



*The Season of Lent is often a time where people give up habits, practices, or mindsets. This season, we follow Jesus' journey to the cross by looking at what Jesus and his followers also give up along the way.*

*The banners in the sanctuary mirror that journey. Each week we will remove a panel of color on the journey to the cross during our Litany for Lent.*

## **PALM AND PASSION SUNDAY**

**April 14, 2019**

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## SERVICE FOR THE LORD'S DAY

### WE JOIN THE PROCESSION OF PRAISE

PRELUDE

*Ride On, King Jesus!*

Spiritual, arr. Hall Johnson

OPENING SCRIPTURE READING

*You are invited to read aloud the portions of text in **bold**.*

When Jesus came to the place called the Mount of Olives, he sent two of the disciples, saying, 'Go into the village ahead of you, and as you enter it you will find tied there a colt that has never been ridden. Untie it and bring it here. If anyone asks you, "Why are you untying it?" just say this: **"The Lord needs it."**

So those who were sent departed and found it as he had told them. As they were untying the colt, its owners asked them, 'Why are you untying the colt?' They said, **'The Lord needs it.'**

Then they brought it to Jesus; and after throwing their cloaks on the colt, they set Jesus on it. As he rode along, people kept spreading their cloaks on the road. As he was now approaching the path down from the Mount of Olives, the whole multitude of the disciples began to praise God joyfully with a loud voice for all the deeds of power that they had seen, saying,

**'Blessed is the king who comes in the name of the Lord!  
Peace in heaven, and glory in the highest heaven!'**

Some of the Pharisees in the crowd said to him, 'Teacher, order your disciples to stop.' He answered, **'I tell you, if these were silent, the stones would shout out.'**

\*HYMN 196

*All Glory, Laud, and Honor*

VALET WILL ICH DIR GEBEN

PRAYER OF THE DAY

We praise you, O God,  
for your redemption of the world through Jesus Christ,  
who entered the holy city of Jerusalem in triumph and was proclaimed Messiah and king  
by those who spread garments and branches along his way.  
Let these branches be signs of his victory,  
and grant that we who carry them may follow him in the way of the cross,  
that, dying and rising with him, we may enter into your kingdom;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, now and forever. **Amen.**

PRAYER OF CONFESSION

**Ever constant Love, mixing love and hope together, you pave the way to the kingdom, but we prefer to stub our toes on the potholed roads of temptation. You would touch the cup of grace to our parched lips, but we seem to hunger for the ashy taste of bitterness. You beg us to learn the songs of salvation, but we hum along with the chorus death plays in the background of our lives. Have mercy upon us, God of Holiness. As you come to us, you bring healing for our brokenness, peace for our troubled lives, hope for our doubting minds. May we empty ourselves of everything which keeps us from following you, so we may receive these gifts, and more, from Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.**

## ASSURANCE OF PARDON

Laying aside judgment, God offers us redemption;  
setting aside anger, God embraces us with love;  
letting go of grief, God pours living water upon us.  
This is the good news, my friends: God's steadfast love endures forever.

**Hosanna! Hosanna! Blessed is the One who brings us the kingdom of God!  
Amen.**

## ANTHEM

*Ride on, Ride on in Majesty!*

Howard Helvey

*All are invited to sing these verses with the choir.*



1. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! Hear all the tribes ho - san - na cry; O  
2. Ride on, ride on in maj - es - ty! In low - ly pomp ride on to die, bow



Sav - ior, meek, pur - sue your road with palms and scat - tered gar - ments strowed.  
your meek head to mor - tal pain, then take, O Christ, your power and reign.

## \*SHARING OF CHRIST'S PEACE

Since God has forgiven us in Christ, we too should forgive one another.  
The Peace of the Lord Jesus Christ be with you all.

**And also with you.**

*(Exchange signs of Christ's peace with those worshipping with you.)*

## WE ARE FED FOR THE JOURNEY

### FIRST LESSON

Luke 22:14-19

When the hour came, he took his place at the table, and the apostles with him. He said to them, "I have eagerly desired to eat this Passover with you before I suffer; for I tell you, I will not eat it until it is fulfilled in the kingdom of God." Then he took a cup, and after giving thanks he said, "Take this and divide it among yourselves; for I tell you that from now on I will not drink of the fruit of the vine until the kingdom of God comes." Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, "**This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.**" And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, "This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood."

### TIME FOR CHILDREN AND INVITATION TO THE TABLE

### THE LORD'S SUPPER

## PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

**THE JOURNEY TO CALVARY**

## SECOND LESSON

Luke 22:20-30

But see, the one who betrays me is with me, and his hand is on the table. For the Son of Man is going as it has been determined, but woe to that one by whom he is betrayed!' Then they began to ask one another which one of them it could be who would do this.

A dispute also arose among them as to which one of them was to be regarded as the greatest. But he said to them, 'The kings of the Gentiles lord it over them; and those in authority over them are called benefactors. **But not so with you; rather the greatest among you must become like the youngest, and the leader like one who serves.** For who is greater, the one who is at the table or the one who serves? Is it not the one at the table? But I am among you as one who serves.

'You are those who have stood by me in my trials; and I confer on you, just as my Father has conferred on me, a kingdom, so that you may eat and drink at my table in my kingdom, and you will sit on thrones judging the twelve tribes of Israel.'

## SERMON

**"But Not So With You"**

Rev. Eric Lange

## \*HYMN 182

*I Heard the Voice of Jesus Say*

KINGSFOLD

## MINUTE FOR MISSION

## SHARING OF JOYS AND CONCERNS

## INVITATION TO OFFERING

## \*OFFERTORY HYMN 215

*What Wondrous Love is This?*

WONDROUS LOVE

## PRAYER FOR THE OFFERING

## LESSON THREE

Luke 23:1-5, 13-25

Then the assembly rose as a body and brought Jesus before Pilate. They began to accuse him, saying, 'We found this man perverting our nation, forbidding us to pay taxes to the emperor, and saying that he himself is the Messiah, a king.' Then Pilate asked him, 'Are you the king of the Jews?' He answered, 'You say so.' Then Pilate said to the chief priests and the crowds, 'I find no basis for an accusation against this man.' But they were insistent and said, 'He stirs up the people by teaching throughout all Judea, from Galilee where he began even to this place.'

Pilate then called together the chief priests, the leaders, and the people, and said to them, 'You brought me this man as one who was perverting the people; and here I have examined him in your presence and have not found this man guilty of any of your charges against him. Neither has Herod, for he sent him back to us. Indeed, he has done nothing to deserve death. I will therefore have him flogged and release him.'

Then they all shouted out together, ‘Away with this fellow! Release Barabbas for us!’ (This was a man who had been put in prison for an insurrection that had taken place in the city, and for murder.) Pilate, wanting to release Jesus, addressed them again; but they kept shouting, ‘Crucify, crucify him!’ A third time he said to them, ‘Why, what evil has he done? I have found in him no ground for the sentence of death; I will therefore have him flogged and then release him.’ But they kept urgently demanding with loud shouts that he should be crucified; and their voices prevailed. So Pilate gave his verdict that their demand should be granted. He released the man they asked for, the one who had been put in prison for insurrection and murder, and he handed Jesus over as they wished.

ANTHEM`

*The Tree of Life*

JAMES BIERY

*The tree of life with every good in Eden’s holy orchard stood. And of its fruit so pure and sweet God let the man and woman eat. Yet in this garden also grew another tree, of which they knew; its lovely limbs with fruit adorned against whose eating God had warned.*

*The stillness of that sacred grove was broken, as the serpent strove with tempting voice Eve to beguile and Adam too by sin defile. O day of sadness when the breath of fear and darkness, doubt and death, its awful poison first displayed within the world so newly made.*

*What mercy God showed to our race, a plan of rescue by his grace: in sending One from woman’s seed, the One to fill our greatest need—for on a tree uplifted high his only Son for sin would die. Would drink the cup of scorn and dread to crush the ancient serpent’s head!*

*Now from that tree of Jesus’ shame flows life eternal in his name; for all who trust and will believe, salvation’s living fruit receive. And of this fruit so pure and sweet the Lord invites the world to eat. To find within this cross of wood the tree of life with every good. (Stephen P. Starke)*

LESSON FOUR

Luke 23:1-5, 13-25

As they led him away, they seized a man, Simon of Cyrene, who was coming from the country, and they laid the cross on him, and made him carry it behind Jesus. A great number of the people followed him, and among them were women who were beating their breasts and wailing for him. But Jesus turned to them and said, ‘Daughters of Jerusalem, do not weep for me, but weep for yourselves and for your children. For the days are surely coming when they will say, “Blessed are the barren, and the wombs that never bore, and the breasts that never nursed.” Then they will begin to say to the mountains, “Fall on us”; and to the hills, “Cover us.” For if they do this when the wood is green, what will happen when it is dry?’

Two others also, who were criminals, were led away to be put to death with him. When they came to the place that is called The Skull, they crucified Jesus there with the criminals, one on his right and one on his left. Then Jesus said, **‘Father, forgive them; for they do not know what they are doing.’** And they cast lots to divide his clothing. And the people stood by, watching; but the leaders scoffed at him, saying, ‘He saved others; let him save himself if he is the Messiah of God, his chosen one!’ The soldiers also mocked him, coming up and offering him sour wine, and saying, ‘If you are the King of the Jews, save yourself!’ There was also an inscription over him, ‘This is the King of the Jews.’

One of the criminals who were hanged there kept deriding him and saying, ‘Are you not the Messiah? Save yourself and us!’ But the other rebuked him, saying, ‘Do you not fear God, since you are under the

same sentence of condemnation? And we indeed have been condemned justly, for we are getting what we deserve for our deeds, but this man has done nothing wrong.’ Then he said, **‘Jesus, remember me when you come into your kingdom.’** He replied, **‘Truly I tell you, today you will be with me in Paradise.’**

**\*BENEDICTION**

CHORAL POSTLUDE

*Father, if This Cup Cannot Pass*

James Biery

*All are welcome to sing the refrain with the choir:*

Fath-er, if this cup can-not pass, but  
I must drink of it, let your will be done, let your will be done.

*Thank you for gathering with us for worship this morning. Following worship, please join us for fellowship in Keely Commons. As you leave the Sanctuary, turn right and follow the hallways to have coffee and treats.*

**About the Music:** *Father, if This Cup Cannot Pass* by James Biery ©2013 Birnamwood Publications, used here with permission. The text of the Wexford Carol is by Stephen P. Starke, a Missouri Synod Lutheran pastor with roots in Michigan.

Special thanks to our instrumentalists today:

Debra Kuptz and Joe Robertson, trumpets;

Kevin Kuptz and Robert Clark, trombones,

our soloists, Leslie Douglass Mason and Dorothy Duensing

and to the entire Fort Street Choir, for their gift of music.

## Holy Week Schedule

### Maundy Thursday

#### Meal & Service

Thursday, April 18 6:00pm

### Good Friday Service

Friday, April 19, 12:00pm

### Easter Sunday, April 21

- 9:00am Breakfast in Great Hall.
- 10:30am Egg Hunt in Donlin Center
- 11:00am Worship
- 12:00pm Balloon Launch

## Easter Balloons at Fort Street

Come help us fill the balloons that will fill the sky on Easter Sunday. We will begin in the chapel at 8:30 a.m. If you are able to help, please contact Beth Brown at [ebrown0002@gmail.com](mailto:ebrown0002@gmail.com) or 734-266-8143.

## This Week's Announcements

### Chorale Spring Concert

Saturday April 27, 3:00pm

Join the Chorale on April 27th at 3pm for their annual Spring Concert. The concert will feature Requiem by Gabriel Faure and Five Mystical Songs by Ralph Vaughan Williams. Conducted by Dr. Mike Mitchell, the performance features Angela Theis, Soprano, and Stephen Lancaster, Baritone.

Tickets are available for purchase online at [fortstreet.org/chorale](http://fortstreet.org/chorale) or at the door.

### Easter Flowers

Easter flowers forms are due in the office today, April 14, 2019. Make Checks payable to, Fort Street Presbyterian Church. Following Easter worship you may take your flowers home after the service. Flowers remaining will be used by our Board of Deacons for Shut-ins. Thank you for helping us celebrate the Resurrection.

### Fort Street's Additional Support Services through Open Door

#### Advantage Health Centers - Every 3rd Thursday

Advantage Health Centers extends their services with physicians and nurse practitioners volunteering to get to know the community we serve, building trust with those who may be homeless or uninsured.

#### Career Closet - Every Tuesday, 12 pm - 2 pm

We offer a unique opportunity for those entering the workforce and may need assistance with work-appropriate clothing. With a referral, people are invited to receive clothing to assist in preparing individuals.

#### Soup and Sharing - Every Wednesday, 11 am - 1 pm

Participants and volunteers from our Open Door program meet once a week to commune and converse over hot soup at Fort Street. The Soup and Sharing gathering provides guests with peer support, faith sharing, and good conversations.

### FSPC Prayer List

The Presbytery of Detroit, Lynne Bieniek, Jim Fenton, People of New Zealand, Lynn Cooper, Cross Family, Family and Friends of Brett Salamon, Val Edward and Family, Hurley Family, Students, Fortune Family, Pearson Family, Motoko Huthawaite, Virginia Johnstone, those struggling with cancer (new diagnosis and continuing treatment), Booth family,

### Poverty Simulation at Fort Street

Tuesday, April 30th, 6 pm - 9 pm,  
dinner served from 5:45-6:30

A poverty simulation exercise allows participants to experience the issues faced by families and individuals living in poverty. This experience will encourage empathy and embrace greater social responsibility.

COTS is one of the largest providers of housing to homeless families in the City of Detroit. This is a free event but registration is required. Contact Trish Hubbell at [opendoor@fortstreet.org](mailto:opendoor@fortstreet.org) or Kim Otto at [admin@fortstreet.org](mailto:admin@fortstreet.org) to register.

### Bring Your Walking Shoes to Worship

April 28, weather permitting,

We will have a shortened worship service to allow Fort Streeters to head outside and explore, listen, and engage with the Downtown Community. We will then return to discuss what we noticed.

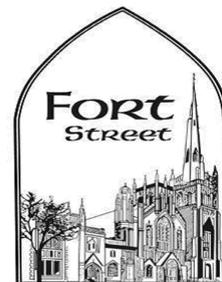
Those who would prefer to stay at church during this time will have opportunities to discuss the changes taking place downtown.

## Prayers for Military Loved Ones

Jonathan Heyler USN; Ssgt Shanell Howard USAF; Maj. Michael Kurtti USAF; Capt. Theo Moran USAF; Lt. Mark Webster USAF.

### FSPC Mission Statement

Fort Street Presbyterian Church is an oasis in an urban environment, building a caring Christian community where diversity is celebrated and programs are developed that minister to Metropolitan Detroit and the world beyond. We do this in response to the Grace of God through Jesus Christ, recognizing the truth of the Gospel: There is no longer Jew or Greek, there is no longer slave or free, there is no longer male or female; for, all of us are one in Jesus Christ.



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#### Music at Fort Street

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Conductor

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