



Service for the Lord's Day

Palm/Passion Sunday

April 10, 2022

10:00 a.m.

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We Gather as God's People

Welcome to our worship service. Take a moment to quiet yourself as we prepare ourselves for worship.

Welcome and Preparation for Worship

Welcome to Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church! In this space, we invite you to bring all of who you are - your identity, your beliefs, your doubts, your questions, and your story wherever you are on your journey in life. Our prayer is that together we will experience God's presence.

The Gathering Music "Ukrainian National Anthem" arr. Tonioli

The Welcome and Announcements

The Prelude "Hosanna, Loud Hosanna" arr. Floeter

Call to Worship [Responsive]

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: We begin the holiest of weeks this day, seeking to discover God in the passion and grief.

Many: Have grace on us, O God, as we listen for words which will sustain our weariness.

One: We will be invited to sit at the Table, where Jesus welcomes friends and followers.

Many: Have grace on us, Brother of our tears, as we struggle not to turn our backs on you.

One: As the days unfold, may we worry not so much about ourselves, but for the One who stands by us.

Many: Have grace on us, Spirit of comfort, and hold us in every moment of this journey.

The Scripture Reading Luke 19:28-42

Narrator: After he had said this, he went on ahead, going up to Jerusalem. When he had come near Bethphage and Bethany, at the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying,

Jesus: 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: "The Lord needs it." '

Narrator: So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them,

Congregation: 'Why are you untying the colt?'

Narrator: They said,

Congregation: 'The Lord needs it.'

Narrator: Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

Congregation: 'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord! Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'

Narrator: Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him,

Congregation: 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.'

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: 'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'

Narrator: As he came near and saw the city, he wept over it, saying, 'If you, even you, had only recognized on this day the things that make for peace!

The Lighting of the Peace Candle

A Moment of Silence for Prayer

Special Music

"The Palms"

Faure arr. Walter Eckard

Flute: Mare Stewart; Piano: Karen Brunk

The Preparations for the Lord's Feast Begin

The Scripture ReadingLuke 22:1-6

Narrator: Now the festival of Unleavened Bread, which is called the Passover, was near. The chief priests and the scribes were looking for a way to put Jesus to death, for they were afraid of the people. Then Satan entered into Judas called Iscariot, who was one of the twelve; he went away and conferred with the chief priests and officers of the temple police about how he might betray him to them. They were greatly pleased and agreed to give him money. So he consented and began to look for an opportunity to betray him to them when no crowd was present.

The Call to Reconciliation

One: How weary we are from the foolish choices we make, how broken our lives become when we rely on pride, strength, bullying. But, as we offer our prayers, God will remember us – our dreams, our hopes, as well as our failings, and will restore us to new life. Let us join our voices together, as we pray, saying,

The Prayer for Forgiveness [Responsive]

One: Have mercy on us, God of betrayers and deniers. We have run out of tears, weeping for ourselves,

Many: so have none for those damaged by life.

One: We forget those who are around us, as if they have died,

Many: rather than caring for them.

One: We argue about who is the wisest, strongest, greatest,

Many: and never notice those who serve with humility and grace.

One: Yet we pray that you would remember us, God of the Passion,

Many: and pour out mercy on us.

One: May we commit our hearts into yours,

Many: so we may learn how to love as deeply as you.

One: May we commit our hands into yours,

Many: so we may be taught how to serve others with joy.

One: May we commit our spirits into yours,

Many: so we may be as trusting as Jesus, the One who was willing to believe the promises you made so long ago.

(Silence is kept.)

The Assurance of Forgiveness [Responsive]

One: Friends, hear this Good News: Our tears are mingled with those of God; our sighs are held in the heart of grace; our emptiness is filled with hope and peace. Hesitantly, hopefully, we will walk with Jesus to Jerusalem, and beyond. For everything is done for us, and we bend our knees in praise and joy.

Many: Thanks be to God, we are forgiven! Amen.

The Silence

With Christ at Supper

The Scripture Reading Luke 22:7-20

Narrator: Then came the day of Unleavened Bread, on which the Passover lamb had to be sacrificed. So Jesus sent Peter and John, saying,

Jesus: "Go and prepare the Passover meal for us that we may eat it."

Narrator: They asked him,

Disciples/Congregation: "Where do you want us to make preparations for it?"

Jesus: "Listen, when you have entered the city, a man carrying a jar of water will meet you; follow him into the house he enters and say to the owner of the house, 'The teacher asks you, "Where is the guest room, where I may eat the Passover with my disciples?'" He will show you a large room upstairs, already furnished. Make preparations for us there." So they went and found everything as he had told them; and they prepared the Passover meal.

Narrator: When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them,

Jesus: “I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God.”

Narrator: Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, “Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes.” Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, “This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.” And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, “This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.

The Music *WR* # 697 “Eat This Bread”

Eat this bread, drink this cup, come to me and never be hungry,

Eat this bread, drink this cup, trust in me and you will never thirst.

One: The Lord be with you.

Many: And also with you.

One: And so we gather at the table. We come from many places, differing in age, differing in race, differing in orientation, politics and even religion. As we come together around the table we discover that our differences are not something we tolerate but that our differences are indeed a blessing, the more difference we bring, the more fully we experience the presence of the sacred in our midst. So come, children of God, just as you are. Wherever you are on this journey of life, you are welcome here, here in this place, here in this community, here at this table. Come, children of God, come and remember with us.

Many: We remember the stories that Jesus’ friends tell, stories of bread broken and shared, feeding a multitude, stories of being gathered together, enemy and friend, around tables, stories of unlikely guests revealing the face of the sacred.

One: They say that that it was on a night of both celebration and betrayal that he took the bread leftover on the table, blessed it and broke it; reminding them that it is in the breaking that we become whole, in losing our lives that we find them, in serving that we are served. As the grain scattered becomes one in the loaf, when we eat this bread, we become one with one another. They say that he took the cup also leftover on the table, poured out and sharing, remembering with them, the life-giving breath even now pounding a rhythm through our veins, the breath of life from whence we come the breath that precedes and follows all that we can see As the grapes find life in the vine, when we drink this cup, we become at one with the source of life itself. And so we pray:

ALL: Come, holy Spirit, come. Bless this bread and bless this fruit of the vine. Bless all of us in our eating and drinking that our eyes might be open, that we might recognize the risen Christ in our midst, indeed in one another. Come, holy Spirit, come.

The Breaking of Bread and Sharing of Cup

(You are invited to come forward to receive the elements. Please take a piece of bread, then an individual cup, partake of the elements, and then return to your pew. The table is open to all believers, children through adults.)

The Prayer after Communion [In Unison]

Lord Jesus Christ, you have put your life into our hands; now we put our lives into yours. Take us, renew and remake us. What we have been is past; what we shall be, through you, still awaits us. Lead us on. Take us with you. Amen.

The Betrayal of Christ Luke 22:21-32

Jesus: “But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!”

Narrator: Then they began to ask one another, which one of them it could be who would do this. A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them,

Jesus: “The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves. For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves. “You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel. “Simon, Simon, listen! Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed for you that your own faith may not fail; and you, when once you have turned back, strengthen your brothers.”

Narrator: And he said to him,

Congregation: “Lord, I am ready to go with you to prison and to death!”

Narrator: Jesus said,

Jesus: “I tell you, Peter, the cock will not crow this day, until you have denied three times that you know me.”

The Silence for Reflection and Prayer

Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane Luke 22:39-46

Narrator: He came out and went, as was his custom, to the Mount of Olives; and the disciples followed him. When he reached the place, he said to them,

Jesus: “Pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

Narrator: Then he withdrew from them about a stone’s throw, knelt down, and prayed, Jesus: “Father, if you are willing, remove this cup from me; yet, not my will but yours be done.”

Narrator: Then an angel from heaven appeared to him and gave him strength. In his anguish he prayed more earnestly, and his sweat became like great drops of blood falling down on the ground. When he got up from prayer, he came to the disciples and found them sleeping because of grief, and he said to them,

Jesus: “Why are you sleeping? Get up and pray that you may not come into the time of trial.”

The Silence for Reflection and Prayer

The Arrest of Jesus Luke 22:47-62

Narrator: While he was still speaking, suddenly a crowd came, and the one called Judas, one of the twelve, was leading them. He approached Jesus to kiss him; but Jesus said to him,

Jesus: “Judas, is it with a kiss that you are betraying the Son of Man?”

Narrator: When those who were around him saw what was coming, they asked,

Congregation: “Lord, should we strike with the sword?”

Narrator: Then one of them struck the slave of the high priest and cut off his right ear. But Jesus said,

Jesus: “No more of this!”

Narrator: And he touched his ear and healed him. Then Jesus said to the chief priests, the officers of the temple police, and the elders who had come for him,

Jesus: “Have you come out with swords and clubs as if I were a bandit? When I was with you day after day in the temple, you did not lay hands on me. But this is your hour, and the power of darkness!”

Narrator: Then they seized him and led him away, bringing him into the high priest’s house. But Peter was following at a distance. When they had kindled a fire in the middle of the courtyard and sat down together, Peter sat among them. Then a servant-girl, seeing him in the firelight, stared at him and said,

Congregation: “This man also was with him.”

Narrator: But he denied it, saying,

Congregation: “Woman, I do not know him.”

Narrator: A little later someone else, on seeing him, said,

Congregation: “You also are one of them.”

Narrator: But Peter said,

Congregation: “Man, I am not!”

Narrator: Then about an hour later still another kept insisting,

Congregation: “Surely this man also was with him; for he is a Galilean.”

Narrator: But Peter said,

Congregation: “Man, I do not know what you are talking about!”

Narrator: At that moment, while he was still speaking, the cock crowed. The Lord turned and looked at Peter. Then Peter remembered the word of the Lord, how he had said to him, “Before the cock crows today, you will deny me three times.” And he went out and wept bitterly.

The Silence for Reflection and Prayer

The Trial of Jesus Luke 23:1-25

Narrator: Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying,

Congregation: 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.'

Narrator: Then Pilate asked him,

Pilate: 'Are you the king of the Jews?'

Narrator: He answered,

Jesus: 'You say so.'

Narrator: Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds,

Pilate: 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.'

Narrator: But they were insistent and said,

Congregation: 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

Narrator: When Pilate heard this, he asked whether the man was a Galilean. And when he learned that he was under Herod's jurisdiction, he sent him off to Herod, who was himself in Jerusalem at that time. When Herod saw Jesus, he was very glad, for he had been wanting to see him for a long time, because he had heard about him and was hoping to see him perform some sign. He questioned him at some length, but Jesus gave him no answer. The chief priests and the scribes stood by, vehemently accusing him. Even Herod with his soldiers treated him with contempt and mocked him; then he put an elegant robe on him, and sent him back to Pilate. That same day Herod and Pilate became friends with each other; before this they had been enemies.

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them,

Pilate: 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Narrator: Then they all shouted out together,

Congregation: 'Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!'

Narrator: (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting,

Congregation: 'Crucify, crucify him!'

Narrator: A third time he said to them,

Pilate: 'Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.'

Narrator: But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

The Silence for Reflection and Prayer

The Crucifixion of Jesus Luke 23:26-43

Narrator: As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said,

Jesus: 'Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, "Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed." Then they will begin to say to the mountains, "Fall on us"; and to the hills, "Cover us." For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?'

Narrator: Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said,

Jesus: 'Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.'

Narrator: And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying,

Congregation: 'He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!'

Narrator: The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying,

Congregation: 'If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!'

Narrator: There was also an inscription over him, 'This is the King of the Jews.'
One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying,

Congregation: 'Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!'

Narrator: But the other rebuked him, saying,

Congregation: 'Do you not fear God, since you are under the same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.'

Narrator: Then he said,

Congregation: 'Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.'

Narrator: He replied,

Jesus: 'Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.'

The Music *PH* # 92 (verse 1) "Beneath the Cross of Jesus"

**Beneath the cross of Jesus I fain would take my stand, The shadow of a mighty Rock
Within a weary land; A home within the wilderness, A rest upon the way
From the burning of the noonday heat And the burden of the day.**

The Death of Jesus Luke 23:44-56

Narrator: It was now about noon, and darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon, while the sun’s light failed; and the curtain of the temple was torn in two. Then Jesus, crying with a loud voice, said,

Jesus: ‘Father, into your hands I commend my spirit.’

Narrator: Having said this, he breathed his last. When the centurion saw what had taken place, he praised God and said,

Congregation: ‘Certainly this man was innocent.’

Narrator: And when all the crowds who had gathered there for this spectacle saw what had taken place, they returned home, beating their breasts. But all his acquaintances, including the women who had followed him from Galilee, stood at a distance, watching these things.

Now there was a good and righteous man named Joseph, who, though a member of the council, had not agreed to their plan and action. He came from the Jewish town of Arimathea, and he was waiting expectantly for the kingdom of God. This man went to Pilate and asked for the body of Jesus. Then he took it down, wrapped it in a linen cloth, and laid it in a rock-hewn tomb where no one had ever been laid. It was the day of Preparation, and the sabbath was beginning. The women who had come with him from Galilee followed, and they saw the tomb and how his body was laid. Then they returned, and prepared spices and ointments.

On the sabbath they rested according to the commandment.

The Sermon “As Those Prepared to Die” Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler
<http://ocpchurch.com/files/137123820.pdf>

The Musical Response *PH* # 102 (verse 1) “Were You There?”

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (Were you there?)

Were there when they crucified my Lord? Oh!

Sometimes it causes me to tremble, tremble, tremble.

Were you there when they crucified my Lord? (were you there?)

The Pastoral Prayer

One: God of life, God of beginnings and endings, today we pause to remember the power of death. Today we tell the story of what happens when someone angers those in power.

Today we tell a story of betrayal by a friend, trial by empire, execution as a way of silencing the one who names injustice.

Today we tell a story that happened long ago in a land far away.

Today we tell a story that continues to happen today in places close at hand.

As we remember the story today help us to see its truth. As we tell of Jesus' trial and execution, remind us of those who are found legally guilty for doing and saying the right things.

As we tell of the friends who are conspicuously absent from the cross, remind us how easily we slip away when the struggle for justice becomes dangerous or

challenging. As we look at the cross, remind us of the power of empire in any age, and remind us of our duty as people of faith to proclaim a different empire, a different kingdom, a new way of living together.

God of endings, today we hear the agonized words “It is finished”. Today we think of all those things that are stopped before they come to fruition, of hopes crushed beneath reality's heavy foot, of promises left unfulfilled, of possibilities that leave us wondering... God of endings, today we hear the agonized words “It is finished”. Today we think of all those things that are stopped before they come to fruition, of hopes crushed beneath reality's heavy foot, of promises left unfulfilled, of possibilities that leave us wondering...

God of life and death, beginnings and endings, today we pause to remember the power of those in charge to run the world. Today we remember the many people near and far who are broken by that power: those who live in places where peace is just a word, not a reality, not even a dream; those who are pushed to the margins because of their race, their gender, their bank balance, their marital status, their orientation, or any of the countless other ways we find to set people apart; those who live with nothing so that others may live with abundance those who choose to challenge the injustices in their world and are crushed beneath the feet of those in charge.

(Time of silent prayer.)

But even as we remember that power, we remember that day follows night, hope replaces despair, and life will conquer death.

And now, as we prepare to leave this gathering, may we do so ready to challenge the empires of our world, even if such a challenge leads us to a cross outside the city gates. Help us remember that every ending is a new beginning, even if in the depths of The End we have no way of seeing what that new beginning might be.

We pray in the name of the one who showed us the depth of his passion for Your Kingdom,

who taught us to live in love and justice, in whose life, death and resurrection we can find the path to Kingdom living, and who taught his friends to pray by saying:

The Lord's Prayer *(using 'debts' and 'debtors'...)*

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.

We Depart to Do God's Will

Closing Music *PH* # 101 (verse 1)..... “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross”
When I survey the wondrous cross On which the Prince of glory died,
My richest gain I count but loss, And pour contempt on all my pride.

The Sending [Responsive] Rev. Scott Marrese-Wheeler

One: We have gathered with the crowds crying Hosanna!

Many: **Because even if we were silent the stones themselves would have called out.**

One: We have shared the hope for a world about to be changed,

Many: **and then it changed.**

One: We have walked with another crowd.

Many: **One that called words of scorn and condemnation.**

One: And now we follow the crowd as it leads out to the cross, and yet even as the world grows dark, we cannot lose hope.

Many: **Because God is with us. God will be with us. Whatever happens. We are not alone.**

One: And so we join the crowd, following them into Jerusalem, taking our place at the table with Jesus, praying in the garden, standing silent at his trial, looking on from a distance at the crucifixion, and then fleeing in fear for our own lives, unable to see beyond death’s door. May we find the courage to face our fears, believing that life always answers death.

Many: Amen.

The Light of Christ is Extinguished

Postlude “When I Survey the Wondrous Cross” Mason arr. Campbell



The Pastoral Prayer ~ posted by Rev Gord on his blog, Worship Offerings; The Sending ~ Lectionary Liturgies - Rev. Thom Shuman.

Oakland-Cambridge Presbyterian Church is committed to using language in such a way that all members of the community of faith may recognize themselves to be included, addressed, and equally cherished before God. Seeking to bear witness to the whole world, the church struggles to use language which is faithful to the biblical truth and which neither purposefully nor inadvertently excludes people because of gender, color, or other circumstance in life. (Book of Order, W-1.2006)

- Our musician today is Karen Brunk.
- Thank you to Karen Brunk, piano and Mare Stewart, flute, for our special music today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS —

- **Good Friday Service** – Noon Community Cross Walk in the Village Park.
- **Easter Sunday Celebration of the Resurrection Services**
- 9:00 a.m. Service with communion at Lake Ripley Cemetery, rain or shine

WORSHIP SERVICES UPDATE:

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 17 WORSHIP WITH COMMUNION AT LAKE RIPLEY CEMETERY AT 9 AM – We will gather closer to the lake near the new “scatter garden.”

PLEASE HOLD THESE MEMBERS AND FRIENDS IN PRAYER THIS WEEK —

Lorin Fulton
Jan & Nancy Kristiansen
Jenine Spack

The families of Jack Spack, Ken Bilstad, Doreen Drennan, and other families who are grieving the loss of loved ones.

If you would like to be added to our weekly prayer list, please leave word in the church office or contact the pastor. Permission to be included in this publicly posted list has been obtained from those listed or their families.

Church Schedule

Worship Service: 10:00 a.m. Sunday
Communion: First Sunday of each month

Pastoral Office Hours: Generally 9:00 a.m.–12:00 p.m. Wednesday or by appointment
Business Office Hours: 8:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m. Monday – Thursday
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