



MARCH 24, 2024, 10:30 AM
PALM SUNDAY

GATHER IN GOD'S NAME

PRELUDE

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

arr. Becki Slagle Mayo

WELCOME AND ANNOUNCEMENTS



CALL TO WORSHIP

Jason Cooper

The story of faith is a story of courage.

It took courage for John the Baptist to prepare the way.

It took courage for Mary to say, "Here I am. Use me."

It took courage for the disciples to drop their nets and follow Jesus.

It took courage for the paralyzed man's friends to lower him through the roof.

It took courage for Peter to walk on water.

It took courage for Zacchaeus to give half of his possessions to the poor.

It took courage for Jesus to enter Jerusalem on a donkey.

Faith has never been easy. It is a journey of courage.

Again and again, God, show us the way.

Let us worship a brave and courageous God.



HYMN OF PRAISE

The Palms

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† *Those who are able are invited to stand.*

† **CALL TO CONFESSION**

† **PRAYER OF CONFESSION**

God of palm branches and hallelujahs: we confess—we love a good Palm Sunday celebration. We love the sound of a joyful parade. We love shouting, “hallelujah!” We love that Palm Sunday means Easter is just around the corner. We love good news. However, if we slow down and pay attention, we know that Palm Sunday was not a walk in the park for you. There was risk. There was fear. There was the threat of violence. You were leading a peaceful protest against an unjust empire, and the whole world knew it. Forgive us for glossing over the courage this day took. Remind us that the story of faith is a story of courage, and even we can do hard things. With hope we pray. Amen.

† **SILENT CONFESSION**

† **ASSURANCE OF PARDON**

Family of faith, even when we gloss over the truth, even when our courage fails us, even when we doubt that we can do hard things, God believes in us. God loves us. God forgives us. Hear and believe this truth:
We are known. We are loved. We are forgiven. Again and again and again. Amen.

† **THE PEACE OF CHRIST**

The peace of Christ be with you.
And also with you.

† **KYRIE**

Kyrie

Hymn 576

THE WORD

TIME FOR YOUNG DISCIPLES

PRAYER FOR ILLUMINATION

FIRST READING

John 12:1-11

ANTHEM

There Is a Fountain
Carillon Choir

arr. Sandra Eithun

SECOND READING

John 12:12-19

SERMON

Again and Again, We Draw on Courage

Rev. Emily Cooper

**HYMN**

Hosanna, Loud Hosanna

Hymn 197

**AFFIRMATION OF FAITH**

I refuse to believe that I am powerless. I refuse to believe that injustice and hatred are simply the way it has to be. I refuse to believe that I am better or more deserving than my neighbor. I refuse to believe that my self-worth is rooted in my accomplishments or appearance. I refuse to believe that the Church is dying, because I see God all around me. I refuse to believe that the traditions of old are the only path for moving forward. I refuse to believe that I cannot make a difference. So with hope in my heart, I will strive to live a life of courage, conviction, and compassion, Just as Jesus taught us. Amen.

GIVE THANKS TO GOD

OFFERING OUR GIFTS TO GOD

*Please place your offering in the plate at the back of the sanctuary
as you exit after worship or consider giving online at www.glenshawchurch.org.*

OFFERTORY

The Old Rugged Cross
Doug Orr, tenor soloist

George Bennard

**DOXOLOGY**

Hymn 606

PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING AND DEDICATION**SHARING THE JOYS AND CONCERNS OF THE CONGREGATION****PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE AND THE LORD'S PRAYER**

Hymnal Page 35

GO IN GOD'S NAME

†	SENDING HYMN	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	Hymn 220
†	CHARGE AND BENEDICTION		
†	POSTLUDE	<i>Go to Dark Gethsemane</i>	arr. Lee Dengler

WORSHIP NOTES

VISITORS, please **complete a visitor card found** in the pew rack and place it in the offering plate. We are glad to have you worship with us!

WE RECORD OUR SUNDAY WORSHIP ATTENDANCE. We invite each member of your family in attendance to sign the friendship pad at the end of each pew. We are glad to have you worship with us!

CHILDREN'S CHRIST CANDLES

Parents and grandparents, please have your children look for the Christ candle near the activity table. They can light their own tea candle and place it with the larger one.

PERSONAL PRIVACY DURING LIVESTREAM OF SUNDAY WORSHIP

It is important for our members, guests, and visitors to be aware that we livestream our worship service. If you are joining us for in person worship but prefer not to appear on the livestream video, we have 2 specific areas in the sanctuary where you can sit comfortably and not appear on the video. The first area is the left transept on the main floor and the second is the center balcony area. An usher will be happy to help you find these areas.

LENTEN PARAMENTS

The Lenten paraments are crafted in a batik fabric, in various hues of purple - the color used during our two seasons of preparation (Advent and Lent). Emphasizing this season of simplicity, the Table paraments include no additional decoration or symbols. The lectern parament and the pastor's stole are emblazoned with the "passion cross." The pointed ends of the cross evoke the spear that pierces Jesus side at his crucifixion. These paraments provide a stark contrast to the splendor of the paraments for the Season of Easter.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS

GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH BLOOD DRIVE

The Deacon sponsored blood drive is **SUNDAY, APRIL 14** FROM 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. in Kings Hall. It is suggested you make an appointment by either going to vitalant.org and searching with Account Code UG0010070 or by zip code or you may call VITALANT directly at 1-877-25VITAL. Myron McGoun will also be happy to assist you or answer any questions. More details can be located in this week's Tuesday Tidings weekly email. The following fact may help you decide the importance of signing up to donate... Every two seconds someone in the U.S. needs blood! **THANK YOU FOR GIVING THE GIFT OF LIFE!**

DEACON REQUEST

Beginning APRIL 28 through JULY 7, we will be collecting your unwanted household treasures (excluding clothing) for the upcoming open air flea market scheduled for July 20. Thank you for saving your items for the Deacon's ongoing work!

CHURCH LIFE MURDER MYSTERY

The Church Life Committee is pleased to announce our next event – a dinner theatre murder mystery (“Café Murder”)* and potluck dinner! All members are invited! Members of the church will put on an interactive murder mystery show and afterwards, the audience will ask questions of the cast, then vote on ‘who dunnit’! The event is planned for Saturday, April 27, at 5 pm in Kings Hall. We’ll start with Dinner at 5:30, followed by the Murder Mystery at 6:15, then Dessert provided by the Committee at 7:00. We ask each member/family to bring a side, salad or main dish to serve 8-10. Sign ups will begin Palm Sunday, March 24 through April 21. The sign-up sheet will be on the table in the narthex.

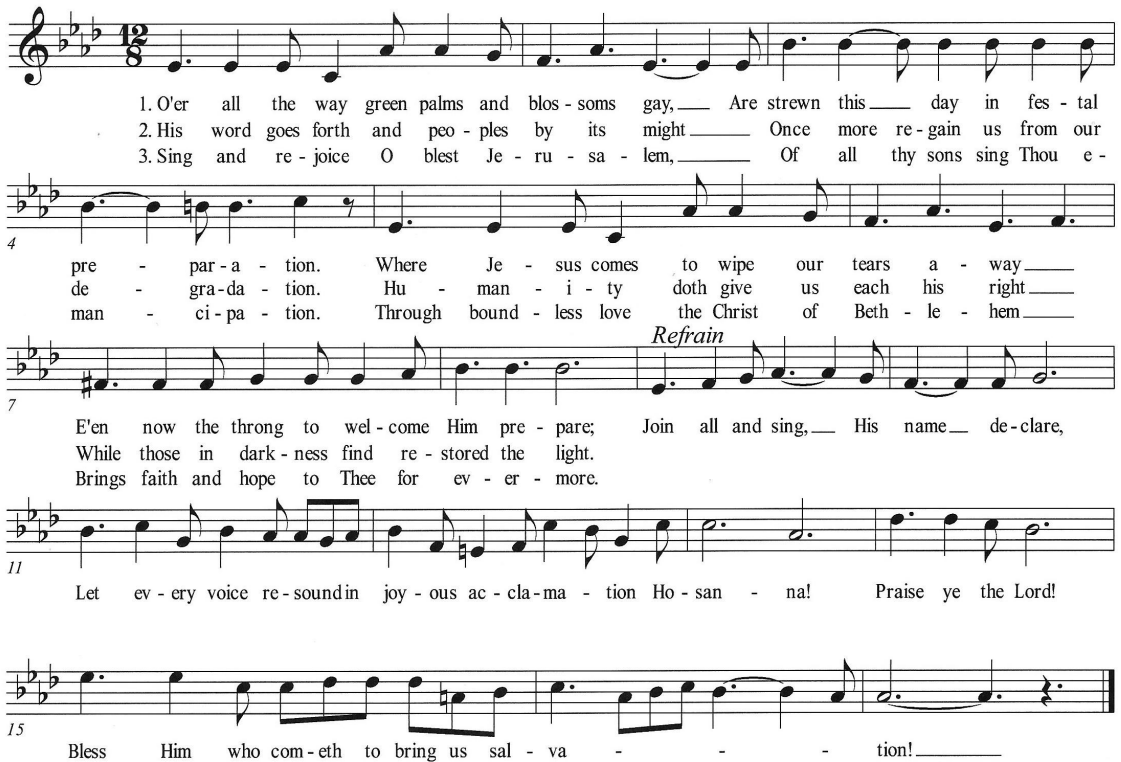
Please join us for an evening of fun with your church family!

**A Dinner Theater Murder Mystery by Nathan Hartswick, Produced by special arrangement with Pioneer Drama Service, Inc., Denver, Colorado*

PER CAPITA for 2024 is \$36.35.

The Palms

Jean Baptiste Faure



1. O'er all the way green palms and blossoms gay, Are strewn this day in festival

2. His word goes forth and peoples by its might Once more regain us from our

3. Sing and rejoice O blest Jerusalem, Of all thy sons sing Thou e -

4 pre - par - a - tion. Where Je - sus comes to wipe our tears a - way

de - gra - da - tion. Hu - man - i - ty doth give us each his right

man - ci - pa - tion. Through bound - less love the Christ of Beth - le - hem

Refrain

7 E'en now the throng to welcome Him prepare; Join all and sing, His name declare,

While those in darkness find restored the light.

Brings faith and hope to Thee for ever - more.

11 Let every voice resound in joyous acclamation Hosanna! Praise ye the Lord!

15 Bless Him who cometh to bring us salvation!

Holy Week & Easter Services

Holy Week Service, March 29th
7:30 p.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)

Easter Sunday, March 31st
10:30 a.m. Worship in Sanctuary

THIS WEEK AT GLENSHAW PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

TODAY

March 24, 2023

- 9:00 AM Fill-A-Truck
- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 9:30 AM Carillon Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Worship Service
- 11:30 AM Fellowship in the Parlor

MONDAY

March 25, 2023

- 6:30 PM Personnel Committee Meeting via Zoom

TUESDAY

March 26, 2023

- 11:00 AM Garden Club in the Parlor

THURSDAY

March 28, 2023

- 6:45 PM Easter Musician Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal

FRIDAY

March 29, 2023

- 7:00 PM Chancel Choir Rehearsal
- 7:30 PM Holy Week Service

SUNDAY

March 31, 2023

- 9:30 AM Adult Education in the Parlor
- 9:30 AM Chancel Choir Rehearsal in the Sanctuary
- 10:30 AM Easter Sunday Service

GPC OFFICE HOURS :

Monday - Thursday 9 a.m. - 3:30 p.m.

Welcoming all who seek to know God,
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church invites
individuals and families to join in our
journey of faith as we share the love of
Jesus Christ with one another, the
community, and the world.



The GPC Session

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