



March 24, 2024
Palm/Passion Sunday
10:45 a.m.

Gathering those who fear they are not enough,
so we may experience grace, wholeness, and renewal as God's beloved.



We Gather to Praise God

PRELUDE

Prelude & Courante from *Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major*
Rosanna Butterfield, cello

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

RINGING OF THE BELL

INTROIT

Hosanna to the Son of David

David Halls (b. 1963)

*Hosanna to the Son of David. Blessed be the King that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna. Hosanna in the highest!*

WELCOME

Megan Klose

CALL TO WORSHIP*

ONE: Sing songs of loudest praise!

ALL: Hosanna!

ONE: Sing songs that are unashamed!

ALL: Hosanna!

ONE: Sing songs without being afraid.

ALL: Hosanna!

ONE: Sing for the God of tomorrow and today.

ALL: Hosanna!

ONE: Let us worship the Lamb of God who is worthy to be praised.

*** HYMN 196**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

CALL TO CONFESSION AND PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Will Packard

ONE: The crowds gathered to praise Jesus as he entered Jerusalem, waving palm branches, singing praises at Jesus, yet the shouts did not last very long. Soon, the crowds' shouts of praises will turn into shouts of betrayal. Let us confess our weaknesses and sins before the Lamb of God who carries our sins away.

ALL: Holy God, we confess that we are a fickle crowd. Sometimes, we are ready to run into the streets and sing your praises, and ready to shout from the rooftops that we are Christ's faithful followers. Sometimes, we want to hide our identity as Christ's disciples. We confess that we see ourselves in the crowds whose praises of "Hosanna" turned into jeers of "Crucify!" when fear seeped in. We confess that too often, we shy away from putting ourselves on the line to make our faith visible; we stay quiet even when we should speak up. We confess that we are weak. By your grace, forgive us for all the times we were not able to stand true to our convictions. By your power, strengthen us and give us courage to stand up against evil powers of this world when necessary. Help us to remain faithful even in our fearfulness.

Personal prayer in silence

** Please stand in body or spirit*

*** Liturgy from or adapted from Sanctified Art for Palm/Passion Sunday*

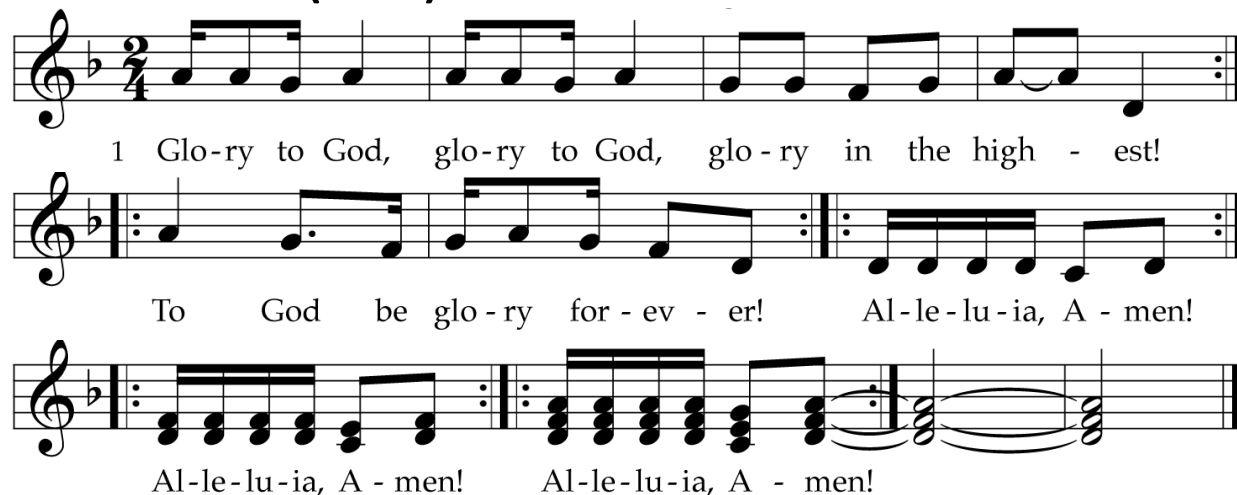
ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Yena Hwang

ONE: The Lord sees our hearts and knows our innermost thoughts. We have not confessed anything that is not already known to God. God loves us even in our weakness; God hears and accepts our humble prayers; God forgives us of our sins. Hear the good news, in Christ Jesus, we are forgiven.

ALL: Thanks be to God. Amen.

* SING GLORY TO GOD (#585)



1 Glo-ry to God, glo-ry to God, glo-ry in the high - est!

To God be glo-ry for - ev - er! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

Al-le-lu-ia, A - men! Al-le-lu-ia, A - men!

TEXT: Anon.
MUSIC: Peruvian melody

MACHU-PICHU

* PASSING THE PEACE

ONE: The peace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

ALL: And also with you.

Children ages four and up are invited to continue their worship at Godly Play in room 59.

We Listen for God's Word

SUNG PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Thy Word Is a Lamp unto My Feet



Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

Thy word is a lamp un-to my feet and a light un-to my path.

TEXT: Amy Grant, 1984
MUSIC: Michael W. Smith, 1984; arr. John Sharber
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THY WORD
Irregular

Cantata: Behold the Lamb!

Compiled and edited by Lloyd Larson

Music by Lloyd Larson, Molly Ijames, Jay Rouse (contemporary)

Narrators: Myra Bridgeforth, Zachia Murray

FIRST LESSON

Praise the Holy Lamb of God

Lloyd Larson

Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb of God for He reigns in majesty.

Come, celebrate the Passover Lamb of God and give thanks, you've been set free!

Come and give thanks to the Holy Lamb of God. By His blood you've been redeemed.

Come and give thanks to the Lamb of God, You've been cleansed in the healing stream.

Refrain: Behold the Lamb who takes our sins away!

Let heav'n and earth resound in joyous praise! Worthy is the Lamb!

Lift your voice and sing. Praise the living King of kings!

Come and give thanks, to the Holy Lamb of God. Sing Hosanna! Praise His name!

Come and adore the Holy Lamb of God! He is ever more the same. Refrain

Just as I am, without one plea; but that Thy blood was shed for me.

And that Thou bidd'st me come to Thee. O Lamb of God, I come.

Worthy is the Lamb! Lift your voice and sing. Praise the holy Lamb of God!

SECOND LESSON

What Wondrous Love is This?

Molly Ijames

*What wondrous love is this, O my soul! What wondrous love is this that caused the Lord
of bliss to bear the dreadful curse for my soul! When I was sinking down, sinking down.*

*Christ laid aside His crown for my soul, for my soul! To God and to the Lamb I will sing!
To God and to the Lamb, who is the great I am; While millions join the theme, I will sing.*

THIRD LESSON

Hosanna to the King of Israel!

Larson

Celebrate, rejoice in praise! The King of kings is here!

"Hosanna!" Sing to God on high with voices loud and clear.

Refrain: "Bless the Lord!" Let praises ring: "Hosanna to the King of Israel!"

Give thanks to God with voices raised in joyous praise, the mighty chorus swell!

Celebrate, rejoice this day! A donkey colt He rides.

Jerusalem receive your King, your gates be opened wide. Refrain

*Hosanna, loud hosanna, the little children sang, through pillared court and temple
the lovely anthem rang; to Jesus who had blessed them close folded to his breast, the children
sang their praises, the simplest and the best. Celebrate, rejoice in praise!
The King of kings is here! "Hosanna!" Sing to God on high with voices loud,
Sing "Hosanna!" Sing it loud and clear!*

FOURTH LESSON

At the Lamb's High Feast

Larson

*At the Lamb's high feast we sing. "Praise to our victorious King!"
God has freed us, cleansed our souls by His love we are made whole!*

*Refrain: Praise the Lord who by love divine shares the cup, the sacred wine.
His body broken at the feast for the greatest and the least. Christ, our sacrifice, and priest.*

*Holy Lamb, whose blood was shed! Sacrifice of God, the bread!
Gift of God's eternal love, living Manna from above! Refrain
Sing we at the Lamb's high feast.*

FIFTH LESSON

Sing Hosanna! What a Savior!

I James

*"Man of Sorrows," what a name for the Son of God who came for ruined sinners to reclaim!
Sing Hosanna: What a Savior!*

Bearing shame and scoffing rude in my place condemned

He stood sealed my pardon with His blood: Sing Hosanna: What a Savior!

Guilty, vile, and helpless we. Spotless Lamb of God was He. Full atonement—can it be?

Sing Hosanna: What a Savior.

Lifted up was He to die. "It is finished?" was His cry. Now in heaven exalted high:

Sing Hosanna: What a Savior! Sing Hosanna: What a Savior!

SIXTH LESSON

Kyrie

arr. Jay Rouse (based on Dvorak's Symphony No. 9)

Kyrie eleison. Christe eleison. Kyrie eleison.

Translation: Lord, have mercy. Christ, have mercy. Lord, have mercy.

SEVENTH LESSON

Worthy is The Lamb

Larson

Near the cross, O Lamb of God, bring its scenes before me.

Help me walk from day to day with its shadows o'er me. Worthy is the Lamb who's slain.

Sacrifice who lives again!

*Sing His praise. His power proclaim. Worthy is the Lamb who's slain!
Behold the Lamb of God who's slain. Sacrifice who lives again! Sing His praise.*

His power proclaim. Worthy is the Lamb who slain!

*Just as I am, without one plea; but that Thy blood was shed for me; And that Thou bidd'st,
me come to Thee. O Lamb of God. I come. Just as I am, Thou wilt receive; Wilt welcome,
pardon, cleanse, relieve; Because Thy promise I believe. Perfect Lamb of God. Holy Lamb of
God, to Thee I come. Behold the Lamb! Worthy is the Lamb! Behold the Lamb of God!*

We Respond to God's Word

*** AFFIRMATION OF FAITH ****

Megan Klose

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

ALL: Who rode through the streets of Jerusalem on a donkey.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

ALL: Who challenged Rome's oppressive power with peaceful protest.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

ALL: Who was surrounded by crowds of dreamers and believers.

One: We believe in Jesus of Nazareth,

ALL: So even today, we will sing songs of loudest praise.

One: Hosanna!

ALL: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord! Amen.

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

Will Packard

ONE: Lord in your mercy,

ALL: Hear our prayer.

*The Prayers of the People are offered on behalf of and with the congregation, usually by an
elder who is currently serving or has previously served on Session. Prayer requests can be sent
to Pastors Yena and Megan at prayers@fallschurchpresby.org.*

Prayer Concerns

The family of Christina Goodwin, friend of Gail Warner, who died on March 13
Continued Prayers

Young Hobbie, Allan Capon, Robbie Harris, Ruth Mileham, Ken Waugh

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 us 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.

OUR LIFE TOGETHER AS THE BODY OF CHRIST

Megan Klose

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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OFFERTORY

Sarabande from Sonata No. 2 in D Minor

J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

* DOXOLOGY 606

Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow



Praise God, from whom all bless-ings flow; praise *him, all crea-tures
here be - low; praise *him a - bove, ye heaven-ly host; praise
Fa - ther, Son, and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

*Or "God"

TEXT: Thomas Ken, 1695, 1709
MUSIC: Genevan Psalter, 1551

OLD HUNDREDTH
LM

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING

Yena Hwang

God of all good gifts, we thank you for showing us how to care for each other. May these gifts lead to great feasting for those who have no banquets set before them. May these gifts build shelters and places of prayer for those who are homeless. May these gifts proclaim your desire that all your creation live in peace. In the name of the one who came to draw all people to himself, Jesus Christ, our Redeemer. Amen.

* HYMN 197

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

* CHARGE AND BLESSING

Yena Hwang

* CHORAL BENEDICTION

You Are My Refuge, Faithful God

(traditional)

You are my refuge, faithful God; you shelter me from shame.

I put my spirit in your hands and call upon your name.

POSTLUDE

Allemande & Gigue from Cello Suite No. 1 in G Major J.S. Bach (1685-1750)

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Supporting Us in Worship

Worship Leader	Will Packard
Ushers	Evan Good, Allie Growney, John Moses, Elizabeth Shipley-Moses
Music	Chancel Choir; Rosanna Butterfield, cello; Regino Madrid, violin
Audio/Video	Alex Hess
Sexton	Will Packard

About today's service: "Behold the Lamb!" is a musical and narrative journey that underscores the significant price that Jesus paid for our freedom and salvation. It recalls Israel's release from Egyptian bondage with the Passover Lamb, a foretelling of God's divine plan to provide the Holy Lamb as the ultimate sacrifice for our spiritual freedom. The despair of Christ's crucifixion eventually gives way to joy in a triumphant celebration of His resurrection! Blending original melodies with timeless hymns, Molly Ijames, Lloyd Larson, and Jay Rouse combine forces to create a compelling worship experience and a dramatic reminder of God's relentless love and grace. *Special thanks to the Chancel Choir and guest musicians Rosanna Butterfield and Regino Madrid for sharing their musical talents with us this morning.*

A Warm Welcome

Thank you for joining us in worship this morning. Please sign the red welcome pad which can be found at the end of the pew, then pass the pad along to your neighbor. If you need to step out of worship, the service is being broadcast into the parlor, just across the hall from the narthex at the back of the sanctuary. Portable electronic assistive listening devices are available in the narthex; ushers can provide them upon request.

A recording of today's service can be found at www.fallschurchpresby.org/sermon. If you would like to learn more about our family of faith, please talk to one of the pastors as you exit the sanctuary. More information can be found on our website.

Children in Worship

Children are always welcome in our services. Children's bulletins and coloring sheets are available for children of all ages at each sanctuary entrance.

Children up to age 4: Child care is offered in Room 201. Parents may drop off and pick up children throughout this time.

Children 4 years old and up: Godly Play is offered in Room 59 following the Passing of the Peace.

Fellowship Hour

Please join us in Fellowship Hall after worship to greet your neighbors and enjoy some light refreshments. Hosted by the Community Building Ministry Team.

Announcements

Drop & Dash, March 24. Drop off your monthly donations for the Knox Food Pantry and toiletries for Welcome Table at the cupboard in the main hallway.

Final Mid-Week Lenten Devotion, March 27. Join Pastor Megan to contemplate Peter's wandering heart, which made him the most relatable of the disciples. We will reflect on his experience through scripture, art, and poetry. Meets in the Conference Room or Zoom <https://bit.ly/WanderingHeartWednesday>.

Final Soul Food, March 27, 6:30 p.m., Third Floor. Soul Food features a simple supper followed by instruction and discussion. Sign up through the link in the Friday egram.

Maundy Thursday and Tenebrae, March 28. Join us for worship with communion and a soup supper at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. A Tenebrae service will follow at 7:30 p.m. in the Sanctuary. Please sign up for the soup supper through the link in the Friday egram by Monday, March 25.

Matthew 25 Group, Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Room 303. Matthew 25 will discuss Chapter 7 of Resmaa Menakem's *My Grandmother's Hands* this Sunday, March 24.

Serendipity Class is taking a break for Palm Sunday and Easter and will resume April 7. Sundays, 9:30 a.m., Conference Room.

Welcome Table served 311 guests at our Third Wednesday dinner on March 20. Along with a home-cooked meal prepared by volunteers from the church and community, each adult guest received one \$5 Giant Food gift card. Welcome Table takes place on the first and third Wednesday of each month. To learn more or sign up to volunteer, visit www.fallschurchpresby.org/welcome-table-2/ or contact the Welcome Table Planning Team at WTPT@fallschurchpresby.org.

Did You Know?

In February 2024, Session discussed including a “Did You Know?” item in the Friday egram and Sunday bulletin. The first three weeks of March were dedicated to the Ives House. This week and next will come from the Scouts. Future “Did You Know?” submissions will come from our ministry teams and others.

Scout Troop 895: Did You Know?

At the annual Scouts pancake breakfast on Feb. 4, Troop 895 prepared and served over 200 pancakes and 40 pounds of sausage to more than 80 attendees from the FCPC community. Scouts enjoyed serving and talking with members of the church. Troop 895 was chartered by Falls Church Presbyterian Church in 1957 and has had more than 100 Eagle Scouts come from its roster, including three in 2023. Upcoming activities include a Court of Honor, an Eagle Scout project, monthly campouts, and summer camp at Goshen Scout Reservation!

Calendar

Sunday, March 24 - Palm/Passion Sunday - Holy Week Begins

Drop & Dash Sunday

Matthew 25 Book Discussion, 9:30 a.m., Room 303

Youth Sunday School (grades 6-12), 9:30 a.m., Third Floor

Single Worship Service with Palm Sunday Cantata, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. In person or online.

Monday, March 25 - *No scheduled events*

Tuesday, March 26

Tuesday Morning Prayer Group, 8:45 a.m., Zoom

Wednesday, March 27

Wandering Heart Mid-Week Devotions, noon, Conference Room and

Zoom: <https://bit.ly/WanderingHeartWednesday>

Soul Food, 6:30 p.m., Third Floor. Please register in advance.

Pastor Nominating Committee, 7:30 p.m., Library and Zoom

Thursday, March 28 - Maundy Thursday

Maundy Thursday Service and Soup Supper, 6:30 p.m., Fellowship Hall

Tenebrae Service, 7:30 p.m., Sanctuary

Friday, March 29 - Good Friday

Saturday, March 30

Bible Study & Fellowship Group, 8:00 a.m., Parlor

Silent Witness for Racial Justice, noon, Broad Street in front of FCPC

Sunday, March 31 - Easter/Resurrection of the Lord

Sunrise Service, 7:00 a.m., Frady Park

Informal Worship Service, 8:30 a.m., Fellowship Hall. In person or online.

Traditional Worship Service, 10:45 a.m., Sanctuary. In person or online.

Falls Church Presbyterian belongs to the Covenant Network of Presbyterians, “working for the unity of the church, furthering the inclusion of LGBTQ persons, seeking understanding and reconciliation, and joining with others seeking a still more just and inclusive church.”

Falls Church Presbyterian is also a Matthew 25 church seeking to build congregational vitality, dismantle structural racism, and eradicate systemic poverty.

The Rev. Yena Hwang, Transitional Pastor

The Rev. Megan Klose, Associate Pastor

Diane Maloney, Director of Spiritual Growth and Community Engagement

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