

The Worship of God

Ginter Park Baptist Church

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Palm Sunday • April 13, 2025 • 10:30 AM

GATHERING & REFLECTING (10:20 AM)

During this time of reflection, we invite you to take a few moments to prepare yourself for worship. Take a few deep breaths and settle into the quiet. Center yourself through art by coloring the attached picture. Slip off your shoes and remember that you are on holy ground. No matter what this time looks like for you, your whole self is welcome in this space.

*I see the bad moon a-rising, I see trouble on the way
I see earthquakes and lightnin', I see bad times today
Don't go around tonight
Well, it's bound to take your life
There's a bad moon on the rise...*
- Creedence Clearwater Revival

CHIMING THE TRINITY

Lisa Horn

CALL TO WORSHIP

Annie Campbell

*Responsive readings like this one are a part of worship. The congregation's part is in **bold**.*

One: Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord!

Many: Hosanna! Save us, O God!

One: Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!

Many: Hosanna! Save us, O God!

One: Blessed is the coming reign of our God!

Many: Hosanna! Save us, O God!

One: As we enter this holy week, we come in joy and trembling;

Many: Hosanna! Save us, O God!

INVOCATION PRAYER

HYMN No. 192

"All Glory, Laud, and Honor"

ST. THEODULPH

Some of us stand while singing, and others don't. Please join us in song in whatever way you are comfortable.

SHARING OF JOYS & CONCERNS

Annie Campbell

Prayer requests are shared out loud with the gathered community. If you have a joy or a concern to share, please raise your hand to request the microphone

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE

THE LORD'S PRAYER (ALL)

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.**

LENTEN CHORUS

“Where Are You, God? We Long to Know”

O WALY WALY

Where are you, God? We long to know. At times, our sorrows overflow.
Then others ask the question, too. "Where is your God?" — they say of you.
We've seen the wages of our sin; we've dreamed of things that might have been.
We've given in to hate and fear; we've pushed away those you hold dear.
May we put feasts and games aside; may we tear down the walls of pride.
We're sorry, Lord! We've turned from you! So now we ask "What can we do?"

Still you are gracious, loving, kind. We'll turn around! Now is the time!
These Lenten days, O God, may we become your blest community.

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CONFESSION

**O Lord, who on this day entered the city that later rejected you:
we confess that our wills are as rebellious as Jerusalem's,
that our faith is often more show than substance,
that our hearts are in need of cleansing.
Have mercy on us, son of David, Savior of our lives.
Help us to lay at your feet
all that we have and all that we are, trusting you
to forgive what is sinful,
to heal what is broken,
to welcome our praises,
and to receive us as your own.**

ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS

One: Hear the good news: Christ died for us while we were yet sinners; that proves God's love toward us. In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven!
Many: In the name of Jesus Christ, you are forgiven! Glory to God. Amen.

EXTINGUISH CANDLE

HYMN NO. 190

“Tell Me the Stories of Jesus”

STORIES OF JESUS

SCRIPTURE

[Luke 19:28-40](#)

Anita Laffoon

One: This is the Word of God, for the people of God
Many: Thanks be to God

SERMON

“Bad Moon Rising”

Anita Laffoon

TIME OF REFLECTION & RESPONSE “‘Hosanna, Loud, Hosanna’ with ‘Bad Moon Rising’”

Arr. Horn

ANNOUNCEMENTS & THE WORK OF THE CHURCH

HYMN No. 191

“Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!”

CANONBURY

CLOSING COMMISSION

One: Whatever wilderness the Spirit has brought you to

Many: walk in boldness, as a beloved child of God

One: walk in peace, under the shelter of the Most High

Many: walk in faith, knowing Christ walks with you.

One: O God, who makes all things new,

Many: new stars, new dust, new life;

One: take our hearts, every hardened edge and measured beat,

Many: and create something new in us.

PASSING OF THE PEACE

One: The peace of Christ is with you.

Many: And also with you.

Our services are hybrid, meaning there are cameras in the worship space to allow those joining us via Zoom to fully participate. If you would rather not be on camera, we have marked the areas where our cameras can't see you.



Are you visiting with us today? We'd love to get to know you better!

Scan the QR code to tell us more about you.

Announcements

Metro Richmond at Prayer

During the week of April 13, we pray for the Spirit of the Resurrection in Metropolitan Richmond: To remove any spirit of contentiousness, prejudice, greed, jealousy, or enjoyment of others' troubles. For a spirit of humility, respecting and appreciating the gifts and contributions of all.

Pray for our Ministry Partners

JourneyPartners is an ecumenical and interfaith not-for-profit ministry working nationally and internationally to develop networks and partnerships for mutual learning and spiritual growth, through cross-cultural immersion experiences, educational endeavors, construction and renovation projects, and service-learning opportunities. Their work primarily focuses on education, clean water, and health in Zimbabwe.

Save the Dates!

Holy Week services for GPBC:

- Palm Sunday - April 13th, service at 10:30am
- Maundy Thursday - April 17th, service at 7pm (with Anointed New Life Baptist and First Mennonite)
- Good Friday - April 18th, Self-guided "Teach Us to Pray" prayer stations from 4-8pm
- Easter Sunday - April 20th, Brunch at 9am, service at 10:30am. Bring a dish to share!

Peeps Diorama Contest

We are holding a Peeps diorama contest this year on Easter morning (April 20)! The rules are simple. Tap into your inner crafty-ness and build a tabletop diorama using Peeps and whatever other candy, foodstuffs, and craft supplies that are required. Pick from one of the following categories, settle on your favorite story, and bring your vision to life:

- Old Testament story
- New Testament story
- A saint's story

Then bring it in on Easter morning and we'll put them all out on tables for everybody to enjoy! If you've got any questions, don't hesitate to ask here or reach out to Sheryl or Eric Johnson.

Seventh Street Christian Church

Our friends at Seventh Street Christian Church are hosting a Service of Gratitude and Transition as a final farewell to their building, but not to their life together as a church. All are invited to join them on April 26th at 2:30pm. The building address is 4101 Grove Ave Richmond, 23221.

Study Opportunities

- **Weeknight Study** - *Holy Envy*, by Barbara Brown Taylor meets on Thursdays at 6pm. Contact Anita for more information.
- **Sunday Morning Small Group** – is reading *A Shepherd Looks at Psalm 23: Discovering God's Love for You* at 9am on Sunday mornings. Contact Raymond Cady for more information.
- **Thursday Morning Bible Study** - is studying Acts on Thursday from 10-11:30 a.m. Contact Don Polaski for more information.

Page Turner Book Club

The Page Turners Book Club will next meet on Sunday May 18, 2025. Location TBA. The book for discussion will be: *The Guilty One* by Kiersten Modglin.

Backpack Update

We are in need of paper bags with handles for our weekly backpack food program. Please continue to bring in your bags from your shopping trips, and if you are able please purchase extras. See Dixie Leathers or Connie Bak for more details.

Worship isn't the same without you...

...and we'd love to have your help! We need volunteers to help on Sunday mornings by leading the Call to Worship and the Prayers of the People, and to facilitate the Zoom room. Contact Anita to sign up (alaffoon@ginterparkbc.org)!

Hymn Texts

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All Glory, Laud and Honor

All glory, laud and honor to you, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children made sweet hosannas ring.
You are a child of Israel, Great David's greater Son;
you ride in lowly triumph, Messiah, blessed One!

The company of angels are praising you on high,
and, we with all creation in chorus make reply.
The people of the Hebrews with palms before you went;
our praise and prayer and anthems before you we present.

To you, before your passion, they sang their hymns of praise;
to you, now high exalted, our melody we raise.
As you received their praises, now hear us as we pray.
Since you delight in goodness, rule in our hearts today.

Tell Me the Stories of Jesus

Tell me the stories of Jesus I love to hear;
things I would ask him to tell me if he were here:
scenes by the wayside, tales of the sea,
stories of Jesus, tell them to me.

First let me hear how the children stood round his knee,
and I shall fancy his blessing resting on me;
words full of kindness, deeds full of grace,
all in the lovelight of Jesus' face.

Into the city I'd follow the children's band,
waving a branch of the palm tree high in my hand;
one of his heralds, yes, I would sing
loudest hosannas, "Jesus is King!"

Ride On, Ride On in Majesty!

Ride on, ride on in majesty! As all the crowds hosanna cry;
through waving branches slowly ride, O Savior, to be crucified.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! In lowly pomp ride on to die;
O Christ, your triumph now begin o'er captive death and conquered sin.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! The angel armies of the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty! Your last and fiercest foe defy;
bow your meek head to mortal pain, then take, O God, your power and reign.

