



West End
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WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25th Anniversary year of West End Presbyterian Church, we are using the Scripture readings recommended by the Revised Common Lectionary as a framework for our corporate worship, and our personal and family devotion. The Lectionary gives us access to the whole counsel of Scripture and these texts are a means for us to grow in our understanding of our union with Christ.

WEPC Weekly Readings

To subscribe to a daily email of these readings, register online at wepc.org/lectionary.

April 14, 2019 | Sixth Sunday in Lent: Palm Sunday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

I Turned Not Backward

Philippians 2:5-11

Humbled, then Exalted

Psalms 118:1-2, 19-29

Blessed is He

Luke 19:28-40

Going Up to Jerusalem

Monday

Isaiah 42:1-9

He Will Bring Forth Justice

Psalms 36:5-11

*Refuge in the Shadow of
Your Wings*

Hebrews 9:11-15

An Eternal Redemption

John 12:1-11

*Responses to the Raising of
Lazarus*

Tuesday

Isaiah 49:1-7

*Salvation to the End of the
Earth*

Psalms 71:1-14

*My Trust, O LORD, From
My Youth*

I Corinthians 1:18-31

We Preach Christ Crucified

John 12:20-36

When I am Lifted Up

Wednesday

Isaiah 50:4-9a

*I Have Set My Face Like a
Flint*

Psalms 70

Make Haste, O God

Hebrews 12:1-3

*He Endured the Cross,
Despising the Shame*

John 13:21-32

One of You will Betray Me

Maundy Thursday

Exodus 12:1-14

I Will Pass Over You

Psalms 116:1-2, 12-19

The Cup of Salvation

I Corinthians 11:23-26

Bread & Cup

John 13:1-17, 31b-35

Do You Understand?

Good Friday

Isaiah 52:13-53:12

Pierced

Psalms 22

Forsaken

Hebrews 4:14-16; 5:7-9

Tempted

John 18:1-19:42

Crucified

Holy Saturday

Job 14:1-14

*If a Man Dies, Shall He Live
Again?*

Psalms 31:1-4, 15-16

My Times Are In Your Hand

I Peter 4:1-8

*Even to Those Who are
Dead*

Matthew 27:57-66

*They Went and Made the
Tomb Secure*

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Happy Palm Sunday!

Today's sermon text must have been on Jesus' mind as he rode into Jerusalem. This Psalm is so triumphant. You can almost hear the noise of the crowd and the joy of worship and festive singing.

Except there is one participant in this procession who might not be so happy...

"Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!"

The festal sacrifice is leading the procession into Jerusalem. Not only will Jesus be nailed to a cross but he will be rejected by the "builders" and become the chief cornerstone.

Jesus sees and knows where this is going to end up and he rides on.

Warmly,
Steve

Sunday Worship Services: 9 AM and 10:30 AM
Children's Sunday School: 9 AM

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PREPARATION FOR WORSHIP & Communion

Sixth Sunday in Lent:

Palm Sunday

In the Christian year, we are now in the season of Lent. Lent is a time to ask God to help us confront our own mortality and sinfulness, to ask Him to show us our need for grace, to grow in repentance, and to reflect on the amazing truth of the Church's participation in the death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. The season of Lent—the period between Ash Wednesday and the Saturday before Easter—lasts 40 days (not including Sundays), reminiscent of the 40 days Jesus fasted in the wilderness.

CORNERSTONE

“We cannot go to the Kingdom; it must come to us.”

– Adolph Saphir

CALL TO WORSHIP

*from the
Heidelberg Catechism 1*

*During the 10:30 AM service,
Children's Worship led the
congregation in today's Call to
Worship.*

The First Word

Because we believe God initiates with sinners, we begin worship with His Word: His invitation to us to gather in His name.

What is your only comfort in life and death?

**That I am not my own,
but belong with body and soul,
both in life and in death,
to my faithful Savior Jesus Christ.**

**He has fully paid for all my sins
with His precious blood,
and has set me free
from all the power of the devil.**

**He also watches over me in such a way
that without the will of my heavenly Father
not a hair can fall from my head;
indeed, all things must work together for my salvation.**

**Because I belong to Him,
Christ, by his Holy Spirit,
assures me of eternal life
and makes me wholeheartedly willing and ready
from now on to live for him.**

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

ALL GLORY, LAUD, AND HONOR

1 All glo ry, laud, and hon - or to You, Re-deem - er King,
2 The compan - ny of an - gels is prais - ing You on high;
3 To You be - fore Your pas - sion they sang their hymns of praise;

to whom the lips of chil - dren made sweet ho - san - nas ring.
and we with all cre - a - tion in cho - rus make re ply.
to You, now high ex - alt - ed, our mel - o - dy we raise.

You are the King of Is ra - el and Da vid's roy - al Son,

now in the Lord's name com - ing, the King and Bless - ed One.

"Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" – John 12:13

Text: Theodulph of Orleans (c.820), transl. John Mason Neale (1854) Tune: Melchior Teschner (1615)

Welcome

Visitors, we are glad you are here. Following the service, please join Pastor Steve Shelby for coffee in the Gallery.

MINISTRY UPDATE

Renewal RVA

WEPC Elder Chip Bowman

GOSPEL READING

Luke 19:28-40

And when he had said these things, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he drew near to Bethphage and Bethany, at the mount that is called Olivet, he sent two of the disciples, saying, "Go into the village in front of you, where on entering you will find a colt tied, on which no one has ever yet sat. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, 'Why are you untying it?' you shall say this: 'The Lord has need of it.'" So those who were sent went away and found it just as he had told them. And as they were untying the colt, its owners said to them, "Why are you untying the colt?" And they said, "The Lord has need of it." And they brought it to Jesus, and throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. And as he rode along, they spread their cloaks on the road. As he was drawing near—already on the way down the Mount of Olives—the whole multitude of his disciples began to rejoice and praise God with a loud voice for all the mighty works that they had seen, saying, "Blessed is the King who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven and glory in the highest!" And some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, "Teacher, rebuke your disciples." He answered, "I tell you, if these were silent, the very stones would cry out."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Christ Jesus, though He was in the form of God,
did not count equality with God a thing to be grasped.

Philippians 2:5-11

**He emptied Himself, by taking the form of a servant,
being born in the likeness of men.**

And being found in human form,
He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.

**Therefore God has highly exalted Him
and bestowed on Him the name that is above every name.**

So that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow,
in heaven and on earth and under the earth.

**And every tongue confess that Jesus Christ is Lord,
to the glory of God the Father.**

Pray for Our Church, Our City, and the World. This week:

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For grace to follow Christ in humble obedience. For power to know and exalt Jesus Christ, the King of Kings .
- For Metropolitan Richmond: Pray for spiritual renewal and revival. For the Holy Spirit's power for followers of Jesus to bring the Gospel to bear in every facet of life and culture in our city and communities.
- For WEPC Mission Partners: The Barnabas Center and the Christian Counseling and Training Center

OFFERING

If you missed today's offering and wish to give, or if you would like to submit your tear-off, the elders at the front of the sanctuary who are available for prayer following the service will be glad to receive them.

The offering isn't just about money. Our response to the Gospel goes much deeper—God demands our whole selves. The act of giving in worship is a part of offering ourselves as “living sacrifices” to God (Rom. 12:1).

SONGS OF PRAISE

ROCK OF AGES

*"That rock was Christ."
– 1 Corinthians 10:4*

Text: August Toplady (1776)
Tune: Thomas Hastings (1830)

1. Rock of Ages, cleft for me
let me hide myself in Thee;
let the water and the blood,
from Thy wounded side which flowed,
be of sin the double cure,
cleanse me from its guilt and pow'r.

2. Not the labors of my hands
can fulfil Thy law's demands;
could my zeal no respite know,
could my tears forever flow,
all for sin could not atone;
Thou must save, and Thou alone.

3. Nothing in my hand I bring,
simply to Thy cross I cling;
naked, come to Thee for dress;
helpless, look to Thee for grace;
foul, I to the Fountain fly;
wash me, Savior, or I die.

4. While I draw this fleeting breath,
when my eyelids close in death,
when I soar to worlds unknown,
see Thee on Thy judgment throne,
Rock of Ages, cleft for me,
let me hide myself in Thee.

COME TO JESUS

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*"For a people shall dwell in
Zion, in Jerusalem; you shall
weep no more."
– Isaiah 30:19*

Weak and wounded sinner,
Lost and left to die,
O, raise your head for Love is passing by.

*Come to Jesus,
Come to Jesus,
Come to Jesus and live.*

Now your burden's lifted,
And carried far away,
His precious blood has washed away your stain.

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP (10:30 AM)

During the 10:30 AM service, children (pre-K to second grade) are dismissed for Children's Worship. See p.15 for more information.

SCRIPTURE READING

¹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Psalm 118:1-2, 19-29

² Let Israel say,
“His steadfast love endures forever.”

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² The stone that the builders rejected
has become the cornerstone.

²³ This is the LORD’s doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.

²⁵ Save us, we pray, O LORD!
O LORD, we pray, give us success!

²⁶ Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD!
We bless you from the house of the LORD.

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has made his light to shine upon us.

Bind the festal sacrifice with cords,
up to the horns of the altar!

²⁸ You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.

²⁹ Oh give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
for his steadfast love endures forever!

Sermon

A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at wepc.org/sermons.

PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

WORDS OF INSTITUTION

from Mark 14:16-25

The disciples prepared the Passover. And when it was evening, Jesus came with the twelve. And they were reclining at the table and as they were eating, He took bread. And after blessing it, He broke it and gave it to them, and said, "Take; this is my body." And He took a cup, and when He had given thanks He gave it to them, and they all drank of it. And He said to them, "This is my blood of the covenant, which is poured out for many. Truly, I say to you, I will not drink again of the fruit of the vine until that day when I drink it new in the kingdom of God."

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Confession & Encouragement

Often we find that our hearts are worshipping something other than God. In confessing our sins, the Holy Spirit probes our hearts and minds and graciously shows us what we mistakenly believe will give us life. Jesus is good to lead us from sorrow over our sin to the sweetness of His grace.

King of Glory,

**You came to us as true Peace in the midst of our warfare,
as true Freedom to release us from our bondage to sin,
as true Refuge while we languished in a chaos of our own design.**

**Though we know Jesus as Sovereign King,
we have rebelled just as Israel did long ago,
we have negotiated with the Enemy
by our secret sins and proud skepticism,
we have betrayed our Heavenly Father in our daily refusal
of Peace, Freedom, and Refuge.**

**For our treason, You died;
For our restoration, You rose again.
Draw us close to You in this week,
that our eyes may catch the vision of Your tears,
and our hearts, the wonder of Your grace.**

Silent Confession

LORD, Have Mercy

Oh Lord have mer - - - cy.

Oh Christ have mer - - - cy.

Oh Lord have mer - - - cy.

U - - pon us.

U - - pon us.

"God, have mercy on me, a sinner" – Luke 18:13

Ancient Greek hymn, 4th c.
Tune: Kevin W. Greene (2019)

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Out of my distress I cried to the LORD; the LORD answered and set me free. *Psalm 118:5,14,17*
The LORD is my Strength and my Song; He has become my Salvation. I shall not die, but I shall live, and recount the deeds of the LORD.

THE SACRAMENT OF THE LORD'S SUPPER

West End Presbyterian Church welcomes all baptized Christians who actively trust in Jesus Christ for salvation, who are willing to forsake their sin and heart-idols, and who are members of congregations that proclaim the Gospel to participate in the sacrament of the Lord's Supper with us.

*Wine is in the outer ring of the communion tray, grape juice is in the inner rings.
All bread is gluten-free.*

Please come forward as you are ready to participate in the Lord's Supper individually, with a friend, or as a family.

If you need special assistance and are not able to come forward for Communion, raise your hand and we will come to you at the conclusion of the Lord's Supper.

Elders & Deacons are glad to pray for your children who have not yet become communing members. If your child is ready to make a public profession of faith in Jesus Christ, please mark today's tear-off or contact the WEPC office.

Songs of Response to God's Grace

*"Your name is like
perfume poured out."
– Song of Solomon 1:3*

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HOW SWEET THE NAME OF JESUS SOUNDS

1. How sweet the name of Jesus sounds
In a believer's ear!
It soothes his sorrows, heals his wounds
And drives away his fear.
2. It makes the wounded spirit whole,
And calms the troubled breast.
Tis manna to the hungry soul,
And to the weary rest.
3. Dear Name! The Rock on which I build
My Shield and Hiding Place,
My never-failing Treas'ry filled with
Boundless stores of grace.
4. Jesus, my Shepherd, Brother, Friend,
My Prophet, Priest, and King,
My Lord, my Life, my Way, my End,
Accept the praise I bring.

STEADFAST

*Give thanks to the Lord, for he
is good, for his steadfast love
endures forever. – Psalm 136:1*

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1. I will build my house whether storm or drought
On the rock that does not move.
I will set my hope in your love, O Lord,
And your faithfulness will prove
You are steadfast, steadfast.
2. By the word you spoke all the starry host
Are called out by name each night.
In your watchful care I will rest secure,
As you lead us with your light.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.
3. I will not trust in the strength of kings,
On your promise I will stand.
I will shout for joy, I will raise my voice,
Hallelujah to the Lamb!
You are steadfast, steadfast.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

FOR ALL THE SAINTS

1. For all the saints who from their labors rest,
Who Thee by faith before the world confessed,
Thy name, O Jesus, be forever blest.
Alleluia, Allelu!

2. Thou wast their Rock, their Fortress, and their Might,
Thou, Lord, their Captain in the well-fought fight;
Thou, in the darkness drear, their One True Light.
Alleluia, Allelu!

3. O may Thy soldiers, faithful, true and bold,
Fight as the saints who nobly fought of old,
And win with them the Victor's crown of gold.
Alleluia, Allelu!

4. The golden evening brightens in the west;
Soon, soon to faithful warriors comes their rest;
Sweet is the calm of Paradise the blest.
Alleluia, Allelu!

5. But, lo! There breaks a yet more glorious day;
The saints triumphant rise in bright array;
The King of Glory passes on His way.
Alleluia, Allelu!

6. From earth's wide bounds, from ocean's farthest coast,
Through gates of pearl streams in the countless host,
Singing to Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.
Alleluia, Allelu-ia!

"Therefore, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses..." Hebrews 12:1

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DOXOLOGY

*“Let everything that has
breath praise the LORD.”
– Psalm 150:6*

*Text: Thomas Ken (1709)
Tune: OLD HUNDREDTH
(Bourgeois, 1551)*

Praise God from whom all bles - sings flow; Praise Him, all crea - tures
here be - low Praise Him a - bove ye heavn - ly host; Praise
Fa - ther Son and Ho - ly Ghost. A - men.

What does “doxology” mean?

It’s derived from two Greek words meaning “glory” and “word.” A doxology, then, is a spoken word or song that ascribes glory to God. Today’s doxology calls all of creation to praise God as the source of all blessing and acknowledges His Trinitarian (three-in-one) nature.

BENEDICTION

The Last Word

God always has the last word in our worship. For those who are in Christ Jesus, these are always words of blessing.

After the service, the Elders are available at the front of the sanctuary to pray with you or for you, and to answer questions about the sermon or West End Presbyterian Church.

Pastor Steve Shelby preached today’s sermon. WEPC Elder Richard Campbell led worship. Music was led by Pastor Kevin Greene, along with Becca Wethered, Rick McMahon, Taylor Barnett, Kim Forquer, Tiffanie Chan, Donald Smith, and Jason Weippert.