

# PRAYING LIKE JESUS IN LENT



## WILLIAMSBURG PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH PASSION SUNDAY APRIL 13, 2025

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### PRAYER FOR PREPARATION

Gracious God, as we enter this Holy Week, strengthen us to move beyond the festive parade of palms and to follow Jesus into the way of the cross, that united with him and all the faithful, we may one day enter through the gates of righteousness into the eternal city, the New Jerusalem, where we may praise you with Christ and the Holy Spirit forever. Amen.

### THE GATHERING PREPARING TO HEAR THE WORD

#### PASTORAL GREETING AND ANNOUNCEMENTS

Pastor John E. Morgan

#### CONCERNS OF THE CHURCH

Karen Thuerman

#### MINUTE FOR MISSION: One Great Hour of Sharing

Jim Winthrop

#### PRELUDE

Processional for Palm Sunday

Fred Binckes

#### CALL TO WORSHIP (responsive)

Leader: O give thanks to the Lord, for God is good!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever!**

Leader: Hosanna! Blessed is the One who comes in the name of the Lord.

**All: Hosanna in the highest heaven!**

Leader: The Lord is our God, and has given us light;

**All: Great is our God, and we give thanks to the Lord.**

Leader: Hosanna to the Son of David!

**All: God's steadfast love endures forever.**

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\*Please rise in body or spirit. The people's responses are in **bold type**.

**\*HYMN 197**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

ELLACOMBE

**\*CALL TO CONFESSION**

Leader: Let us confess our sin to our God, trusting that God's steadfast love endures forever.

**\*PRAYER OF CONFESSION** (unison)

God of heaven and earth,  
we give you thanks for sending us Jesus Christ  
in your name.  
Even though we profess to follow him,  
we confess that in times of trial we too often deny him.  
Forgive us and heal us, we pray.  
Help us to put our faith not in the princes of this world,  
but only in the Prince of Peace.  
In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

**A TIME FOR SILENT PRAYER**

**\*KYRIE** (responsive)

Leader: Lord, have mercy.

People: Christ, have mercy.

All: Lord, have mercy

**\*ASSURANCE OF FORGIVENESS**

Leader: Because of the grace we received in baptism, we have nothing to fear. Forgiven and freed, be at peace and serve the Lord.

**GLORIA IN ABEYANCE DURING LENT**

**(11:00) SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Jim Kirkpatrick

## THE WORD

**PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION** (unison)

Karen Thuerman

Eternal God, quiet within us all mortal voices, that through the story of the passion and by the power of your Holy Spirit, we may have the same mind that was in Christ Jesus, in whose name we pray. Amen.

# 197 Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

1 Ho - san - na, loud ho - san - na, the lit - tle chil - dren sang;  
 2 From Ol - i - vet they fol - lowed 'mid an ex - ult - ant crowd,  
 3 "Ho - san - na in the high - est!" That an - cient song we sing,

through pil - lared court and tem - ple the joy - ful an - them rang.  
 the vic - tor palm branch wav - ing, and chant - ing clear and loud;  
 for Christ is our Re - deem - er; the Lord of heaven, our King.

To Je - sus, who had blessed them, close fold - ed to his breast,  
 the Lord of earth and heav - en rode on in low - ly state,  
 O may we ev - er praise him with heart and life and voice,

the chil - dren sang their prais - es, the sim - plest and the best.  
 nor scorned that lit - tle chil - dren should on his bid - ding wait.  
 and in his bliss - ful pres - ence e - ter - nal - ly re - joyce.

The opening two stanzas narrate the first Palm Sunday in the past tense, but the third stanza shifts to the present tense to emphasize what current singers do and believe. The repeated elements in this anonymous German tune suggest the repetitive patterns in a crowd's chant.

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**PSALM 31:9-16** (unison)

Be gracious to me, O Lord, for I am in distress;  
my eye wastes away from grief,  
my soul and body also.  
For my life is spent with sorrow  
and my years with sighing;  
my strength fails because of my misery,  
and my bones waste away.  
I am the scorn of all my adversaries,  
a horror to my neighbors,  
an object of dread to my acquaintances;  
those who see me in the street flee from me.  
I have passed out of mind like one who is dead;  
I have become like a broken vessel.  
For I hear the whispering of many—  
terror all around!—  
as they scheme together against me,  
as they plot to take my life.  
But I trust in you, O Lord;  
I say, “You are my God.”  
My times are in your hand;  
deliver me from the hand of my enemies and persecutors.  
Let your face shine upon your servant;  
save me in your steadfast love.

**SECOND LESSON:** *Luke 23:1-49*

This is the Word of the Lord!  
Thanks be to God!

**SERMON**      *“Joseph of Arimathea and the Borrowed Tomb”*

Rev. John E. Morgan

# RESPONDING TO THE WORD

\*HYMN 221

O Sacred Head, Now Wounded

PASSION CHORALE

## \*AFFIRMATION OF FAITH: FROM A DECLARATION OF FAITH (unison)

**We recognize the work of God in Jesus' power and authority.**

**He did what only God can do.**

**We also recognize the work of God in Jesus' lowliness.**

**When he lived as a servant**

**and went humbly to his death**

**the greatness that belongs only to God was manifest.**

**In both his majesty and lowliness**

**Jesus is the eternal Son of God,**

**God himself with us.**

## PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER (unison)

**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

Thank you for your continued faithful stewardship to WPC. May our offerings continue to help us be the light for our neighbors and our siblings in Christ all over the world. Offering envelopes can be found inside the friendship register book. We invite you to make your offering or pledge payment in one of the following ways:

- Place your offering into the plates as you exit the sanctuary
- Visit [mywpc.org/offering](http://mywpc.org/offering) or scan the QR code at the right to give online
- Mail your offering to the church office at 215 Richmond Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185.



## OFFERTORY ANTHEM

When I Survey the Wondrous Cross

arr. Gilbert Martin

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.

(Offertory continues on the next page.)

# O Sacred Head, Now Wounded 221



1 O sa - cred head, now wound-ed, with grief and shame weigh-ed down;  
2 What thou, my Lord, hast suf - fered was all for sin - ners' gain:  
3 What lan-guage shall I bor - row to thank thee, dear-est friend,



now scorn - ful - ly sur - round - ed with thorns, thine on - ly crown;  
mine, mine was the trans - gres - sion, but thine the dead - ly pain.  
for this thy dy - ing sor - row, thy pit - y with - out end?



O sa - cred head, what glo - ry, what bliss till now was thine!  
Lo, here I fall, my Sav - ior! 'Tis I de - serve thy place;  
O make me thine for - ev - er; and should I faint - ing be,



Yet, though de - spised and gor - y, I joy to call thee mine.  
look on me with thy fa - vor, and grant to me thy grace.  
Lord, let me nev - er, nev - er out - live my love to thee.



This poignant hymn originated in a series of Holy Week meditations focused on the parts of Christ's crucified body: feet, knees, hands, side, breast, heart, face. First joined to secular words, this chorale melody has appeared with this text since the mid-17th century.

Forbid it, Lord, that I should boast,  
Save in the death of Christ, my God!  
All the vain things that charm me most,  
I sacrifice them to his blood.

See, from his head, his hands, his feet,  
Sorrow and love flow mingled down!  
Did e'er such love and sorrow meet,  
Or thorns compose so rich a crown?

Were the whole world of nature mine,  
That were a present far too small;  
Love, so amazing, so divine,  
Demands my soul, my life, my all!

**\*DOXOLOGY**

*Praise God, from Whom All Blessings Flow*

OLD HUNDREDTH

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise God, all creatures here below; praise

God above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost. Amen.

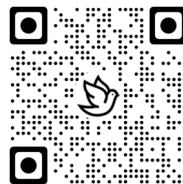
**\*PRAYER OF DEDICATION**

# GOING OUT TO BE THE CHURCH

## \*INVITATION AND THE LORD'S DAY GREETING

We are glad you are worshiping with us today. If you are joining us online, please remember to 'sign' our online friendship register:

- Click on the *Welcome to WPC!* Click here to sign the Friendship Register banner at the top of the website page
- Visit [mywpc.org/friendship](http://mywpc.org/friendship) or scan the QR code at the right to access the online friendship register.



## \*HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love Is This*

WONDROUS LOVE

## \*CHARGE AND BENEDICTION

### POSTLUDE

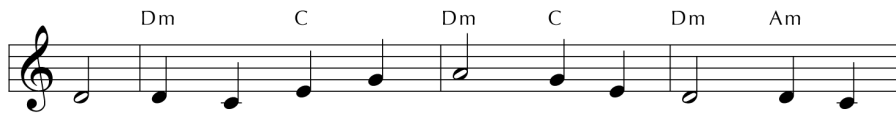
Wondrous Love

Dale Wood

The service of worship concludes after the postlude. The music can be enjoyed or used as an opportunity for prayer. You may remain seated; if you wish to depart, please do so quietly and without disturbing those who choose to stay.



# What Wondrous Love Is This 215



1 What won - drous love is this, O my soul, O my  
 2 When I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, sink - ing  
 3 To God and to the Lamb, I will sing, I will  
 4 And when from death I'm free, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, what won - drous love is this, O my soul! What  
 down, when I was sink - ing down, sink - ing down, when  
 sing, to God and to the Lamb, I will sing; to  
 on; and when from death I'm free, I'll sing on; and



won - drous love is this that caused the Lord of  
 I was sink - ing down be - neath God's righ - teous  
 God and to the Lamb who is the great I  
 when from death I'm free, I'll sing and joy - ful



bliss to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul, for my  
 frown, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul, for my  
 AM, while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing, I will  
 be, and through e - ter - ni - ty, I'll sing on, I'll sing



soul, to bear the dread - ful curse for my soul!  
 soul, Christ laid a - side his crown for my soul!  
 sing; while mil - lions join the theme, I will sing!  
 on; and through e - ter - ni - ty I'll sing on.

With its ballad-like repetitions before and after each stanza's central narrative lines, this meditative text needs performance in order to be effective. Its haunting melody proves the means of convincing us that the only adequate response to "wondrous love" is to "sing on."

∞ **THE CHANCEL FLOWERS** ∞

The Chancel Flowers are given to the glory of God and in honor of her grandson, Matthew J. Ballard, Jr., by Elizabeth Padgett.

∞ **THOSE SERVING WPC** ∞

**PASTOR**

John E. Morgan, Pastor/Head of Staff

Pam Hrcir, Associate Pastor

**MUSIC MINISTRY**

Christopher Bechtler, Director of Music Ministries

Sarah Bland, Guest Organist

**PROGRAM STAFF**

Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries

**LITURGIST**

Karen Thuerman

**SHARING FAITH WITH CHILDREN**

Jim Kirkpatrick

**GREETERS**

9:30am Bill Riffer, Cheryl Roettger

11:00am Dick Hubbard, Jim Austin

**USHERS**

9:30am Matthew Underwood, Pat Underwood, Karen Lauritzen, Pat Underwood, David Littell

11:00am Bob Bolstad, Patty Yewcic, Mike Hawley, Kelly Kirkpatrick

**COFFEE FELLOWSHIP HOST**

Jim Carey, Gail and Ned Frey

**\*WILLIAMSBURG LANDING USHER**

Jerry & Martha Jean Howell

**\*WINDSOR MEADE USHER**

Ray Whitney

**AUDIO AND VIDEO TECHNICIANS:** Dave McLain and John Schoenberger

\*Satellite campuses

## ☞ CHILDREN'S STATEMENT ☞

**Children are welcome at WPC!** We have Sunday School for all ages at 9:30am and a nursery for children ages 3 and below during both services. We also have children's worship bags and sensory objects available to be borrowed while in the building. Please ask an usher if you need assistance in locating anything.

The way we welcome children in church directly affects the way they respond to The Church, to God, and to one another. Let them know, and let us show them, that they are at home in this house of worship. Parents, feel free to sit near the front where children can see, explain the parts of the service to them, and invite them to learn by watching and copying. And relax, God put the wiggle in children, so don't feel you have to suppress it in God's house. All are welcome!

## ☞ SUPPORT FOR OUR MEMBERS ☞

- **In need of one-on-one prayer? Please look for a Stephen Minister in the Fellowship Hall or the church foyer after the morning services. They will find a private place to talk and pray with you. Just look for the blue Stephen Ministry name tags.**
- **Monthly grief support group** meets the first Wednesday of the month at 10am in room 220 on the second level. During this meeting we check in with one another and occasionally watch videos about a specific grief topic. All are welcome to attend.

## ☞ PRAYER CONCERNS, JOYS, & TOUCH NOTES ☞

To share a joy or concern, please visit [www.mywpc.org](http://www.mywpc.org), select GET CARE on the menu bar, then PRAYER REQUEST from the drop-down menu. Complete the form and click SEND REQUEST on the bottom of the form. Per your instructions, your request will be shared with our pastors, prayer chain or will be included in the worship bulletin. If the internet is not available to you, please call the church office (757) 229-4235 with your request. The Prayer Chain Coordinator is: Jo Ann Youhas ([handbellringer2@gmail.com](mailto:handbellringer2@gmail.com)). Please notify Jo Ann when you would like to remove your name from the prayer chain.

**If you are in need of a pastor after hours or on the weekend with an emergency request, please contact the Pastor-on-Call listed below for this week. During the week, please call the church office.**

**Sunday, April 13 – Saturday, April 19 • Pastor John • [jmorgan@mywpc.org](mailto:jmorgan@mywpc.org) • 757-903-7800**

**Please pray for:**

- Denny Yeignst, Bob Siclari, Wolf Koenig, Nell Stowe, Carole McNeel, and families who have recently lost loved ones.

**Please pray for those:**

- Recovering from various surgeries, who are homebound, who have family and friend concerns, affected by the recent airplane tragedies, affected by the fires in California, still affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton, attending and serving in the school systems, serving our country in the military services and their families, serving our country in leadership roles, affected by the possibility of job loss, homelessness and hunger, affected by the wars in Gaza, Israel, Sudan, and Ukraine.

## ↻ ANNOUNCEMENTS ↻

- **The Upper Elementary Class (Grades 3, 4 and 5) wishes to thank everyone who donated food to the Grove Outreach Center for our annual Service Project.** This year we collected 429 pounds which is 165 pounds MORE than last year! Thank you for your support.
- **Sign-Ups for Coffee Fellowship Hosts, Ushers, and Greeters begins TODAY!** Have you been looking for an opportunity to get involved in the Sunday morning action at WPC? Please stop by the tables in Stevenson Hall between services today through April 27 to learn more and sign up to host Coffee Fellowship, Usher, or Greet during the months of April, May, and June. Coffee Fellowship Deacons and Usher Coordinators will be available to answer your questions. No previous experience necessary and all ages are welcome! Feel free to sign up online from the comfort of your home by going to <https://signup.com/go/IGCDndF> to sign up as a greeter/usher and <https://signup.com/go/yOsEWmJ> to sign up for coffee fellowship.
- **The Cross on Richmond Road during Lent: Did you notice the cross in front of the sanctuary today?** It is currently draped with a purple cloth. For many centuries purple has represented the message of repentance and thus has been the color of Lent. On Easter morning we will drape a white cloth over the cross, symbolizing the resurrected Christ. Please help us to decorate the cross on Easter morning by bringing flowers of your choosing. Flowers will also be available to decorate the cross. The decorated cross is the perfect setting for a family picture.
- **Final Mid-week Lenten services :** The theme is “*Jesus Prays,*” based on a segment of From Wilderness to Glory by N.T. Wright. **The services will be held April 9 in Stevenson Hall.** Join Pastor John and Pastor Pam for a time of worship, followed by fellowship over lunch. Bring a brown bag lunch or pre-order a box lunch at [mywpc.org/lentlunch](http://mywpc.org/lentlunch) or in the Welcome Center. **The deadline for lunch orders is the Monday morning before each noon service.**
- **UKirk is in need of one more meal for this semester! We are looking for someone to fill Tuesday April 22.** Dinner drop off is 6pm, you are welcome to stay and eat with the group or you can drop it off and leave, we’re flexible! More information is provided on our Meal Train sign up page, **If you are interested please sign up at <https://mealtrain.com/oy3qgn> or contact Megan Davis\* with any questions!**
- **The WPC Book Club will meet on Monday, April 28, 2025, at 2 pm in Room 220 (and on Zoom) to discuss *Good Night, Irene,* by Luis Alberto Urrea.**
- **One Great Hour of Sharing – This special offering reaches out to bring relief and hope to a needy world.** Your gifts help provide food, shelter, water, blankets, and more to the many desperate people living here and throughout the world. Aid is especially important now. Help is needed for those facing war, conflict, natural disasters, and famine. You can help – you can make a difference. Please give to One Great Hour of Sharing. You can write a check to WPC and note “One Great Hour of Sharing” on the memo line; or you can go to the [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) website and click on the giving line for “One Great Hour of Sharing.”
- **All are invited to a yoga series led by WPC member Amy Beckhusen.** This is a gentle Hatha yoga practice using postures and breath to balance the body, mind, and spirit and is suitable for everyBODY. The final session in Stevenson Hall is today, Sunday, April 13 from 5:30-6. Please bring a yoga mat, towel, or blanket to make your practice more comfortable.
- **Our next Orientation Luncheon is scheduled for Sunday, June 8, 2025, immediately after the 11:00am worship service.** Come and enjoy great food and great conversation with members and staff as you get to know the people and ministries of WPC. If the Holy Spirit is nudging you to become a part of this church community, reach out to Pastor Pam ([phrncir@mywpc.org](mailto:phrncir@mywpc.org)) after the service.

- **All kids are invited to sign up for Camp Hanover!** Sleepaway camp options are available for rising 2nd-12th graders throughout the summer and you can register for whatever week works in your schedule. Groups are organized by age and each group gets to choose their own activities for the week. WPC is offering a \$200 scholarship for all campers with additional funding available. We know camp can be expensive and we are committed to making sure that every child that wants to can go to camp. Email Melody Dillon with questions or scholarship requests.
- **Volunteers Needed! Sign up to provide meals for our Youth Group on Sunday evenings at 5:30pm. You cook, pick up, or assemble simple meals and feel free to bring desserts, too!** The kitchen will be available if you need to prep, warm food or set-up. This is a great opportunity for a PW Circle, a Sunday School class or bible study group, a couple, or just a few friends to provide a meal for our youth. Please consider to help make a difference in the lives of our Youth Group! We average around 10 youth and 2-4 staff and volunteers. **To sign up to provide a meal, please visit <https://mealtrain.com/87ylvn>.** Questions? Contact Melody Dillon, Director of Children and Family Ministries (mdillon@mywpc.org)
- **Williamsburg Landing Church Ushers Needed:** At Williamsburg Landing, our church service is streamed every Sunday for residents who have no way to attend our church in person. Volunteers are needed to serve as ushers at Williamsburg Landing. Ushers welcome all who attend the service, operate the computer to show the service on the big screen, hand out bulletins, and help all feel glad to worship God together. **Please contact Linda Eichhorn\* to volunteer.**

Contact information can be found in our online directory.

You may also contact the church office at 757-229-4235.

More information about the events and announcements listed above can be found on our website at [mywpc.org/news/](http://mywpc.org/news/) or on the church calendar.

### ➤ HOLY WEEK AND EASTER WORSHIP INFORMATION ➤

- Holy Week begins today with our regular 9:30 and 11am service on Palm Sunday, continuing with the Maundy Thursday communion service at 7pm, Good Friday Family Service at 5pm in Stevenson Hall and Tenebrae service at 7pm.
- Easter services are at 8, 9:30, and 11am in our sanctuary.
- Our Sunday School classes will not be held on Easter Sunday.
- Our Church Office will be closed on Easter Monday and will reopen on the following Tuesday.
- If you would like to learn more about Williamsburg Presbyterian Church visit our website located at [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org).

## ☞ THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE OF EVENTS ☞

### SUNDAY, APRIL 13 • PASSION SUNDAY

- 9:30am-12pm Nursery open during both worship services  
9:30am Sunday School / Christian Education Wing  
9:30am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Live-Stream Worship; visit [mywpc.org](http://mywpc.org) to access  
11:00am In-person Worship / Sanctuary; Broadcast on FM93.5 The Burg and AM740 or [wmbgradio.com](http://wmbgradio.com)  
5:30pm Youth Group / CE Wing  
5:30pm Yoga Series / Stevenson Hall

### MONDAY, APRIL 14

- 1:00pm Caregiver Support Group / Rm 123  
1:00pm PW Circle 3 - Miriam / Rm 220  
5:00pm Hunger and Homeless Meeting / LL010  
5:30pm Christian Education Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
6:30pm Williamsburg Choral Guild Rehearsal / Sanctuary

### TUESDAY, APRIL 15

- 10:00am Adult Bible Study—Christian Believer: Knowing God with Heart and Mind / Rm 220  
1:00pm Staff Meeting / Zoom  
6:30pm UKirk Dinner & Dialogue / UKirk Rm LL012 and LL011  
7:00pm Christian Fellowship Mtg / Rm 220  
7:00pm AA Williamsburg Big Book Study / LL009 and LL049

### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

- 6:00pm Joyful Ringers Rehearsal / Choir Rm  
7:00pm Administration Ministry Mtg / Rm 220  
7:30pm Chancel Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm

### THURSDAY, APRIL 17 • MAUNDY THURSDAY

- 9:00am Sanctuary Cleaning  
4:30pm Carol and Junior Choir Rehearsal / Choir Rm  
5:00pm Christian Outreach Ministry Mtg / LL010  
7:00pm **Maundy Thursday Worship Service • Celebration of the Lord's Supper / Sanctuary • Live-streamed**  
7:30pm Westminster Ringers / Bell Rm

### FRIDAY, APRIL 18 • GOOD FRIDAY

- 5:00pm Good Friday Family Service / Stevenson Hall  
7:00pm Good Friday Tenebrae Service / Sanctuary • Live streamed

### SATURDAY, APRIL 19

### SUNDAY, APRIL 20 • EASTER SUNDAY

- 8:00am, 9:30am, 11:00 am Easter Sunday Service / Sanctuary • Live-streamed

## ☞ UPCOMING WORSHIP SERVICES

### April 20, 2025 • Easter Sunday Worship Service

Pastor John's sermon, "*Mary, the First Witness*" will be based on John 20:1-18.