

THE LITANY OF CONFESSION

Psalm 118: 19-29

L: Open for me the gates of righteousness, for I will enter and give thanks to the LORD!

P: This is the gate of the LORD, through which the righteous may enter.

L: I will give you thanks, for you answered me; you have become my salvation!

P: The stone the builders rejected has become the corner and capstone. The LORD has done this, and it is marvelous in our eyes.

L: This is the day the LORD has made; let us rejoice and be glad in it!

P: O LORD, save us; O LORD, grant us success.

L: Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD.

P: From the house of the LORD we bless you. The LORD is GOD and he has made his light shine upon us.

L: With boughs, fronds and branches in hand, join in the festal procession up to the horns of the altar.

P: You are my GOD, and I will give you thanks! You are my GOD and I will exalt you!

L: Give thanks to the LORD for he is good; his love endures forever.

(Silent Prayer) Amen.

ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the LORD. Hosanna in the highest! Brothers and sisters, believe the Good News of the Gospel, in Jesus Christ we are forgiven!

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Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost;
as it was in the beginning, is now, and ever shall be,
world without end.
Amen, Amen.

ANTHEM *Ride On, King Jesus* Trad. Spiritual/Arr. P. Kern

Ride on, King Jesus, no man can ahinder me.
Ride on, King Jesus, ride on, no man can ahinder me.
For He's the King of kings, He's the Lord of lords.
Jesus Christ, the First and Last, no man works like Him.

King Jesus rides on a milk white horse, no man works like Him.
The river of Jordan He did cross, no man works like Him.
King Jesus rides in the middle of the air, no man works like Him.
He calls the saints from everywhere, no man works like Him.

PASTORAL PRAYER AND THE LORD'S PRAYER

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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 sins, as we forgive those who sin against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom and the power and the glory, forever. Amen.

CHORAL AMEN

CHILDREN'S TIME

SCRIPTURE

John 11:55 - 12: 1-3

When it was almost time for the Jewish Passover, many went up from the country to Jerusalem for their ceremonial cleansing before the Passover. They kept looking for Jesus, and as they stood in the temple courts, they asked one another, "What do you think? Surely, he will not come to the festival, will he?" But the chief priests and the Pharisees had given orders that anyone who found out where Jesus was, should report it, so that they might arrest him.

Six days before the Passover, Jesus came to Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here a dinner was given in Jesus' honor. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

John 12: 9-19

Meanwhile a large crowd of Jews found out that Jesus was there and came, not only because of him but also to see Lazarus, whom he had raised from the dead. So the chief priests made plans to kill Lazarus as well, for on account of him many of the Jews were going over to Jesus and believing in him.

The next day the great crowd that had come for the festival heard that Jesus was on his way to Jerusalem. They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting,

"Hosanna"

"Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!"

"Blessed is the king of Israel!"

Jesus found a young donkey and sat on it, as it is written:

“Do not be afraid, Daughter Zion;
see, your king is coming,
seated on a donkey’s colt.”

At first his disciples did not understand all this. Only after Jesus was glorified did they realize that these things had been written about him and that these things had been done to him.

Now the crowd that was with him when he called Lazarus from the tomb and raised him from the dead continued to spread the word. Many people, because they had heard that he had performed this sign, went out to meet him. So the Pharisees said to one another, “See, this is getting us nowhere. Look how the whole world has gone after him!”

L: This is the Word of the Lord.

P: Thanks be to God.

SERMON: “SIX DAYS BEFORE PASSOVER”

AFFIRMATION OF FAITH The Apostle’s Creed 35
I believe in God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth. And in Jesus Christ, his only Son, our Lord, who was conceived by the Holy Ghost, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and buried; he descended into hell. The third day he rose again from the dead. He ascended into heaven and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty from thence he shall come to judge the quick and the dead. I believe in the Holy Ghost, the holy catholic church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

Let peace begin with me, let this be the moment now.
With ev'ry step I take, let this be my solemn vow;
To take each moment and live each moment in peace eternally.
Let there be peace on earth, and let it begin with me.

✦ **POSTLUDE** *Glory, Laud, and Honor* Gaspard

✦ **All those who are able, please stand**

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All Worship Services are available for replay on our website.

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FLOWERS IN THE SANCTUARY PROVIDED BY: Judy & Dick Christensen, in memory of our parents.

PLEASE REMEMBER THOSE RECENTLY IN THE HOSPITAL OR IN REHAB: Liz Haynes

THIS WEEK:

MONDAY MARCH 25

- 8:00 a.m. Lynch Roofing
- 9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall
- 9:00 a.m. GVCC Dress Rehearsal—Sanctuary
- 1:00 p.m. Bible Reflections Bible Study—Classroom 5 & Zoom
- 2:00 p.m. Valley Readers—Classroom 1
- 7:00 p.m. GVCC Concert—Sanctuary

TUESDAY MARCH 26

- 9:00 a.m. Cardio Drumming, Overflow
- 9:30 a.m. Prayer Ministry in Sweet Family Room
- 10:00 a.m. YOGA with Josie—Charter Hall
- 11:30 a.m. Women's Ministry Luncheon—Fellowship Hall
- 1:30 a.m. GVCC Dress Rehearsal—Spiritual Life Center
- 2:30 p.m. GVCC Concert—Sanctuary

WEDNESDAY MARCH 27

9:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study—Classroom 1

9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

10:00 a.m. Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

1:00 p.m. YOTO Card Making—Classroom 5

2:00 p.m. Valley Ringers Rehearsal—Sanctuary

3:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal—Sanctuary

THURSDAY MARCH 28 (MAUNDY THURSDAY)

1:00 p.m. The Book: The Story of God—Classroom 5

4:00 p.m. Maundy Thursday Dinner, Passover Seder Meal
- Fellowship Hall

FRIDAY MARCH 29 (GOOD FRIDAY)

9:00 a.m. Parkinson's Chair Exercise—Charter Hall

12:00 p.m. Good Friday Worship Service—Sanctuary

SATURDAY MARCH 30

1:00 p.m. Viewing of the Movie "The Passion of the Christ"
- Spiritual Life Center

SUNDAY MARCH 31

Noisy Offering for Young Adult Volunteers

6:00 a.m. Easter Sunrise Service—Continental Breakfast to Follow
—Sanctuary and Fellowship Hall



9:30 a.m. Worship Service—Sanctuary

VPC Financial - Attendance / On-Line Viewing Metrics			
Monthly Giving Support Contributions		Weekly Attendance / Viewing	
February-2024		Through Week 11 (3/17/24)	
Monthly Giving Support	\$ 72,856	Weekly Attendance Sanctuary	362
Monthly Giving Budget	56,690	YTD 2024 Attendance Sanctuary	3,698
YTD Giving Support	158,507	Weekly Viewing On-Line	181
YTD Giving Budget	142,940	YTD 2024 Viewing On-Line	1,460
S. Ginader - VPC treasurer - steveginader@gmail.com - 952-687-1879 2024 Per Capita is \$41.50 per member			

WELCOME to all who enter this place. Drink deeply of the living waters of God’s grace as we worship together in spirit.

VISITORS: Consider yourself at home while you are here! Please enjoy a cup of coffee, lemonade and a cookie while visiting the Visitor’s Table in Fellowship Hall after the church worship service. You can pick up a Visitor’s Information Packet at the Visitor's Table or the Welcome Centers. If you would like to receive more information about us, visit us at valleypres.net where you can sign up for our daily email blasts and monthly newsletter.

Children are invited to worship in the sanctuary then attend Sunday School after Children’s Time.

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