



Forward together in Faith, Hope, and Love

Sunday March 24, 2024

Palm/Passion Sunday

We Prepare for Worship

Praise Band

Preparing our Hearts

So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, crying out, "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, even the King of Israel!"

John 12:13

Prelude: The Royal Banners Forward Go

Healey Willan (1880-1968)

*Processional Hymn:

All glory, laud and honour

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Welcome and Community Life News

We Worship God

PWS&D Reading Insert – Palm/Passion Sunday

Julie Meek

The Call to Worship

Arshida Taghizadeh

L.: Jesus is coming.

P: Hosanna!

L.: He comes to us riding on a donkey.

P: Hosanna!

L.: Open wide the gates!

P: Hosanna!

L.: Let us welcome him with branches and songs of praise.

P: Jesus is coming. Hosanna to the King of kings!

L.: Let us worship God!

Choir Introit: Sing to the Lord Who Enters Jerusalem Schubert/Liebergen

Prayers of Adoration and Confession

Lord's Prayer (*debts*)

The Assurance of Pardon

Minister: The peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you.

People: And also with you.

*Praise Time: **Hosanna**

Hosanna, hosanna, hosanna in the highest

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*Lord we lift up Your name, with hearts full of praise
Be exalted oh Lord my God, hosanna in the highest*

Glory, glory, glory to the King of kings

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We Listen for God's Word

Children's Time

Prayer for Illumination

Garth Low

Scripture Readings:

Choral Psalm Sentence

Responsive Reading: Psalm: 118:1-2; 19-29

Alireza Taghizadeh

¹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good;
his steadfast love endures forever!

² **Let Israel say,
"His steadfast love endures forever."**

¹⁹ Open to me the gates of righteousness,
that I may enter through them
and give thanks to the LORD.

²⁰ **This is the gate of the LORD;
the righteous shall enter through it.**

²¹ I thank you that you have answered me
and have become my salvation.

²² **The stone that the builders rejected
has become the chief cornerstone.**

²³ This is the LORD's doing;
it is marvelous in our eyes.

²⁴ **This is the day that the LORD has made;
let us rejoice and be glad in it.**

²⁵ Save us, we beseech you, O LORD!
O LORD, we beseech you, give us success!

²⁶ **Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the LORD.
We bless you from the house of the LORD.**

²⁷ The LORD is God,
and he has given us light.
Bind the festal procession with branches,
up to the horns of the altar.

²⁸ **You are my God, and I will give thanks to you;
you are my God; I will extol you.**

²⁹ O give thanks to the LORD, for he is good,
for his steadfast love endures forever.

New Testament: Matthew 21:1-11

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Leader: The word of the Lord.

People: Thanks be to God.

Anthem: "Jesus is My King, My Master, and Savior"

Ronn Huff (1938-2018)

Sermon: Encounters on the Way – The Crowd

Rev. Dr. H. Vais

*Hymn: *To mock your reign, O dearest Lord*

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(Tune 671)

We Respond to God's Word

Prayers of Thanksgiving & Intercession

Offering of Tithes and Gifts

*Doxology

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Dedication of Offering

*Closing Hymn: *Ride on, ride on in majesty*

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We are Sent Out as God's People

*Charge and Benediction

*Musical Benediction

**Go now in peace, never be afraid,
God will go with you each hour of every day.
Go now in faith, steadfast, strong and true,
Know He will guide you in all you do.
Go now in love, and show you believe,
Reach out to others so all the world can see.
God will be there, watching from above.
Go now in peace, in faith, and in love. Amen**

Postlude: O Darkest Woe

James Engel (1925-89)

-----* if you are able, please stand-----

Welcome

We welcome everyone who is worshiping here
with us today. We hope that you feel comforted
in our fellowship and that you leave here
refreshed and inspired in your personal life.
You are invited to fill out a pew card.

**** **We welcome all children in worship. If you need to take a child out
during the worship service, the service can still be heard in the lobby.**

Alternatively for children 5 years old and under, we have a nursery in the Christian Education wing where the service can still be heard. Our ushers are available to assist you. Children must be accompanied by an adult relative.

*Please feel free to appreciate the Postlude at the end of the service!
If you do leave the sanctuary during the postlude,
please do so quietly. Thank you!*

Thank you to those who are assisting in today's service.



Sunday School Classes!

A one-room Sunday School class is available for our junior youth today after Praise Time.

All children grades 1-6 are welcome.



Calling All Men for Good Friday Breakfast!

*As usual, the men of our congregation will prepare and serve a many-course delectable meal on **March 29.***

This year it is being organized by Abel Pandy and Bob Gargano.

Men, this is your chance to step up to the plate and demonstrate your culinary skills.

Please see Abel or Bob to discuss more details.



In Memoriam Flowers

If you would like to contribute toward decorating our sanctuary with flowers on Easter Sunday, you may use your regular offering envelopes and write "**Flower Fund**" on the 'other' line.

Please make sure that you indicate the person/persons that you are remembering

EASTER SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION



As we gather with family and friends to celebrate Easter, may we be mindful of those who may not be sitting down to a delicious dinner. **Next Sunday, March 31st**, we will be receiving items for the Richmond Hill

Community Food Bank. Please see the TPC Bulletin Board for a complete list of urgently needed items. Shopping bags are available to help you add some items for the Food Bank when doing your shopping this week. **Thank you for your support!**

Holy Week and Easter Worship at TPC

HOLY WEEK WORSHIP

Maundy Thursday Service in the Chapel
Thursday March 28 – 6:30 p.m. (**new time**)

Good Friday Breakfast
Friday March 29 – 8:00 a.m.

Good Friday Worship – 10:00 a.m.
A Lenten Drama

Easter Sunday Worship
The Sacrament of Holy Communion
Sunday March 31 – 11:00 a.m.



The deadline for the Easter Issue of our congregational newsletter, "The Open Door" is **Monday March 25.**

We Need You!

*to contribute your thoughts to the **Open Door Newsletter.***

Just email a short paragraph (or longer) telling us how being at TPC has helped you in your journey of faith.

Was it a Sunday School class? A Bible Study group?
A worship experience? Fellowship? A relationship that formed?
Why do you call TPC home?

You can email Garth Low at garth.low@garthlow.com
or email the church office.

TPC's 175th Anniversary Year!

The year 2024 marks our congregational 175th Anniversary.

There will be many great opportunities to celebrate.
Please circle **Sunday May 26th** on your calendar for our Anniversary
Celebration with guest preacher
The Rev. Dr. Stephen Farris.

May 26th is also our **Great Day Capital Campaign.**
Our project this year is to raise money for the
restoration of the Manse.

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UPCOMING WEEK'S EVENTS AT A GLANCE

Sunday March 24, 2024

9:45 – 10:30 am

Sunday Morning Discovery – Conference Room

11:00 am

Worship Service – Palm/Passion Sunday

Tuesday March 26, 2024

10:00 am

ESL Classes – Fellowship Hall

7:30 pm

Board of Managers Meeting – Zoom

Thursday March 28, 2024

6:30 pm

Maundy Thursday Service - Chapel

7:30 pm

Choir Practice - Sanctuary

Friday March 29, 2024

8:00 am

Good Friday Breakfast

10:00 am

Good Friday Worship

Sunday March 31, 2024 – Easter Sunday

11:00 am

Worship Service – Easter Sunday Worship and the
Sacrament of Holy Communion

Join the Online Directory!

We do have an online directory and want you all to be part of it!

It's a great way to know each other and, also have
contact information when needed.

First step is to ensure that Nadine in the office has your email.

If the office has your email, you can then go to
instantchurchdirectory.com. Click on the bars on the top right,
and then scroll down on member log in. Then follow the directions.

You can also download the Instant Church Directory
on your phone or tablet.

On a regular basis we will try and take your picture after church
if you don't have one in the directory or would like to update yours.

Alternatively, you can send a picture to Abel Pandy
(abelpandy@rogers.com) and he will upload it for you.

Any questions, feel free to contact Abel.

Hymn

All glory, laud and honour

Refrain:

*All glory, laud and honour
to thee, Redeemer, King,
to whom the lips of children
made sweet hosannas ring!*

Thou art the King of Israel,
thou David's royal son,
who in the Lord's name comest,
the King and blessed one.

(Refrain)

The people of the Hebrews
with palms before thee went;
our praise and prayer and anthems
before thee we present.

(Refrain)

To thee before thy passion
they sang their hymns of praise;
to thee, now high exalted,
our melody we raise.

(Refrain)

You didst accept their praises;
accept the prayers we bring,
who in all good delightest,
thou good and gracious King.

Hymn

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord

To mock your reign, O dearest Lord,
they made a crown of thorns,
set you with taunts along that road
from which no one returns.

They did not know, as we do now,
that glorious is your crown;
that thorns would flower upon your brow,
your sorrows heal our own.

In mock acclaim, O gracious Lord,
they snatched a purple cloak,
your passion turned, for all they cared,
into a soldier's joke.

They did not know, as we do now,
that though we merit blame
you will your robe of mercy throw
around our naked shame.

A sceptred reed, O patient Lord,
they thrust into your hand,
and acted out their grim charade
to its appointed end.

They did not know, as we do now,
though empires rise and fall,
your kingdom shall not cease to grow
till love embraces all.

Hymn

Ride on, ride on in majesty

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
hark, all the tribes Hosanna cry.
O Saviour meek, pursue thy road
with palms and scattered garments strewed.

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

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the angel hosts beyond the sky
look down with sad and wondering eyes
to see the approaching sacrifice.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
the last and fiercest strife is nigh.
Thy Father on the sapphire throne
expects thee, loved, anointed Son.

Ride on, ride on in majesty;
in lowly pomp ride on to die.
Bow thy meek head to mortal pain;
then take, O God, thy power and reign.