

**ORDER OF WORSHIP
PASSION/PALM SUNDAY**

March 29, 2015

10:00 a.m.

*The beginning of the opening voluntary is a call to silent, personal meditation.
Please silence all electronic devices, as we prepare our hearts and minds to worship God.*

OPENING VOLUNTARY

Valet Will Ich Dir Geben

J. S. Bach
(1685-1750)

INTROIT

Thomas Weelkes
(1576-1623)

Hosanna to the Son of David.
Blessed be the King that cometh
in the name of the Lord.
Thou that sittest in the highest heavens.
Hosanna in Excelsis Deo.

THE TRIUMPHAL ENTRY

Mark 11:1-11

CALL TO WORSHIP

Minister: Lift up your heads, O gates! And be lifted up, O ancient doors!
That the King of glory may come in.
People: Who is the King of Glory?
Minister: The Lord of hosts, he is the King of glory! Hosanna in the highest!

***HYMN 88**

All Glory, Laud, and Honor

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

CALL TO CONFESSION

Mark 11:12-17

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

Would that even today we knew the things that make for our peace. We kill the prophets and stone those whom you have sent to us; we inhabit houses and nations which are forsaken and desolate. We have followed you, but soon we will forsake you; we have believed in you, but soon we will deny you; we have loved you, but soon we will betray you to death upon a cross. Therefore on this day that begins in pomp and pageantry, we beg your mercy and beseech you to forgive us, in the name of him who died for us, even Jesus Christ.

PROMISE OF THE GOSPEL

Mark 11:20-25

CHURCH SCHOOL ANTHEM

Michael Burkhardt
(b. 1957)

Hosanna! Blessed is he that comes in the name of the Lord.
Hosanna in the highest!

*After the anthem, children through fifth grade may process
to the Strouse Building to meet for the Gathering.*

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

Eternal God, whose word silences the shouts of the mighty: Quiet within us every voice but your own. Speak to us through the suffering and death of Jesus Christ, that by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may receive grace to show Christ's love in lives given to your service. Amen

THE PASSION

Mark 14:32-15:39

PLAINSONG

The Passion of Our Lord Jesus Christ according to Mark.

They went to a place called Gethsemane; and Jesus said to his disciples, 'Sit here while I pray.' He took with him Peter and James and John, and began to be distressed and agitated. And he said to them, 'I am deeply grieved, even to death; remain here, and keep awake.' And going a little farther, he threw himself on the ground and prayed that, if it were possible, the hour might pass from him. He said, 'Abba, Father, for you all things are possible; remove this cup from me; yet, not what I want, but what you want.' He came and found them sleeping; and he said to Peter, 'Simon, are you asleep? Could you not keep awake one hour? Keep awake and pray that you may not come into the time of trial; the spirit indeed is willing, but the flesh is weak.' And again he went away and prayed, saying the same words. And once more he came and found them sleeping, for their eyes were very heavy; and they did not know what to say to him. He came a third time and said to them, 'Are you still sleeping and taking your rest? Enough! The hour has come; the Son of Man is betrayed into the hands of sinners. Get up, let us be going. See, my betrayer is at hand.'

Immediately, while he was still speaking, Judas, one of the twelve, arrived; and with him there was a crowd with swords and clubs, from the chief priests, the scribes, and the elders. Now the betrayer had given them a sign, saying, 'The one I will kiss is the man; arrest him and lead him away under guard.' So when he came, he went up to him at once and said, 'Rabbi!' and kissed him. Then they laid hands on him and arrested him. But one of those who stood near drew his sword and struck the slave of the high priest, cutting off his ear. Then Jesus said to them, 'Have you come out with swords and clubs to arrest me as though I were a bandit? Day after day I was with you in the temple teaching, and you did not arrest me. But let the scriptures be fulfilled.' All of them deserted him and fled.

A certain young man was following him, wearing nothing but a linen cloth. They caught hold of him, but he left the linen cloth and ran off naked.

They took Jesus to the high priest; and all the chief priests, the elders, and the scribes were assembled. Peter had followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest; and he was sitting with the guards, warming himself at the fire. Now the chief priests and the whole council were looking for testimony against Jesus to put him to death; but they found none. For many gave false testimony against him, and their testimony did not agree. Some stood up and gave false testimony against him, saying, 'We heard him say, "I will destroy this temple that is made with hands, and in three days I will build another, not made with hands."' But even on this point their testimony did not agree. Then the high priest stood up before them and asked Jesus, 'Have you no answer? What is it that they testify against you?' But he was silent and did not answer. Again the high priest asked him, 'Are you the Messiah, the Son of the Blessed One?' Jesus said, 'I am; and "you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of the Power", and "coming with the clouds of heaven."' Then the high priest tore his clothes and said, 'Why do we still need witnesses? You have heard his blasphemy! What is your decision?' All of them condemned him as deserving death. Some began to spit on him, to blindfold him, and to strike him, saying to him, 'Prophecy!' The guards also took him over and beat him.

While Peter was below in the courtyard, one of the servant-girls of the high priest came by. When she saw Peter warming himself, she stared at him and said, 'You also were with Jesus, the man from Nazareth.' But he denied it, saying, 'I do not know or understand what you are talking about.' And he went out into the forecourt. Then the cock crowed. And the servant-girl, on seeing him, began again to say to the bystanders, 'This man is one of them.' But again he denied it. Then after a little while the bystanders again said to Peter, 'Certainly you are one of them; for you are a Galilean.' But he began to curse, and he swore an oath, 'I do not know this man you are talking about.' At that moment the cock crowed for the second time. Then Peter remembered that Jesus had said to him, 'Before the cock crows twice, you will deny me three times.' And he broke down and wept.

As soon as it was morning, the chief priests held a consultation with the elders and scribes and the whole council. They bound Jesus, led him away, and handed him over to Pilate. Pilate asked him, 'Are you the King of the Jews?' He answered him, 'You say so.' Then the chief priests accused him of many things. Pilate asked him again, 'Have you no answer? See how many charges they bring against you.' But Jesus made no further reply, so that Pilate was amazed.

Now at the festival he used to release a prisoner for them, anyone for whom they asked. Now a man called Barabbas was in prison with the rebels who had committed murder during the insurrection. So the crowd came and began to ask Pilate to do for them according to his custom. Then he answered them, 'Do you want me to release for you the King of the Jews?' For he realized that it was out of jealousy that the chief priests had handed him over. But the chief priests stirred up the crowd to have him release Barabbas for them instead. Pilate spoke to them again, 'Then what do you wish me to do with the man you call the King of the Jews?' They shouted back, 'Crucify him!' Pilate asked them, 'Why, what evil has he done?' But they shouted all the more, 'Crucify him!' So Pilate, wishing to satisfy the crowd, released Barabbas for them; and after flogging Jesus, he handed him over to be crucified.

Then the soldiers led him into the courtyard of the palace (that is, the governor's headquarters); and they called together the whole cohort.

And they clothed him in a purple cloak; and after twisting some thorns into a crown, they put it on him. And they began saluting him, 'Hail, King of the Jews!' They struck his head with a reed, spat upon him, and knelt down in homage to him. After mocking him, they stripped him of the purple cloak and put his own clothes on him. Then they led him out to crucify him.

They compelled a passer-by, who was coming in from the country, to carry his cross; it was Simon of Cyrene, the father of Alexander and Rufus. Then they brought Jesus to the place called Golgotha (which means the place of a skull). And they offered him wine mixed with myrrh; but he did not take it. And they crucified him, and divided his clothes among them, casting lots to decide what each should take.

It was nine o'clock in the morning when they crucified him. The inscription of the charge against him read, 'The King of the Jews.' And with him they crucified two bandits, one on his right and one on his left. Those who passed by derided him, shaking their heads and saying, 'Aha! You who would destroy the temple and build it in three days, save yourself, and come down from the cross!' In the same way the chief priests, along with the scribes, were also mocking him among themselves and saying, 'He saved others; he cannot save himself. Let the Messiah, the King of Israel, come down from the cross now, so that we may see and believe.' Those who were crucified with him also taunted him.

When it was noon, darkness came over the whole land until three in the afternoon. At three o'clock Jesus cried out with a loud voice, 'Eloi, Eloi, lema sabachthani?' which means, 'My God, my God, why have you forsaken me?' When some of the bystanders heard it, they said, 'Listen, he is calling for Elijah.' And someone ran, filled a sponge with sour wine, put it on a stick, and gave it to him to drink, saying, 'Wait, let us see whether Elijah will come to take him down.' Then Jesus gave a loud cry and breathed his last. And the curtain of the temple was torn in two, from top to bottom. Now when the centurion, who stood facing him, saw that in this way he breathed his last, he said, 'Truly this man was God's Son!'

MEDITATION

The Promise We Cannot Keep

Ms. Jarvis

"Even though all become deserters, I will not."

Mark 14:29

*HYMN 76

My Song Is Love Unknown

LOVE UNKNOWN

PRAYERS

Minister: The Lord be with you,

People: And with your spirit.

Minister: Let us pray. O Lord show thy mercy upon us,

People: And grant us thy salvation.

Minister: O God, make clean our hearts within us,

People: And take not thy Holy Spirit from us.

Prayers concluding with the Lord's Prayer:

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.

OFFERING

OFFERTORY ANTHEM

Francis Poulenc
(1899-1963)

Vinea mea electa, ego te plantavi:
quomodo conversa es in amaritudinem,
ut me crucifigeres et Barrabam
dimitteres.
Sepivi te, et lapides elegi ex te,
et ædificavi turrim.

*O vineyard my chosen one! I planted you:
How are you changed from sweet to bitter,
To have crucified me and released Barrabas?
I protected you; I have removed stones that
could bother you and built a tower for your
defense.*

THE BURIAL

Mark 15:42-47

*HYMN 98

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

*BENEDICTION

CLOSING VOLUNTARY

Passion Chorale

Bach

*Congregation standing

***Seating interval

LEADING WORSHIP THIS MORNING: Cynthia A. Jarvis, Minister; Brian Russo, Director of Youth and Senior Adults; Austin Crenshaw Shelley, Associate Minister for Christian Education; Daniel Spratlan, Director of Music; Ken Lovett, Organist/Associate Director of Music; and The Gallery Choir.

GREETERS: Elders: Landon Jones and Laurie Menyo; Deacons: Sharyn Walker and Christen Webber.

USHERS: William Chambers, Team #1 Leader; Richard Brown; Carolyn Manwaring; Barbara Sheble; Harry Spaeth; and Suzan Wilcox.

FLOWER GUILD: Sarah Allison-Kern and Suzan Wilcox.

HOSPITALITY HOST: Christen Webber.

TUESDAY COUNTERS: Janette Caplan and Jim Jones.

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HOLY WEEK AT PCCH

The Promises God Kept in Jesus Christ

Palm/Passion Sunday

March 29, 10:00 a.m.

The Promise We Cannot Keep

Cynthia Jarvis preaching
The Passion According to Mark
Vinea mea electa, Francis Poulenc

11:30 a.m. Second Hour @ PCCH

A Fresh Look at the Life (and Death) of
Jesus, Reception Room

All-Church Brunch, Widener

Maundy Thursday

April 2, 8:00 p.m.

Tenebrae Service and Celebration of the Lord's Supper

Tenebrae factae sunt, Francis Poulenc



Celebration of the Resurrection of Our Lord *April 5, 9:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.*

Alleluia, Randall Thompson
Christus Vincit, Stephen Caracciolo
with trumpet and timpani

High Coffee, Widener
following each service

10:15 a.m. Easter Egg Hunt on the lawn, weather permitting
Preschool and school-age children
will have separate egg hunts.