hanged himself. . . . Now Jesus stood before the governor; and the governor asked him,

Pilate: Are you the King of the Jews?

Jesus: You say so.

Evangelist: But when he was accused by the chief priests and elders, he did not answer. Then Pilate said to him,

Pilate: Do you not hear how many accusations they make against you?

Evangelist: But he gave him no answer, not even to a single charge, so that the governor was greatly amazed. Now at the festival the governor was accustomed to release a prisoner for the crowd, anyone whom they wanted. At that time they had a notorious prisoner, called Jesus Barabbas. So after they had gathered, Pilate said to them,

Pilate: Whom do you want me to release for you, Jesus Barabbas or Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Evangelist: For he realized that it was out of jealousy that they had handed him over. While he was sitting on the judgment seat, his wife sent word to him,

Pilate's wife: Have nothing to do with that innocent man, for today I have suffered a great deal because of a dream about him.

Evangelist: Now the chief priests and the elders persuaded the crowds to ask for Barabbas and to have Jesus killed. The governor again said to them,

Pilate: Which of the two do you want me to release for you?

Evangelist: And they said,

Crowds: Barabbas!

Pilate: Then what should I do with Jesus who is called the Messiah?

Crowds: Let him be crucified!

Pilate: Why, what evil has he done?

Evangelist: But they shouted all the more,

Crowds: Let him be crucified!

Evangelist: So when Pilate saw that he could do nothing, but rather that a riot was beginning, he took some water and washed his hands before the crowd, saying,

Pilate: I am innocent of this man's blood; see to it yourselves.

Evangelist: Then the people as a whole answered,

Crowds: His blood be on us and on our children!

- Evangelist: So he released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified. Then the soldiers of the governor took Jesus into the governor's headquarters, and they gathered the whole cohort around him. They stripped him and put a scarlet robe on him, and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on his head. They put a reed in his right hand and knelt before him and mocked him, saying,
- Soldiers: Hail, King of the Jews!
- Evangelist: They spat on him, and took the reed and struck him on the head. After mocking him, they stripped him of the robe and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him away to crucify him. As they went out, they came upon a man from Cyrene named Simon; they compelled this man to carry his cross. And when they came to a place called Golgotha (which means Place of a Skull), they offered him wine to drink, mixed with gall; but when he tasted it, he would not drink it. And when they had crucified him, they divided his clothes among themselves by casting lots; then they sat down there and kept watch over him. Over his head they put the charge against him, which read, "This is Jesus, the King of the Jews." Then two bandits were crucified with him, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying,
- Passersby: You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself! If you are the Son of God, come down from the cross.
- Evangelist: In the same way the chief priests also, along with the scribes and elders, were mocking him, saying,
- Priests: He saved others; he cannot save himself. He is the King of Israel; let him come down from the cross now, and we will believe in him. He trusts in God; let God deliver him now, if he wants to; for he said, "I am God's Son."
- Evangelist: The bandits who were crucified with him also taunted him in the same way. From noon on, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. And about three o'clock Jesus cried with a loud voice,
- Jesus: Eli, Eli, lema sabachthani?
- Evangelist: That is, My God, my God, why have you forsaken me? When some of the bystanders heard it, they said,
- Bystander: This man is calling for Elijah.
- Evangelist: At once one of them ran and got a sponge, filled it with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink. But the others said,
- Priests: Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to save him.
- Evangelist: Then Jesus cried again with a loud voice and breathed his last. At that moment the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. The earth shook, and the rocks were split. The tombs also were opened, and many bodies of the saints who had fallen asleep were raised. After his resurrection they came out of the tombs and entered the holy city and appeared to many. Now when the centurion and those with him, who were keeping watch over Jesus, saw the earthquake and what took place, they were terrified and said,

Soldiers: Truly this man was God's Son!

Evangelist: Many women were also there, looking on from a distance; they had followed Jesus from Galilee and had provided for him. Among them were Mary Magdalene, and Mary the mother of James and Joseph, and the mother of the sons of Zebedee. When it was evening, there came a rich man from Arimathea, named Joseph, who was also a disciple of Jesus. He went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus; then Pilate ordered it to be given to him. So Joseph took the body and wrapped it in a clean linen cloth and laid it in his own new tomb, which he had hewn in the rock. He then rolled a great stone to the door of the tomb and went away. Mary Magdalene and the other Mary were there, sitting opposite the tomb. The next day, that is, after the day of Preparation, the chief priests and the Pharisees gathered before Pilate and said,

Priests: Sir, we remember what that impostor said while he was still alive, "After three days I will rise again." Therefore command the tomb to be made secure until the third day; otherwise his disciples may go and steal him away, and tell the people, "He has been raised from the dead," and the last deception would be worse than the first.

Evangelist: Pilate said to them,

Pilate: You have a guard of soldiers; go, make it as secure as you can.

Evangelist: So they went with the guard and made the tomb secure by sealing the stone.

PRAYER

***HYMN 228**

"Were You There?"

***CHARGE AND BENEDICTION**

***CHORAL RESPONSE**

Readers for Palm Sunday

Jesus	Keith Orsini	Servant Girl 1	Julie Maroulis
Evangelist	Alvin Woody	Servant Girl 2	Jan Barriger
Priests	Valerie Conley	Bystander	Janet Ford
Disciple 1	Judi Yarborough	Pilate	Donna Perkins
Disciple 2	Darrell Yarborough	Pilate's Wife	Sarah Maroulis
Judas	Leslie Price	Soldiers	James Ford
Peter	Linda Quackenbush	Passersby	LeighAnn Perkins
High Priest	Sandi Stegall	Witness	Michael Stegall

Prayer Concerns

Linda Barriger	Nancy Gunter	Ernest Mitchell
Tami Bebber	Martha Gryder	Dinah Purser
Glenn Brookshire	Judy Hoover	Bob Quackenbush
Bud Brown	Barbara Jenkins	Trish Schiefer
Margaret Bumgarner	Gwen Jenkins	Cici Schuman
Virginia Byrd	Susan Jenkins	Julie Sebastian
Emma Kate Chapman	Bonnie Jolly	Louise Sebastian
Val Ciardullo	Harry Jolly	Angela Vetter
Randy Davis	Paul Kale	Joni Wike
Ginna Deal	Tanye Lackey	Turkey & Syria Earthquake
Connie Epps	Roger Lail	Victims
Clifford Ferguson	Kathy Little	Ukrainian People
Debbie Fortner	Phillip Livermore	
Ron Fortner	David Miller	
Julie Fulbright	Becky Mitchell	

Choir Rehearsal: Wednesday at 6pm. Please come make a joyful noise together!

CCC: April we will collect pasta that can be placed in the bin at the front of the sanctuary.

2nd quarter edition of These Days are in the Narthex for you to pick up. These devotionals are provided for our church family in memory of Bill White.

TPC Holy Week Activities:

April 2—Palm Sunday “Palm Party” Covered Dish Lunch Church Social

April 3-6—Holy Week Community Breakfasts @ TPC 7—8:30am

April 6—Maundy Thursday Worship @ TPC @ 7pm

April 7—Good Friday Tenebrae Worship @ FUMC @ 7pm

April 8—Children’s Easter Egg Hunt & Party @ 1pm

April 9—Easter Sunday! Sunrise Worship in Town Cemetery (bring a chair)

11am Easter Worship @ TPC (Bring flower clippings to adorn the Cross)

TPC Summer Mission Trip to Fort Myers, FL is July 9-15.

TPC Church Family Retreat @ Camp Grier is November 10-12. Mark your calendars!

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Please join us in wishing a **Happy Birthday** to:

Robin Earp - 2nd

Ron Fortner - 4th

Curtis White - 8th

Please join us in wishing a **Happy Anniversary** to:

Richard & Shelly Sebastian - 7th

WEEKILY OFFERING

Offering: \$2525.00

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2 Cents: \$149.00

TOTAL: \$3374.00

Attendance: 38

Welcome to TPC!



Thanks to our Leadership

Elder/Greeter – John Dew

Pianist/Organist— Leigh Ann Perkins

Choir Director— Jennifer Sink

Elders on Session: Bill Barriger, Valerie Conley, James Ford, Kathryn Abernethy,
Steven Price, Sandi Stegall, John Dew, Laura Jamison and Dwight Mitchell

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