



West End  
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# WEPC Lectionary Project: Union with Christ

In this 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://wepc.org/lectionary).

### May 5, 2019 | Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 9:1-20

*Paul's Conversion, Baptism & Preaching*

Psalm 30

*Mourning Into Dancing*

Revelation 5:11-14

*Worship in Glory*

John 21:1-19

*Come and Have Breakfast*

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### Reflection on Sunday, May 5

#### Monday

Ezekiel 1:1-25

*Ezekiel Saw Visions of God*

Acts 9:19b-31

*Saul Had Seen the Lord*

#### Tuesday

Ezekiel 1:26-2:1

*I Heard the Voice of One Speaking*

Acts 26:1-18

*To Open Their Eyes*

#### Wednesday

Isaiah 6:1-8

*Isaiah Saw the Lord*

Luke 5:1-11

*When Simon Peter Saw*

#### Daily

Psalm 121

*I Lift My Eyes*

### Preparation for Sunday, May 12

#### Thursday

Ezekiel 11:1-25

*They Shall Be My People*

Revelation 5:1-10

*The Elders Fell Down Before the Lamb*

#### Friday

Ezekiel 20:39-44

*When I Gather You*

Revelation 6:1-7:4

*The Servants of God are Sealed*

#### Saturday

Ezekiel 28:25-26

*They Shall Dwell Securely*

Luke 12:29-32

*Fear Not, Little Flock*

#### Daily

Psalm 23

*My Shepherd*

# PASTOR'S NOTE

Dear Ones,

Our God is a welcoming God. One of the most ignored characteristics of God is hospitality. Today's passage sees Jesus practically and lovingly preparing a breakfast for his tired and hungry disciples.

Think about that...

Our God spreads a table for us, perhaps, even in the presence of enemies.

Jesus keeps the party going by turning water into wine.

Jesus feeds the five thousand.

We are invited and redeemed to attend the marriage feast of the Lamb.

We will focus on hospitality a lot in the coming months (Renewal RVA). Our hospitality to our neighbors will be a reflection of the God we want them to know.

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

### LOVE & RESTORATION

#### **Third 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.

"One evidence of the Spirit's presence in our lives is our seeing where we really are and admitting it to others. One cannot make progress in life or ministry without being a forthright and forthcoming person. Probably each one of us has tons of messed up motives and loads of self-deception—or at least we do until we begin to ask the Holy Spirit to search us out."

– Jack Miller, *The Heart of a Servant Leader*

## CALL TO WORSHIP

*Revelation 5:11-14*

#### **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.

Then I looked, and I heard around the throne and the living creatures and the elders the voice of many angels, numbering myriads of myriads and thousands of thousands, saying with a loud voice,

**"Worthy is the Lamb who was slain,  
to receive power and wealth and wisdom and might  
and honor and glory and blessing!"**

And I heard every creature in heaven and on earth and under the earth and in the sea, and all that is in them, saying,

**"To him who sits on the throne and to the Lamb  
be blessing and honor and glory and might forever and ever!"**

And the four living creatures said, "Amen!" and the elders fell down and worshipped.

## INVOCATION

# SONG OF ADORATION

## LET US LOVE AND SING AND WONDER

1. Let us love and sing and wonder,  
Let us praise the Savior's name!  
He has hushed the Law's loud thunder,  
He has quenched Mount Sinai's flame:  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has brought us nigh to God.

2. Let us love the Lord who bought us,  
Pitied us when enemies,  
Called us by His grace, and taught us,  
Gave us ears and gave us eyes:  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He has washed us with His blood,  
He presents our souls to God.

3. Let us wonder; grace and justice  
Join and point to mercy's store;  
When through grace in Christ our trust is,  
Justice smiles and asks no more:  
He Who washed us with His blood,  
He Who washed us with His blood,  
He Who washed us with His blood,  
Has secured our way to God.

4. Let us praise, and join the chorus  
Of the saints enthroned on high:  
Here they trusted Him before us,  
Now their praises fill the sky:  
You have washed us with Your blood,  
You have washed us with Your blood,  
You have washed us with Your blood,  
You are worthy Lamb of God!

*"To Him who loves us and has freed us from our sins... to Him be glory and power for ever and ever!" – Revelation 1:5-6*

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# Welcome

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

## New Testament Reading

*Acts 9:1-6*

But Saul, still breathing threats and murder against the disciples of the Lord, went to the high priest and asked him for letters to the synagogues at Damascus, so that if he found any belonging to the Way, men or women, he might bring them bound to Jerusalem. Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him. And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?" And he said, "Who are you, Lord?" And he said, "I am Jesus, whom you are persecuting. But rise and enter the city, and you will be told what you are to do."

# MINISTRY OF PRAYER

I will extol You, O LORD, for You have drawn me up  
and have not let my foes rejoice over me.

**O LORD my God, I cried to You for help,  
and You have healed me.**

O LORD, You have brought up my soul from Sheol;  
You restored me to life from among those who go down to the pit.

**Sing praises to the LORD, O you His saints,  
and give thanks to His holy name.**

For His anger is but for a moment,  
and His favor is for a lifetime.

**Weeping may tarry for the night,  
but joy comes with the morning.**

As for me, I said in my prosperity,  
“I shall never be moved.”

**By Your favor, O LORD,  
You made my mountain stand strong;  
You hid Your face; I was dismayed.**

To You, O LORD, I cry,  
and to the Lord I plead for mercy:

**“What profit is there in my death,  
if I go down to the pit?  
Will the dust praise You?  
Will it tell of Your faithfulness?**

Hear, O LORD, and be merciful to me!  
O LORD, be my Helper!”

**You have turned for me my mourning into dancing;  
You have loosed my sackcloth and clothed me with gladness,  
that my glory may sing Your praise and not be silent.**

O LORD my God, I will give thanks to You forever!

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

- For West End Presbyterian Church: That the Lord would hear our cry for mercy, and turn our mourning into dancing.
- For the churches and ministries of Metropolitan Richmond: For pastors, ministers, missionaries, church leaders, and all servants of Jesus Christ.
- For the country of Spain and WEPC Mission Partners, S & K, serving with Avant in Malaga.

*Psalm 30.  
A Psalm of David.  
A song at the dedication  
of the temple.*

# OFFERING

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).

*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.*

# SONG OF PRAISE

## HOW DEEP THE FATHER'S LOVE FOR US

1. How deep the Father's love for us,  
How vast beyond all measure  
That He should give His only Son  
To make a wretch His treasure.  
How great the pain of searing loss.  
The Father turns His face away  
As wounds which mar the Chosen One  
Bring many sons to glory.

2. Behold the Man upon the cross,  
My sin upon His shoulders.  
Ashamed, I hear my mocking voice  
Call out among the scoffers.  
It was my sin that held Him there  
Until it was accomplished;  
His dying breath has brought me life.  
I know that it is finished.

3. I will not boast in anything:  
No gifts, no pow'r, no wisdom.  
But I will boast in Jesus Christ:  
His death and resurrection.  
Why should I gain from His reward?  
I cannot give an answer.  
But this I know with all my heart:  
His wounds have paid my ransom.

*“But God, being rich in mercy, because of the great love with which he loved us, even when we were dead in our trespasses, made us alive together with Christ.” – Ephesians 2:4-5*

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# CHILDREN'S MESSAGE (10:30 AM)



## SCRIPTURE READING

<sup>1</sup> After this Jesus revealed himself again to the disciples by the Sea of Tiberias, and he revealed himself in this way. <sup>2</sup> Simon Peter, Thomas (called the Twin), Nathanael of Cana in Galilee, the sons of Zebedee, and two others of his disciples were together. <sup>3</sup> Simon Peter said to them, "I am going fishing." They said to him, "We will go with you." They went out and got into the boat, but that night they caught nothing.

<sup>4</sup> Just as day was breaking, Jesus stood on the shore; yet the disciples did not know that it was Jesus. <sup>5</sup> Jesus said to them, "Children, do you have any fish?" They answered him, "No." <sup>6</sup> He said to them, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." So they cast it, and now they were not able to haul it in, because of the quantity of fish. <sup>7</sup> That disciple whom Jesus loved therefore said to Peter, "It is the Lord!" When Simon Peter heard that it was the Lord, he put on his outer garment, for he was stripped for work, and threw himself into the sea. <sup>8</sup> The other disciples came in the boat, dragging the net full of fish, for they were not far from the land, but about a hundred yards off.

<sup>9</sup> When they got out on land, they saw a charcoal fire in place, with fish laid out on it, and bread. <sup>10</sup> Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish that you have just caught." <sup>11</sup> So Simon Peter went aboard and hauled the net ashore, full of large fish, 153 of them. And

*John 21:1-19*

although there were so many, the net was not torn. <sup>12</sup> Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." Now none of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. <sup>13</sup> Jesus came and took the bread and gave it to them, and so with the fish. <sup>14</sup> This was now the third time that Jesus was revealed to the disciples after he was raised from the dead.

<sup>15</sup> When they had finished breakfast, Jesus said to Simon Peter, "Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Feed my lambs." <sup>16</sup> He said to him a second time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" He said to him, "Yes, Lord; you know that I love you." He said to him, "Tend my sheep." <sup>17</sup> He said to him the third time, "Simon, son of John, do you love me?" Peter was grieved because he said to him the third time, "Do you love me?" and he said to him, "Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you." Jesus said to him, "Feed my sheep. <sup>18</sup> Truly, truly, I say to you, when you were young, you used to dress yourself and walk wherever you wanted, but when you are old, you will stretch out your hands, and another will dress you and carry you where you do not want to go." <sup>19</sup> (This he said to show by what kind of death he was to glorify God.) And after saying this he said to him, "Follow me."

## Sermon

*A Worship Guide with sermon notes and recordings is posted each Sunday at [wepc.org/sermons](http://wepc.org/sermons).*

# PREPARATION FOR THE LORD'S SUPPER

## WORDS OF INSTITUTION

*I Timothy 3:9; I  
Corinthians 5:7-8,  
10:16-17, 15:3-4  
from the Book of  
Common Prayer*

Therefore, we proclaim the mystery of the faith:

**Christ has died.**

**Christ is risen.**

**Christ will come again.**

Christ our Passover is sacrificed for us.

**Therefore let us keep the feast.**

The gifts of God for the people 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.

"If we confess our sins, He is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." (I John 1:9)

**Almighty God, our Creator and Redeemer, You love Your Church and You have saved us by Your grace. You have clothed us in the righteousness of Your Son. You are the eternal and faithful God. Yet we confess that we daily attempt to hide from You. We have willfully sinned against You and our neighbor. Failing to see and trust You, we have forgotten You. Forgive and deliver us, good Lord. Renew Your people by Your grace, that our lives and lips might sing Your praise. To the glory of Your Name. Amen**

*Silent Confession*

## WORDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

*I Peter 2:9-10*

You are a chosen race, a royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for His own possession, that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who called you out of darkness into his marvelous light. Once you were not a people, but now you are God's people; once you had not received mercy, but now you have received mercy.

# 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.*

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GOD THE HOLY SPIRIT TRANSFORMS US BY HIS GRACE

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## SONGS OF RESPONSE TO GOD'S GRACE

### GIVE ME JESUS

1. In the morning, when I rise,  
In the morning, when I rise,  
In the morning, when I rise,  
Give me Jesus.

*Give me Jesus,  
Give me Jesus,  
You can have all this world  
But give me Jesus.*

2. And when I am alone,  
Oh when I am alone,  
And when I am alone,  
Give me Jesus.

3. And when I come to die,  
Oh when I come to die,  
And when I come to die,  
Give me Jesus.

*"For what does it profit  
a man to gain the whole  
world and forfeit his soul?"  
– Mark 8:36*

*Traditional African-  
American Spiritual*

## ALL THINGS NEW

1. Come, Lord, and tarry not;  
Bring the long looked for day;  
O, why these years of waiting here,  
These ages of decay?

2. Come, for Thy saints still wait;  
Daily ascends their sigh;  
The Spirit and the Bride say, "Come";  
Does Thou not hear the cry?

*O come and make all things new!  
Come and make all things new!  
O come and make all things new!  
Build up this ruined Earth—  
Come and make all things new,  
All things new.*

3. Come, for creation groans,  
Impatient of Thy stay,  
Worn out with these long years of ill,  
These ages of delay.

4. Come, for love waxes cold,  
Its steps are faint and slow;  
Faith now is lost in unbelief,  
Hope's lamp burns dim and low.

*"And he who was seated on the throne said, "Behold, I am making all things new." – Revelation 21:5*

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## JESUS, LOVER OF MY SOUL

1. Jesus, lover of my soul,  
Let me to Thy bosom fly,  
While the nearer waters roll,  
While the tempest still is high.  
Hide me, O my Savior, hide,  
'Til life's storm is past;  
Safe into the haven guide;  
Receive my soul at last.

2. Other refuge have I none,  
I helpless, hang on Thee;  
Leave, oh leave me not alone,  
Support and comfort me.  
All my trust on Thee is stayed,  
All help from Thee I bring;  
Cover my defenseless head  
In the shadow of Thy wing.

3. Thou, O Christ, are all I want,  
Here more than all I find;  
Raise the fallen, cheer the faint,  
Heal the sick, and lead the blind.  
Just and holy is Thy Name,  
I am all unrighteousness;  
False and full of sin I am;  
Thou art full of truth and grace.

4. Plenteous grace with Thee is found,  
Grace to cover all my sin;  
Let the healing streams abound;  
Make and keep me pure within.  
Thou of life the fountain art,  
Let me take of Thee;  
Spring Thou up within my heart;  
For all eternity.

*"Who shall separate us from the love of Christ? – Romans 8:35*

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# 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.

**Children's Ministry Director Heather Jarvis** gave today's Children's Message.

Music was led by **Gordon Collier**, along with Becca Wethered, Hill Shore, Tyler Pease, Jamison Taggart, and Jason 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.*