



West End
presbyterian church

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 28, 2019 | Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 5:27-32

The God of our Fathers Raised Jesus

Psalms 150

Everything That Has Breath

Revelation 1:4-8

Firstborn of the Dead

John 20:19-31

His Hands & His Side

Reflection on Sunday, April 28

Monday

Esther 7:1-10

Esther Prevails

Revelation 1:9-20

Jesus Prevails

Tuesday

Esther 8:1-17

Golden Crown

Revelation 2:8-11

The Crown of Life

Wednesday

Esther 9:1-5, 18-23

No One Could Stand Against Them

Luke 12:4-12

Do Not Fear Those Who Kill the Body

Daily

Psalms 122

Peace Be Within You

Preparation for Sunday, May 5

Thursday

Isaiah 5:11-17

Man is Humbled

Revelation 3:14-22

Wretched, Pitiable, Poor, Blind, and Naked

Friday

Isaiah 6:1-4

Holy, Holy, Holy

Revelation 4:1-11

Holy, Holy, Holy

Saturday

Genesis 18:1-8

Hospitality to the LORD

Luke 14:12-14

When You Give a Feast

Daily

Psalms 30

Mourning Into Dancing

PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

The doors were locked and they were afraid. Jesus did not knock, he simply was there in the middle of them, comforting and helping.

You can lock the doors out of fear, out of anger, bitterness, or hurt and yet, Jesus goes in your life wherever he wants. You can't keep him out.

Ironically, the doors were locked to keep the Romans and authorities out. The very thing the disciples were afraid of.

If Jesus wants into your life, he will come in.

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

THAT YOU MAY BELIEVE

Second Sunday of Easter

We are now in the season of Easter—a celebration of Jesus' victory over sin and death. Followers of Christ are called to a life of dying to sin, rising to the life of the Spirit, and participating in His reign as the Sovereign Lord. The Church now lives as those who are "risen with Christ," living under His rule.

"A dead Christ I must do everything for; a living Christ does everything for me."

– Andrew Murray

CALL TO WORSHIP

from Revelation 1:5-8

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.

To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins by His blood and made us a kingdom, priests to His God and Father,

To Him be glory and dominion forever and ever. Amen.

Behold, He is coming with the clouds,

And every eye will see Him.

"I am the Alpha and the Omega," says the Lord God,
"who is and who was and who is to come, the Almighty."

INVOCATION

SONG OF ADORATION

COME, THOU FOUNT OF EVERY BLESSING

1. Come, thou Fount of ev - ery bless - ing, tune my heart to sing Thy
2. Here I raise my Eb - en - ez - er hith - er by Thy help I've
3. Oh, to grace how great a debt - or dai - ly I'm con - strained to

grace; streams of mer - cy, nev - er ceas - ing, call for
come; and I hope, by Thy good plea - sure, safe - ly
be! Let Thy good - ness, like a fet - ter, bind my

songs of lou - dest praise. Teach me some me - lo - dious
to ar - rive at home. Je - sus sought me when a
wan - dering heart to Thee: prone to wan - der, Lord, I

son - net, sung by flam - ing tongues a - bove. Praise the
strang - er, wan - dering from the fold of God; He, to
feel it, prone to leave the God I love; here's my

mount— I'm fixed up - on it mount of God's re - deem - ing love.
res - cue me from dan - ger, in - ter - posed His pre - cious blood.
heart, O take and seal it; seal it for Thy courts a - bove.

"Then Samuel took a stone and set it up...He named it Ebenezer, saying, 'Thus far has the LORD helped us'" - 1 Samuel 7:12

Text: Robert Robinson (1758) Tune: NETTLETON

Welcome

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

PRESENTATION OF New MEMBERS

Pastor Kevin Greene presented this morning's new members and administered the sacrament of baptism.

Jonathan & Jessica Melin (10:30 AM)
Becca Wethered

COVENANT BAPTISM

Nathaniel Scott Sinclair (9 AM)

Maila Jane Melin (10:30 AM)
Judah Arlo Melin
Boone David Melin
Ezekiel James Melin

New Testament Reading

Acts 5:27-32

And when they had brought them, they set them before the council. And the high priest questioned them, saying, "We strictly charged you not to teach in this name, yet here you have filled Jerusalem with your teaching, and you intend to bring this man's blood upon us." But Peter and the apostles answered, "We must obey God rather than men. The God of our fathers raised Jesus, whom you killed by hanging him on a tree. God exalted him at his right hand as Leader and Savior, to give repentance to Israel and forgiveness of sins. And we are witnesses to these things, and so is the Holy Spirit, whom God has given to those who obey him."

MINISTRY OF PRAYER

Praise the LORD!

Psalm 150

Praise God in His sanctuary;

Praise Him in His mighty heavens!

Praise Him for His mighty deeds;

Praise Him according to His excellent greatness!

Praise Him with trumpet sound;

Praise Him with lute and harp!

Praise Him with tambourine and dance;

Praise Him with strings and pipe!

Praise Him with sounding cymbals;

Praise Him with loud clashing cymbals!

Let everything that has breath praise the LORD!

Praise the LORD!

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: For eyes of faith to see Jesus—forgiving us, alive for us, giving us His Holy Spirit.
- 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: see Jesus (a global discipling mission), Strategies to Elevate People (ministering to the needs of the urban poor), and Sweet Monday (women's outreach).

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).

SONG OF PRAISE

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.
You are steadfast, steadfast.

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.14 for more information.*

SCRIPTURE READING

¹⁹ On the evening of that day, the first day of the week, the doors being locked where the disciples were for fear of the Jews, Jesus came and stood among them and said to them, "Peace be with you."²⁰ When he had said this, he showed them his hands and his side. Then the disciples were glad when they saw the Lord.²¹ Jesus said to them again, "Peace be with you. As the Father has sent me, even so I am sending you."²² And when he had said this, he breathed on them and said to them, "Receive the Holy Spirit."²³ If you forgive the sins of any, they are forgiven them; if you withhold forgiveness from any, it is withheld."

John 20:19-31

²⁴ Now Thomas, one of the twelve, called the Twin, was not with them when Jesus came.²⁵ So the other disciples told him, "We have seen the Lord." But he said to them, "Unless I see in his hands the mark of the nails, and place my finger into the mark of the nails, and place my hand into his side, I will never believe."

²⁶ Eight days later, his disciples were inside again, and Thomas was with them. Although the doors were locked, Jesus came and stood among them and said, "Peace be with you."²⁷ Then he said to Thomas, "Put your finger here, and see my hands; and put out your hand, and place it in my side. Do not disbelieve, but believe."²⁸ Thomas answered him, "My Lord and my God!"²⁹ Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed."

³⁰ Now Jesus did many other signs in the presence of the disciples, which are not written in this book;³¹ but these are written so that you may believe that Jesus is the Christ, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.

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

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.

Father in heaven, we need to be forgiven.

We attempted to heal ourselves. Instead of believing that the wounds of Jesus declare God's peace, we committed to work off our guilt and cover our shame.

We tried so hard to pile up good deeds to outweigh our sins. When this didn't work, we quickly turned to denial and distraction. Instead of trusting that Christ has defeated death, we gave ourselves to change through our own efforts.

We sought to renew our hearts through sheer willpower. This left some of us arrogant. This left most of us anxious and depressed. This left all of us blind in unbelief.

Forgive us for trying to heal ourselves. Forgive us for fleeing from Your grace. Give us grace to receive Your Holy Spirit and open our eyes to the glory of the Lord. For Jesus' sake. Amen.

Silent Confession

WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

1 Corinthians 1:9,18

God, who has called you into fellowship with His Son Jesus Christ our Lord, is faithful...The message of the Cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God.

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.

GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

HELP MY UNBELIEF

1. I know the Lord is nigh,
And would but cannot pray,
For Satan meets me when I try
And frights my soul away,
And frights my soul away.

2. I would but can't repent,
Though I endeavor oft;
This stony heart can ne'er relent
Till Jesus makes it soft,
Till Jesus makes it soft.

*Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
Help my unbelief.
My help must come from Thee.*

3. I would but cannot love,
Though wooed by love divine;
No arguments have power to move
A soul as base as mine,
A soul so base as mine.

4. I would but cannot rest,
In God's most holy will;
I know what He appoints is best,
And murmur at it still,
I murmur at it still.

"I believe; help my unbelief!" – Mark 9:24

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“He restores my soul. He leads me in paths of righteousness for his name’s sake.” – Psalm 23:3

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ALL THE WAY MY SAVIOR LEADS ME

1. All the way my Savior leads me,
Who have I to ask beside?
How could I doubt His tender mercy,
Who through life has been my guide?

2. All the way my Savior leads me,
Cheers each winding path I tread,
Gives me grace for every trial,
Feeds me with the living Bread.

*You lead me and keep me from falling,
You carry me close to Your heart,
And surely Your goodness and mercy
will follow me.*

3. All the way my Savior leads me,
O, the fullness of His love!
O, the sureness of His promise
In the triumph of His blood.

4. And when my spirit clothed immortal,
Wings its flight to realms of day
This my song through endless ages:
Jesus led me all the way.

GOD WHO SAVES

*“For this I will praise you, O Lord,
among the nations, and sing to
your name.” – Psalm 18:49*

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There is life in the blood of the Lamb who was slain;
There is power, there is power in His name;
There is love pouring out of the wounds that were made;
Pouring out, pouring over our shame:

*So praise the God who saves!
Praise the God who bled!
Praise the God who was nailed to a tree
And wore our sins upon His head!*

There is truth in His body, raised that third day;
There is joy in a stone rolled away;
There is hope pouring out of the tomb where He lay;
Pouring out, pouring over the grave:

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.

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

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

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. **Pastor Kevin Greene** led worship. Music was led by **WEPC Elder Chris Newlin**, along with **Erin Bouknight**, **Buddy Miner**, **Mark Schairbaum**, **Tiffanie Chan**, **Pat Reynolds**, and **Harrison Weippert**.

The tapestry at the front of the sanctuary is the traditional liturgical color of white for this 50-day season of Easter. The tapestry will return to its many colors during the season of Pentecost. The piece is entitled "Psalm 148," and was created by a team of WEPC artists.